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Assured Life's National Member Food Drive Underway

What have we learned through the self-quarantine and resolve to do our part by staying home during this COVID-19 pandemic? We have learned that we are resilient, strong, compliant and caring. There are so many examples of people helping others during this time; first and foremost the health care professionals that put themselves at risk everyday to help others.

We salute those individuals that have responded to the call to help during this challenging time.

Now the call shifts to us. The coronavirus has put millions of people out of work and as a result many are struggling to put

food on their families' table. Many have turned to local food banks and programs to fill the void. And it's great that they exist in times like this. But many food banks are experiencing critical funding shortfalls as a result of increased utilization.

So, let's do our part. The Assured Life National Food Drive has never been more important than right now. We want you to continue to do the things you have always done for our food drive; chapter food drives, food builds, fund-raisers, etc. But perhaps this year we can go that extra mile and do even more. If your chapter hasn't done so already, please



consider making a financial donation to your local food bank or food program now for the COVID-19 response. If your chapter does respond with a donation to a local food bank, please let us know about it at:

[http://
assuredlife.org/
Volunteer/Food-
Drive/COVID-19-
Food-Fund-Drive-
Response.](http://assuredlife.org/Volunteer/Food-Drive/COVID-19-Food-Fund-Drive-Response)

We want to track COVID-19 Food Fund Drive separately from our normal food drive activities.

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Denver Camp No. 1 is our first report of a chapter responding to the COVID-19 call. The camp voted to donate \$500 to Food Bank of the Rockies.

National Member Food Drive Con't

Hopefully, as we get through the summer this year, life as we know it will become more normal. Should that be the case, we hope that you will continue to support the National Member Food Drive as you have in the past, and if you haven't, consider getting involved now.

A chapter food drive is easy to make happen. If you are having a chapter meeting or social event, why not include a food drive or a food fund drive?

And if you have a chapter food drive, consider including

a Food Build event as well. Build something out of the cans and boxes of food collected like a couple of our Danish Brotherhood lodges have been doing since this event was introduced.

DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle, WA and 348 in Eugene, OR have participated in the Food Build every year since its inception. As a result, they have each earned their local food banks a \$250 donation from the home office each year. Creativity abounds with these two chapters.



Above, DBIA Lodges 29 and 348 show off their 2019 Food Build masterpieces!

2019 Fraternal Year in Review Available on Assured Life Website

The latest Fraternal Year in Review is available online at our website. Go to assuredlife.org and click on the News & Updates link at the top.

The Fraternal Year in Review is compiled from all the chapter annual reports received at the home office and is representative of the activities that you all participated in last year. As in previous years, the biggest take away from this year's review is that if we

all converted some of our business meeting or social event hours to community service, our report would look much different. Check it out for yourselves. Even our business meeting hours are over 2.5 times those spent in community service. I think we can do better.

Be thinking of ways you can convert some of your future business meetings or social events to community service, or as an add-on to your social event.

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2019 Fraternal Year in Review

Hospitality

Fraternal Social/Fellowship Activities

Hospitality represents a community of members joining together in common interests, values, visions, ideas, friendship, ethnic background, goals or community service. For chapter reporting, this principle is reflected in our fraternal activities and hours; those necessary to maintain the local chapter (business meetings) and build fellowship among members (social events). Below you can see the number of business meetings and social events reported last year and the hours associated with each.

	263 Total Chapter business meetings
	6,007 Total hours reported for business meetings
	321 Total member social events
	42,166 Total hours reported for social events
	\$202,411 Total Fraternal Disbursements

Officers and Members of DBIA Thor, Perth, Ambag, NJ Lodge No. 46 celebrate Christmas 2019

Delegates at work at the DBIA General Committee of Eastern Lodges District Meeting—2019



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to pay.**

Summer Camp Grant Applications Due June 15, 2020

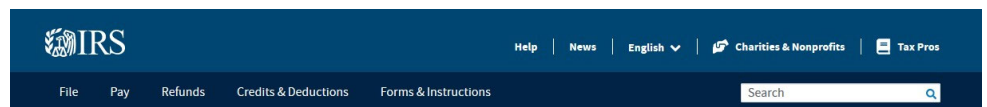
Due to the Coronavirus and unknown impact on summer camp programs for youth, Assured Life Association extended its deadline for summer camp grant applications to June 15, 2020. We hope that this extension will give members more time to see what kind of impact the coronavirus (COVID-19) has had on summer camp program availability. Hopefully, you will find a summer camp for your children or grandchildren. So, even though the application says the deadline is May 15, 2020, we will accept applications through June 15, 2020.



Hospitality | Service | Loyalty | Protection

Form 990-N Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) Filed

The Fraternal Department has filed the required IRS 990-N Electronic e-Postcard on behalf of all eligible chapters (those earning less than \$50,000) that have reported for the year 2019. If your chapter would like a copy of its 990-N for its records, please let me know and I will be happy to email you a copy. **If your chapter has not reported for the 2019 calendar year, please make sure that you do so as soon as possible.**



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Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, must be submitted electronically.

- The Form 990-N electronic filing system moved from Urban Institute's website to IRS.gov in February 2016. **All filers** must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration; you won't be asked to register again when filing next year.
- Form 990-N must be completed and filed electronically. **There is no paper form.**
- Form 990-N filers may choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.
- Use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) [User Guide \(PDF\)](#) while registering and filing.
- Most common problems can be avoided by following the User Guide.**
- For filing system and website issues, see [How to File Electronically Asked](#)

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