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### 4 TEAMS REGISTER FOR FIRST ANNUAL SCRAMBLE TO END HUNGER

We thought we would have more.

But in retrospect, 4 is not bad. That is \$240 to be donated to Feeding America, providing 2,400 meals to families in need through the Feeding America network of food banks and representing just over 4,000 lbs of food.

**If we sponsor this event again next year, I believe we will eliminate the registration deadline, and give members from May 1—September 30 to register a team and play the round. If we did that, would more Chapters seed a team?**

We will let you know the winner, but we have 3 teams from Colorado and 1 team from Colorado-Nebraska registered. Best of luck to:

1. St. Andy's Hackers
2. Girls Gone Golfing
3. Team Tanya
4. The 4 Huskerteers

### 2017 FRATERNAL YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2017 Fraternal Year in Review is available online and generated some discussion at the recent Assured Life Association Board of Directors meeting. One of our board members asked if chapters realize what constitutes volunteer



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## SERVICE

Service represents giving back to the community through volunteer projects and service campaigns. The Society promotes 4 national volunteer projects each year:

1. Operation Purple Fundraising Campaign
2. Join Hands Day
3. National Member Food Drive and Food Build
4. Operation Santa's Elves

## FRATERNAL YEAR IN REVIEW CON'T

hours and the importance of providing accurate information. I think we have always been pretty clear that the chapter annual reporting is very important to us.

The strongest argument we in the fraternal community have made to governmental policymakers is that fraternalists give back more in volunteer hours and community contributions than federal or state governments would receive if fraternalists were subject to taxation. This argument can only be made if we can back up our claim with solid facts about how we are improving communities. That is why the annual chapter reporting and keeping track of our volunteer events and hours is so important.

## WHAT COUNTS AS VOLUNTEER HOURS?

The first determination for your chapter to count events and hours for community service or volunteering is the event or service must be sanctioned or sponsored by your chapter. In other words, you may have a couple of members that volunteer at a food bank every week. Unless this service is a chapter-sponsored or chapter-sanctioned event, you should not count it for your community service events and hours. However, if your chapter says, for example, we are going to send members to volunteer at the food bank every week, and you have a couple of members that religiously do so, then you count the service as part of your chapter's community service events and hours. In fact, each time, in this case each week, you would count this service as 1 event and total the hours the 2 members volunteered; say 10 hours. If the service is done 24 weeks out of the year, you count 24 community service events and then the grand total of hours volunteered; 240 hours (24 weeks times 10 hours each week = 240 hours).

The second determination for your chapter to count events and hours for community service or volunteering is 2 or more members must be involved in the event. Your chapter can't sponsor a single member in his or her volunteer effort and count it as a chapter community service event.



*Members and kids of Danish Brotherhood Lodge 15 in Des Moines, Iowa help to beautify the grounds of a local church.*

## CONVERT A CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENT TO A VOLUNTEER EVENT

I have always been an advocate of converting some of our chapter social events and hours to a volunteer event and hours. For example, if you are already getting together for a member social event, why not add food collection or a toy drive to the event and make it a community service project as well. Easy, right?

Danish Brotherhood Seattle Lodge 29 is a good example of how this works well. Lodge 29 combines its Veteran's Night Party and Dinner with a member food drive and food build event. They have found great success in celebrating new 25, 50 and 60-year members along with helping the less fortunate with a food drive. After dinner, members create a structure out of the canned and other food items collected for Assured Life's Food Build project, earning the lodge \$250 from the home office for their food bank, Hope Link.

## CONSIDER CONVERTING OR COMBINING A CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENT WITH A VOLUNTEER OR SERVICE EVENT

Take a look at your chapter social events calendar to determine if there is an event that would easily accommodate a volunteer or community service project. Maybe it is a food drive like DBIA Lodge 29 does on its Veteran's Night. Be creative. Pick an event that is popular and your attendance is greater than normal. Have fun and help your community at the same time.





## STRIKES AGAINST HUNGER BOWLING TOURNAMENT DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 1, 2018**—Deadline to register a 4-member team.

**September 1—November 30, 2018**—Dates in which bowling must be completed.

**December 15, 2018**—Deadline for bowling scores to be submitted to the Home Office.



## 2017 CHAPTER 990-N IRS FILINGS COMPLETED

Assured Life Association has completed its 2017 annual filing of the 990-N on behalf of its chapters. **If your chapter did not complete its annual reporting, it may be in jeopardy of losing its tax exempt status.** Please make sure you complete your reporting obligations.



## STRIKES AGAINST HUNGER NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

Assured Life Association will once again sponsor the Strikes Against Hunger Mail-In National Bowling Tournament benefiting Feeding America this year. A mail-in bowling tournament means that your team can bowl at your location and mail in the scores. Any member and their friends and family may register with the home office to bowl in the tournament for a nominal fee (\$60.00 per team). Each 4-member team will get together on their own and bowl a 3 game series.

All profits will be donated to Feeding America to help in that organization's mission to end hunger in conjunction with Assured Life Association's National Member Food Drive.

You will find tournament rules and guidelines on the Assured Life website. Go to <http://assuredlife.org/Volunteer/Food-Drive/Strikes-Against-Hunger-Bowling-Tournament> for details. Entry forms must be submitted to the home office on or before October 1, 2018. Bowling may take place any time between September 1 and November 30, 2018. Scores must be submitted to the Fraternal Department on or before December 15, 2018.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE CHAPTERS SHARING PICTURES WITH FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT

Three Danish Brotherhood Lodges answered the call to share pictures of their social and community service events. Thank you to Dwight Lodge 34, Chicago Lodge 35 and Eugene Lodge 348!



*"A picture is worth a thousand words. Please share your chapter activities through pictures!"*

The pictures shared were of Lodge outings, Fastelavns celebrations, Christmas activities, meetings, etc. We appreciate the pictures and hope that more chapters will share pictures of their activities this year.







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