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CAMP/LODGE OFFICER NEWSLETTER

DBIA Lodge 183, Troy, NY Joins the Fight Against Hunger in Big Way

On June 23, 2015, I sent an email to our membership regarding our Virtual Food Drive asking for your support. Within minutes of releasing that email, two individual members made an online contribution to our cause. Later in the day, I received an email from DBIA Lodge 183 in Troy, New York indicating that the members of Godthaab Lodge 183 were sending a check in the amount of \$2,500

for this most worthy cause.

Needless to say, I was elated at this news and immediately thanked them for their generosity. In return, they challenged [all] other [camps/ lodges] to “step up and help combat hunger in our own country.” Actually, they called out and specifically challenged other DBIA Lodges, but I couldn’t resist making it all inclusive.

What a great challenge and opportunity to really make a difference for the hungry! Thank you members of Godthaab Danish Brotherhood Lodge 183!

So, what do you say? Are you going to accept DBIA Lodge 183’s challenge?



990-N e-Postcard Filings Complete



The Fraternal Department has completed its

filing of the 990-N e-Postcard with the IRS on behalf of all camps/ lodges that completed their annual reporting requirements for last year. A copy of the filing was sent to the camp/ lodge on Thursday, July

16, 2015. If you do not receive a copy of the 990-N for your records, it probably means that you have not completed your reporting for 2014.

Hospitality—Service—Loyalty—Protection



Remember to include a Food Build in your Camp/Lodge Member Food Drive plans.

Our National Member Food Drive is in it's 7th year. And we are off to a great start, thanks to the members of DBIA Lodge 183 of Troy, NY! With their boost, I believe this will be our biggest year ever for helping the hungry.

There are so many ways to get involved.

1. Outnumber Hunger®—just purchase specially-marked General Mills products and enter codes from these packages at

www.OutnumberHunger.com. Each code you enter will help Feeding America® secure 5 MEALS for your local food bank. It's that easy! The promotion ends January 31, 2016.

2. Child Hunger Ends Here®—just purchase specially-marked ConAgra Foods® products and enter codes from these products at www.ChildHungerEndsHere.com. For each 8-digit code entered at www.ChildHungerEndsHere.com through January 7, 2016, ConAgra Foods® will donate the monetary equivalent of one meal to Feeding America®; 1 code = 1 meal.

3. Make a donation through the Assured Life Virtual Food Drive.

4. Have a camp/lodge member food drive and collect food for your local food bank or pantry. This is an easy project if you are having a meeting anyway. Why not include a food drive?

5. If you have a camp/lodge food drive, consider including a Food Build for your event. Even though some of the excitement has gone out of the process of building something out of the cans and boxes of food and other food items collected during your food drive, you can earn easy money for your local food bank. Build a food structure, send pictures of your build to the home office and earn at least \$100 for your food program. Last year, 2 DBIA Lodges participated with a Food Build and earned their food banks an extra \$250 each.



Office Depot® & OfficeMax®

Did you receive your very own Camp/Lodge Office Depot®/OfficeMax® Store Purchasing Card? Every Camp/Lodge Secretary was included in the mailing to receive a store purchasing card. Use the card for discounts at both Office Depot® and OfficeMax®.

4. Shop online or in store
5. Exclusive low printing costs
6. 100% satisfaction guaranteed

The Benefits:

1. Up to 80% off preferred products
2. 93,000 products discounted below retail pricing
3. FREE next-day delivery on online orders over \$50 (excludes furniture)



Camp/Lodge Web Assistance Program



Active Camps/Lodges or Districts in good standing are eligible to request up to \$200 per year in assistance towards the maintenance of a camp/lodge website. If you have camp/lodge website or blog that costs your camp/lodge money for web hosting, design, content management, etc., don't forget to request this as-

sistance. Or if you are considering establishing a website for your camp/lodge, use this assistance to help with the start-up costs. You will find details on our website under Camp/Lodge Leaders.

Camp/Lodge of the Year Program On It's Way Out?

Camp/Lodge of the Year

Nominating Form



ASSURED LIFE ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 3169
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80155
(800) 777-9777
WWW.ASSURED.LIFE.ORG

Camp/Lodge name and number: _____

Camp/Lodge Officer and position
Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

(Please use a separate sheet of paper if not enough space is provided)

Pick One Event in Each Category to Nominate

1. What **one** fraternal social event for members was organized and implemented by your camp/lodge last year that was exceptional and popular with members and best represents your fraternal social events as a whole? (DO NOT NOMINATE THE SAME EVENT AS LAST YEAR, IF APPLICABLE)
Describe your event along with the month in which it was held and the details that made this event exceptional and popular with members.

2. Did your camp/lodge participate in Join Hands Day last year? ☐ YES ☐ NO

3. If so, describe your Join Hands Day project and the youth organization or youth members that participated in the event organized by the camp/lodge. Describe the activity in detail and the individual, organization or charity that benefited from your community service.

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We had only 2 Danish lodges submit a nomination for the Camp/Lodge of the Year Program this year. Our Fraternal Committee is still reviewing the nominations to determine the awards, but it begs the question as to whether or not this program should continue.

Perhaps there would be more interest

among the camps/lodges if they were to receive the award check rather than designating a charity in honor of the award. I don't know. We will consider the fate of the program over the next few months. If you have strong feelings one way or another, please let me know. I would value any feedback.

Remember the Camp/Lodge Leaders Webpage

<http://assuredlife.org/camp lodge leaders.aspx>



Don't forget about the Camp/Lodge Leaders webpage on our website. It contains good information and resources for you, including model bylaws, social member applications, member benefits booklet, web assistance program details, fraternal activity reporting forms, etc. It is also your gateway for annual camp/lodge reporting. Find the Camp/Lodge Leaders page at the web address above.

National Member Food Drive Idea

I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for Ice Cream!

It's Summer! How about hosting an Ice Cream Social? Make creative ice cream sundaes for anyone bringing a food donation

to the social. Who doesn't like ice cream? And you collect canned and other food items for your local pantry or food program. A great fellowship event with an impact on your local community!

*"Please get involved
with a Camp/Lodge
Member Food Drive
this year! Your support
is sorely needed."*



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