

# the fraternal link

## Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament

Assured Life Association plans to sponsor a Team “mail-in” bowling tournament to benefit Feeding America if a sufficient number of members wish to participate in such an event. It seems appropriate to have this bowling tournament this year considering 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the very first annual National Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Society.

The 1st tournament was held in Fresno, California during the weekends of August 19-20, August 26-27 and September 2-3, 1967 and soon became a very popular national member event; having expanded to a Bowling and Golf Tournament the 2nd year and later a Bowling, Golf and Tennis Tournament. The Society even included Darts and Bingo in the final years of the event. The Annual Labor Day Tournament, as it became known, was held for 33

years.

This year, a mail-in event only, members and their friends and family will register with the home office to bowl for a nominal fee (\$60.00 per team). We would have to play it by ear this first year with all male, female and mixed teams being placed in one tournament pool, but the winning team would win \$260.

Teams would get together on their own and bowl 3 games. Tournament rules and guidelines and score sheets will be provided each team after they register.

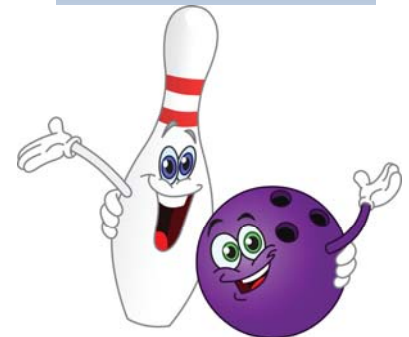
All profits will be donated to Feeding America to help in that organization’s mission to end hunger in conjunction with Assured Life Association’s National Member Food Drive.

**So, how many of you would be interested in such a tournament?**

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### Assured Life Association

Let Jerry know at [jlc@assuredlife.org](mailto:jlc@assuredlife.org) if you have members interested in participating in the Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament. The number of interested members will determine if we go ahead with the event.



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# AssuredLife.org Gets a Facelift



As reported earlier, Assured Life Association's website got a facelift. The new site design was launched Wednesday, July 26th! You should have received an email regarding the launch as well as a short 12-minute tutorial for Chapter Leaders to learn to navigate to important pages on the website. If you haven't had a chance to view that video, I encourage you to do so.

The Chapter Leaders section of the website can be found at the following address:

<http://assuredlife.org/Chapter-Leaders>

You will find resources important

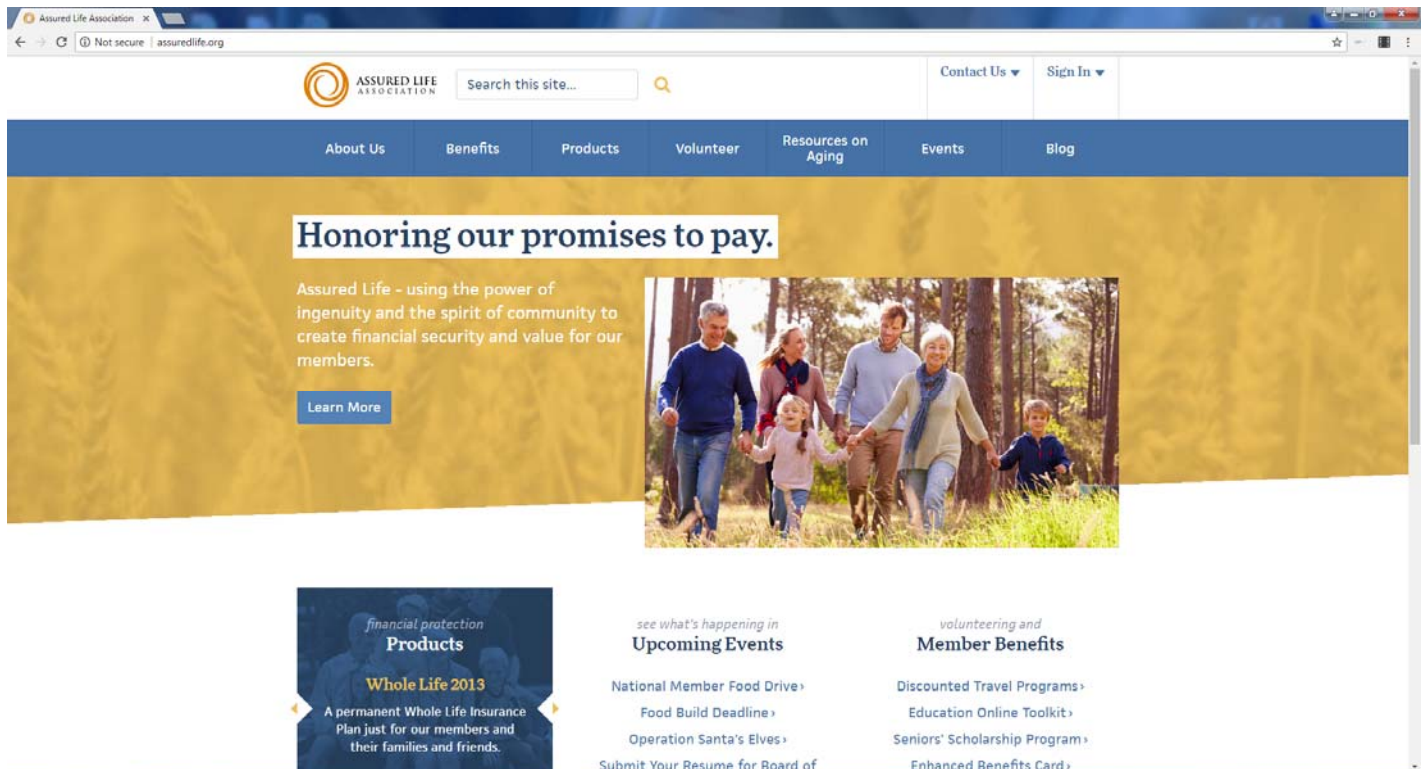
to you as a chapter officer on this page; including annual reporting, Fraternalist of the Year Program, the Fraternal Year in Review for 2016, the fraternal link newsletter, Chapter Web Assistance Program, etc.

Another important resource can be found at:

[http://assuredlife.org/news\\_and\\_events](http://assuredlife.org/news_and_events)

Here you will find the Board Meeting Summaries, the fraternal link newsletter, Life Assured member magazine and the current Member Benefits Booklet.

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## AssuredLife.org Gets a Facelift Con't

Still another important page is:

<http://assuredlife.org/Volunteer>

Here you will find information and resources concerning our national member service campaigns; National Member Food Drive, Operation Santa's Elves, etc. Of course the current service campaign is our national member food drive.

<http://assuredlife.org/Volunteer/Food-Drive>

Please do a member food drive this year or sponsor a bowling team for the bowling tourna-

ment.

Last year, 12 chapters participated in some way with a member food drive. 1,736 pounds of food was collected by the 12 chapters, valued at \$4,140!



**“Let's have a Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament to benefit Feeding America! Contact Jerry at [jlc@assuredlife.org](mailto:jlc@assuredlife.org) if you are interested.”**

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## Remember, We are on Facebook

This past week, we picked up 3 more Facebook page likes. We now have 142 followers. If you are on Facebook, please like our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/assuredlifeassociation/>



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## If it were a Fraternal World

Over the years one thing remains constant. Change.

There have been so many changes in this world with respect to technology, communication, transportation, housing, etc. Our way of life in general has seen a tremendous amount of change over the years.

However, I ran across this “President’s Page” in the May 1968 issue of the Society’s member magazine written by then President, Arthur J Barrett Jr. As you read it can you see the similarities to what our country is facing today. It appears that some things may never change. Here is

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the article as written by Mr. Barrett:

*“In this world of today we are witnessing a great deal of unrest evidenced by wars, uprisings, riots, looting, sit-ins and other acts disrupting to the normal social life. It certainly is not within my jurisdiction to say whether the doves or hawks are right, whether the social revolution that is taking place is justified, and if the manner in which it is being carried out is a proper way to accomplish the end desired, but I do know and can say that if we are to live in peace and have security in our homes, that everyone, regardless of his or her status in life, must respect the rights and property of others in the same manner that they desire others to respect their rights and property. It reverts back to the old adage, “Do unto others as you want others to do unto you.”*

*As I read the daily papers and listen to broadcasts on the radio and through the medium of television, I many times wonder how much of this unrest we would witness if everyone would practice the lessons taught in the rituals of Fraternal Orders. It is sad that all peoples are not practicing members of a Fraternity, for I can and do say to you, if such were the case the disturbances now taking place in this world of ours would not exist, and man would seek and find a peaceful way to get along with his fellow man, settle his differences and reach a reasonable solution to a changed status without turmoil. Such would give security to all men, women and children on the face of the earth. We can help to bring this about by having our friends join us in our Fraternal World and practice with us the principles of our Order.*

Arthur J. Barrett Jr.  
President”

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Let Jerry know if you would like to participate at [jlc@assuredlife.org](mailto:jlc@assuredlife.org). Based on the response we may have our very first Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament this fall. Let's do this!



Society President, Arthur J Barrett Jr, and tournament originator and director, Ralph Tucker, hold the perpetual trophy used for the newly instituted National Bowling Tournament in 1967.

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