

Hot Sands



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The weather has turned hot and we have received our much needed rain. I hope you were all missed by the hail.

July was a busy month . We held our annual Golf Tourney which was a great success. Thanks to Frank & Elsie Devet for all the hard work in organizing this event, to all those who volunteered to run the holes, collect the prizes, all the other people who worked behind the scenes and to Mike Charrette for commentating again. Great Job everyone!

The book launch was also a big event with the first print sold out and taking orders for a second print. Thanks to all behind the scenes who helped set up and take down the tent, tables and chairs, and the bar.

I was not present for the last meeting, as Janet and I were in NB attending her sisters wedding. A Big thanks to VGC Lisa Finch for chairing the meeting. I hope you had fun and all went well.

Joe Donkers has handed out the tickets for our annual Cash Draw Dance which will be held in Thedford at Legacy Center on Fri Nov 16@ 8pm. Please get them sold and returned to Joe asap. If you did not receive your tickets or need more, please contact Joe.

I hear that Rick Vanos brought Mike VanKessel to the meeting as a new potential member. We all need to make it our job to bring in new members. Sometimes all we have to do is ask.

It is a pleasure to be the leader of such a great team of individuals.

Our next meeting will be held on Thurs. Aug. 30 at 8 pm

GC Doug Willsie



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From the Chaplaincy:

During the month of August, John's Gospel chapter 6 (the bread of life discourse) is being proclaimed and reflecting on, in our Catholic Sunday Liturgy. As we are both physical and spiritual beings that hunger for Christ presence in our lives, we can seek to recognize God, our creator in His creation and through the sacrament of the Eucharist. Christ desires to nourish us physically and spiritually and in essence leading us to a deeper relationship. Through prayer, reflection and embracing "the word that became flesh" we too are fed this "life giving bread".

Brother in Christ
John Lammers
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Calendar of Events:

August:

August 18 Steam Thrashers - Bartending
11:00 am - midnight

August 30 Regular Meeting, Alcazar
8:00pm

September:

Sept. 9 St. Andres Healing Garden
10:30am

Sept. 8 VanDinther Wedding

Sept. 27 Regular Meeting, Alcazar
8:00pm

Sept. 29 Bartending – Veens Wedding
Legacy Centre

October:

Oct. 25 Regular Meeting, Alcazar
8:00pm

Dates and times are subject to change, so
Please check each month.

Dedication –St. Andre Healing Garden at St. Peters. The dedication for the sign will be held on Sept. 9th starting at 10:30 with the Rosary. Our day will end at 12:30 with a "Finger" lunch. Please plan to attend if you are available.



If you love taking pictures at events please send copies to our Histiographer, Joe Donkers

**For the Good of the Order:
The pot is GROWING!!!!**

Deacon John's name was drawn but since he was not in attendance he did not win the \$89.00 prize. You could be the next luck winner but you must be at the meeting to collect. GOOD LUCK!

Order of the Alhambra has a
Facebook page.

Visit us at

[@alhambragrandbend](#)

Cash Draw Dance will be held at the Legacy Centre in Thedford, November 16. Tickets have been delivered. Remember to return ASAP as the draws begin on Aug. 31st.

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AUGUST 2018-NEWSLETTER

FROM: DENISE BLAKELY, denise@orderofalhambra.org

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PER CAPITA FOR 9-1-2018

The COV voted on the per-capita at its July meeting. The per-capita is as follows if paid in full by:

September- \$47.00 if paid by Sept. 30th November- \$56.00 if paid by Nov. 30th

October- \$51.00 if paid by Oct. 31st December- \$61.00 if paid by Dec. 31st

Invoices will be mailed out September 1, 2018 to all GC's. Best price if paid early!

THINGS TO KNOW FROM THE JULY, 2018 COV MEETING

The selling of the Christmas raffle tickets allowed the COV to lessen the per-capita from \$50 per member to \$47 per member, if paid by September 30, 2018. This is a \$4 reduction than last year's per-capita. Please note procedures: The caravan bills the member "DUES". The member pays their caravan dues, whatever that rate is set by their caravan. The Secretariat then invoices the caravan per-capita based on the total membership as of September 1, 2018 to be paid on the scale above. It will be the responsibility of the caravan to pass on the \$4 savings to the member. This is the lowest reduction in per-capita we have had. This proves participating in the selling of the raffle tickets does help.

MEMBERSHIP

At the COV meeting we had over the weekend, SD Cliff Dake spoke the words of PSA, Gary DeCarlo, **"TOGETHER, WE ALL DO MORE"**. What powerful words. When we have Alhambra members work together, accomplishments and membership could be endless! Every organization is hurting for membership. The difference between those organizations and the Alhambra; is we have the love of Christ from members who have amazed us over and over again. This comes from the love of serving God and our special friends. So during the next fundraiser or membership drive, keep the words of PSA, Gary DeCarlo, **"TOGETHER, WE ALL DO MORE"**. Let us keep Alhambra moving forward and remember we are all in this **"TOGETHER"**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

By now all GC's have received their packet I sent. This consists of an Election of Grand Divan Form, Membership Cards, Dues Notices, Convention information, Roster, a Directory, etc. Please hold on to this information and pass it on to the appropriate Grand Divan member(s) who need to complete the request. Please note dates that items are due. The rosters are to be returned no later than August 15, 2018, even if there are no changes needed. The per-capita billing in September will be based on your caravan roster update on file as of September 1st. Notify your caravan if you have moved. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL/HEALING CARD PROGRAM

The Healing and Spiritual Gift Card Program is available to all caravans, members of the Order and non-members. Flowers are nice to send when sending condolences however; they do not last very long. Consider giving a Spiritual Card to the family. All enrollees will benefit and be remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered by our Supreme Chaplain, Reverend Paul Ballien. You can use these cards for other things as well. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, congratulations or when a spirit needs lifting. The Healing Cards are also available and receive the same benefit of being remembered in prayer by our Supreme Chaplain. People need healing request for more than just medical. People would love to receive a card for hard times they are going through or just healing of our soul. The donor and enrollee names also appear quarterly in our Alhambran paper. All monies derived from these cards are donations to the Alhambra Charity Fund, Inc. I urge you to please encourage use of these cards by your members, friends and caravans. If you need cards, please feel free to contact me. This is a great program!

IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION

58TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD

PLEASE START MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2019 CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE, MD.

PLEASE CALL A.S.A.P. TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM. THIS HOTEL FILLS UP FAST AND WE HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ROOMS. A CREDIT CARD IS TAKEN JUST TO HOLD YOUR ROOM, NOTHING WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR ACCOUNT UNTIL YOU CHECK-OUT. PLEASE CONTACT THE DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON, 410-859-8400 AND TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE ORDER OF ALHAMBRA CONVENTION. DATES ARE: JULY 28-2019-JULY 30, 2019. YOU MAY WANT TO ARRIVE ON SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019.

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MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS BEGINS WITH THE NEXT NEW MEMBER

Alhambra Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament was again a great success. Frank DeVet reports that we will profit between \$30 000 and \$35 000. Thank you to all who helped make this day happen. A special thank you to Frank DeVet for all his hard work.



“The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty.” – Winston Churchill

A big SHOUT OUT to Lisa for filling in for me with last months newsletter. You did a fantastic job!!

The Last Word

By Bernice Cadman

The power of positive thinking.

Knowing that your mind can change your world seems too good to be true. However, I have experienced the good that focusing on the positive can bring.

When you think positive and talk positive, you feel happier and more in control of your life. When you think about something that makes you happy, your brain actually releases endorphins, which gives you a feeling of well-being, therefor developing a positive attitude. Positive people share one quality, it's the quality of optimism! If you do and say what other positive, happy people do and say, you too will have a positive attitude and experiences.

People who are positive or optimistic look for the good in every problem or difficulty. When things go wrong, they say, “There is something good in this!” They then look for something positive about the situation. When you look for something good in a person or situation, you will always find it. While you are looking, you will become a more positive and cheerful person. If you look at the positive there is something to learn from each experience. When something negative occurs, it's your response that determines the outcome. Look for the positive response in each event that takes place in your daily life.

Remember, be cheerful, no matter what happens. Looking on the bright side is important when things don't go the way you expect.

What will your next thought be? Keep it positive!

Bernice Cadman,
Master of Communications



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