

Hot Sands

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The weather has been a roller coaster, hot and humid one day, near frost the next. I am glad our group does not follow the same pattern, although our supreme is going through some changes that not all members agree with and is riding rough waters. I am sure there will be more news at a later date.

We had 19 members at our Sept. meeting. It was pretty quiet with no new request for funds. We were informed that Alhambra house in Forest has secured some funds and is moving ahead with their renovation. They will be letting us know their needs in the future.

Marty Stokkermans has a lead on a new business to sell Nevada tickets. Great work Marty. Hope it is a go.

At our last meeting, Ron Vanbree's name was pulled for the good of the order but was absent. There was a discussion and since Ron was not a current paid member, another name was drawn. Frank Sweeny was also absent and did not win \$105.50. Later that week, I went to see Ron Vanbree and he is now in good standing paid through 2019.

Mike Charrette handed out the Christmas cheer tickets to all who were present. If you missed the meeting please contact Mike for tickets. I am sure he will be handing them out at the Cash Draw.

The Cash Draw will be on Nov. 16th at The Legacy Center in Thedford. Many paid tickets have been returned and were in the early bird draws. Please sell all your tickets and return them to our next meeting so they can be in our next draws. We only have one more meeting before the Cash Draw. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Donkers.

We received a generous donation from the Pinery book club for \$4085.00. Thank you ladies for all your hard work. It will go to great use helping us, help Gods' special people.

Our Christmas party will be held at the Legacy Center on Thursday Nov. 22. Please come out and help. Contact Rose Vandenberg for info. We are always looking for new members. There are people waiting to be asked. Our next meeting will be Oct 25 at 8 pm. Hope to see you there.

A Salaam
GC
Doug Willsie



NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 25TH, AT 8:00PM

October:

Oct. 25 Regular Meeting, Alcazar

8:00pm

November:

Nov. 22 Alhambra Christmas Party

Legacy Centre

Nov. 16 Cash Draw Dance

Legacy Centre

Nov. 29 Regular Meeting, Alcazar

8:00pm

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

\$40 Cash Draw Winners

- Aug. 10th: #222 – Sandra Ford
- Aug. 17th: #197 – Andrew & Joanne Clark
- Aug. 24th: #113 – Paul VanBree
- Aug. 31st: #284 – Bill & Joanne Vandenberk
- Sept. 7th: #202 – Ross and Sharon Camerom
- Sept. 14th: #301 – Lyle & Marjan Pickering
- Sept. 21st: #354 – Kevin & Mary Elliot
- Sept. 28th: #292 – Frank & Angie VanGeffen

Congratulations to all our winners. You might be one of our next winners. Good Luck to all who purchased tickets.

Order of the Alhambra has a
Facebook page.

Visit us at

[@alhambragrandbend](https://www.facebook.com/alhambragrandbend)

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

Pope Francis



As the leaves begin to turn and the harvest begins, it is a time to be thankful, not only for our many blessings for all the physical elements that sustain life, but truly being grateful for those who are an intricate part of our spiritual wellbeing. All the people involved in our institutions; schools, health care, churches, sports etc., that help us to reach our potential that God has given us, and asks of us to share with each other. Recognizing and showing gratitude for those individuals who went the extra mile (kilometer) to help us in ways only they could, through their love, patience and kindness.

May you have a Blessed Grateful Thanksgiving!

Brother in Christ
John Lammers
Deacon
519 490 3832

"Speak Lord... your Servant is Listening"

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

Frank Sweeney’s name was drawn but since he was not in attendance he did not win the \$106.50 prize. You could be the next luck winner but you must be at the meeting to collect. GOOD LUCK!

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 beghave already begun.

OCTOBER-2018-NEWSLETTER

FROM: DENISE BLAKELY, denise@orderofalhambra.org

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PER CAPITA

See the scale below:

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

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

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

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



I WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR MEMBERS IN CANADA A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING, MONDAY-OCTOBER 8, 2018.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE FLORENCE!

MEMBERSHIP

I cannot believe it is autumn. I am certain caravans have many events planned. Please remember that recruitment is important for the Order. We need each caravan to focus on bringing in new members. Thank you for all you do!! Alhambra is hard-work, dedication and priceless...

LAST REQUEST---SAVING MONEY FOR THE ORDER---A NECESSITY

I am asking each member to help alleviate the cost for the Alhambran mailing! If you are willing to view the Alhambran paper on the Order's Website, please supply me your e-mail address. Each quarter, you will receive an e-mail from Michael Carpenter, Editor of the Alhambran. He will let you know the Alhambran is ready to view on the website. **You do not have to download anything.** You can even print from the website. This will be very cost effective for the Order. You can even use this tool for recruitment. Just guide potential members to the website and let them read for themselves the great things the Order and our caravans do for the intellectually disabled. Please consider this request today. If you are on our e-mail list, thank you so much!

I am also asking to save the Order money on our monthly phone bill. If your phone company offers free long-distance calling. I am asking all members who have this plan to no longer use our "800" number and to call us directly, 410-242-0660. The "800" number has been increasing our phone bill greatly. Thank you!!!!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Election of Grand Divan Form is due in to the Secretariat not later than November 5, 2018. This information will be used to update the Directory.

58TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD

THERE ARE STILL MANY ROOMS AVAILABLE, PLEASE BOOK NOW!

So I can get an accurate count and in order for me to see if I need to increase the number of rooms for the Convention, I am asking each of you to:

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. IF YOU NEED ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE LET THE HOTEL KNOW.

MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS BEGINS WITH THE NEXT NEW MEMBER

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Thanks to all who helped with the Labour Day Collections at each of our local parishes. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Memberships

Membership dues are once again being collected. This year our membership is \$65. Please get your dues in ASAP. We are currently at 53 members. If you know someone that might be interested please encourage them to sit in at a meeting to see all the great things we do.

Fulfilling the Dream

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2018, the Klondyke Marsh Book Committee presented a cheque in the amount of \$4085,44 to our Algarve#168. This amount is from their profits of selling their history book about the firs who first settled on the Klondyke Marsh. What a great donation they have shared with us that we inturn will share with others. If you know a member of the historical book committee please take a moment and let them know we appreciate their generosity.



The Last Word

By Bernice Cadman

Orange Shirt Day, Every Child Matters

On Tuesday, September 27th many schools joined to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember those that didn't.

Every Child Matters

We wore orange shirts in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

The Story Behind Orange Shirt Day

"I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School in. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had eyelets and lace, and I felt so pretty in that shirt and excited to be going to school! Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never saw it again, except on other kids. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years...I want my orange shirt back!"

Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, Dog Creek, BC

This orange shirt taken from one child, is a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students, and their families and communities, over several generations including: loss of family, language, culture, freedom, parenting, self-esteem and worth and painful experiences of abuse and neglect. Wearing orange shirts is a symbol of defiance against those things that undermine children's self-esteem, and of our commitment to anti-racism and anti-bullying in general. The date was chosen because it is the time of year that children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Wearing an orange shirt and promoting the slogan, Every Child Matters, is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters as we focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to help each other. I am grateful my school took part in delivering this very important message to our staff and students.

Master of Communications
Bernice Cadman



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