

Hot Sands

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The weather is turning cooler, a nice break from the humidity. Fall is in the air. Must be Canadian EH.

The good of the order was won by Pete VanRiel but he was not at the meeting to collect the \$97.

The Duc D'Orleans boat cruise was a success again. It was attended by 140 clients. Pete VanEngelen, Pete DeVet and families were there to show the clients a good time. Good job to the Petes.

Our cash draw is fast approaching on Fri Nov 16. Please get your paid tickets in so they can be in the draw for a free ticket. There will be a draw for the tickets received in Aug. at our next meeting, and a second draw for Aug and Sept tickets.

On Sunday, Sept 9, we will be attending the dedication service for the sign for St Andre's Healing Garden at St. Peters, north of St Joseph. I hope you all can attend. Please be there by 10:15 for the Rosary, church will begin at 11, then a light lunch.

We have received 1 application for scholarship so far.

We are always looking for new members. There are people waiting to be asked. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 27 at 8 pm. Hope to see you there.

A Salaam

GC Doug Willsie



NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 27TH, AT 8:00PM

Calendar of Events:

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

November:

Nov. 22 Alhambra Christmas Party
Legacy Centre

Nov. 29 Regular Meeting, Alcazar

8:00pm

Dates and times are subject to
change, so

Please check each month.

Order of the Alhambra has a
Facebook page.

Visit us at

[@alhambragrandbend](#)

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

From the Chaplaincy:

As students begin a new school year please pray that they will be open to new growth physically, intellectually and spiritually.

As the students grow in their wisdom and faith, they naturally share their enlightenment, so we too as parents, grandparents and the extended community, can gain wisdom and growth in our faith. May God Bless the school community of principals, teachers and support staff this school year.



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!!!!

Pete VanRiel's name was drawn but since he was not in attendance he did not win the \$97.00 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.

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SEPTEMBER 2018-NEWSLETTER

FROM: DENISE BLAKELY, denise@orderofalhambra.org

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PER CAPITA FOR 9-1-2018

September 1, 2018 invoices will be mailed to all GC's. There will be no altering of the invoice. 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:

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!

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!!!!!!

VSC QUARTERLY REPORT

Please send your VSC Quarterly Report to your SD.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Election of Grand Divan Form is due in to the Secretariat not later than November 5, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

We offer so many ways to bring in new members. First, it is most important for caravans to expand their membership by holding recruitment drives. Second, we offer Membership-at-Large for members whose caravans have been or are disbanding and members cannot relocate into another caravan. This allows members to continue their membership through the Order. It also allows a way for potential members to join the Order. Third, we introduced our On-line Membership. This is another convenient way to recruit members. We ask each member to encourage their family, friends, co-workers, etc. to join the Order of Alhambra through the On-Line Membership if they cannot join a local caravan!!!

58TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD

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.

MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS BEGINS WITH THE NEXT NEW MEMBER!

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MEMBERSHIP **SUCCESS BEGINS** **WITH THE NEXT**

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.

\$3,800 dollar donation to
Team Hoyt



The Last Word

By Bernice Cadman

September is a time of new beginnings, not for farmers, but for the thousands of students heading back to school. My youngest, Cassandra has moved to Kitchener and is starting her post secondary school career. She has once again changed her mind and is heading to a 4 year Early Child Development Program with the thoughts of going on to be a teacher. She has always wanted to work with young people and I feel she will excel at whatever she does.

More importantly, it is a new beginning for students with intellectual and physical disabilities. I always look forward to September, meeting our new students and the abilities they bring to our class. For some students, transitioning to high school is a very scary thing. It is always my hope, that we as professionals, make them feel welcome and give the students a safe, happy place to go where they can be challenged to become the best version of themselves.

Let's keep in our thoughts and prayers, all of the students, with intellectual and physical disabilities as they journey through another school year. Let us also pray for all the staff that come into contact with the students throughout the day that they give them the patience, dignity, and respect they deserve.

Bernice Cadman

Master of Communications.



"Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed."

-- [Jean Vanier](#)

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