

Hot Sands

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The battle continues. Us against Mother Nature. Wet weather and crop quality concerns. Hopefully all turns out well.

We had 17 members at our last meeting. Bernice Cadman had an inquiry for funds for SPP (School Community Pathways Program) for improvements in their kitchen. They provide breakfast for the students at their school. It has been sent to the charity committee for investigation.

Gerry and I went to see the wheel chair lift that has been generously donated to us by Kevin Rombouts and we are in the process of trying to find a home for it.

Our cash draw dance is fast approaching on Friday Nov 16 at the Legacy Center in Thedford. Please get your tickets in ASAP to Joe Donkers. We will be setting up the board on Thursday night. Joe has sent out a work list for the dance. Please let him know if you can't attend.

Mike Charrette has handed out tickets for the New Years Cheer Draw. If you need more, you can get them from Mike at The Cash Draw Dance.

Rose Vandenberg is organizing our Christmas party for our clients on Thursday Nov. 22. Set up is Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Legacy Center. Please come out and lend a hand.

Pete Devet was present at our last meeting when his name was drawn for the good of the order draw and received \$115.

Hope to see you all at the Cash Draw Thursday for set up and Friday night for the draw.



A Saalam
GC Doug Willsie.



Next meeting: Thursday, November 29th at 8:00pm.

Calendar of Events

November:

- Nov. 16 Cash Draw Dance
 Legacy Centre
- Nov. 17 Warden's Banquet 5-9pm
 Legacy Centre
- Nov. 22 Alhambra Christmas Party
 Legacy Centre
- Nov. 29 Regular Meeting, Alcazar
 8:00pm

December:

- Dec. 27 Regular Meeting, Alcazar
 8:00pm

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 have already begun.

Order of the Alhambra has a Facebook page.

Visit us at

[@alhambragrandbend](#)

Upcoming events:

- Nov. 17th.- Warden's Banquet 5-9pm
 -2 people needed for bartending
 -contact Jerry Bongers
- Nov. 21st- Christmas Party set up.
- Nov. 22nd – Christmas Party
Contact Rose Vandenberg to let her know when you can help for either of these dates.

From the Chaplaincy:

November is a month of reflection and remembrance as it starts November 1, with "All Saints Day" followed by, "All Souls Day", respectively, then Remembrance Day on November 11. Many of our communities commemorate with vigils or prayer services that we are invited to partake in. Often we receive and give healing by engaging with and embracing those who have suffered or sacrificed. Sometimes we need a reminder; we're not in this alone... through receiving support from God and each other, we are able to fortify and strengthen our own life's journey, therefore, we are better able to assist our brothers and sisters that are seeking compassion and empathy.



Brother in Christ
John Lammers
Deacon
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"Speak Lord... your Servant is Listening."

\$40 Cash Draw Winners

- Oct. 5th - #388 – Hank Hendricks
Oct. 12th - #305 – Pete & Harriet VanEnglen
Oct. 19th - #006 – Frank & Sharon Bax
Oct. 26th - #331 – Don & Anne Vanos

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

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

Pete Devet's name was drawn. He was in attendance so he took home the big pot of \$115.00. You could be the next luck winner but you must be at the meeting to collect. GOOD LUCK!

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NOVEMBER-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:
November- \$56.00 if paid by Nov. 30th December- \$61.00 if paid by Dec. 31st



**I WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR MEMBERS A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!
BE THANKFUL THAT ON YOUR VERY WORSE DAY, JESUS CALLS YOU BELOVED!**

FROM SA ED FIORELLA

Region III will be meeting again in 2019 in Ocean City, MD. The dates will be Thursday, October 10th, 11th and 12th. Checkout will be on the 13th. Please contact the hotel 1-888-465-3451 to make your reservation now. Ask for Pat and she will assist you. Any additional questions, please call Ed Fiorella.

MEMBERSHIP

As we cannot turn back the hands of time, we can still move the Order forward. We often hear the phrase, "I wish I should have done.... when I was younger, now it is too late". A lot of times we make decisions without first asking ourselves, will I regret my decision in the future? The beauty of serving God is he puts us exactly where he wants us. As Alhambra members we are serving His special friends. He knows we are not perfect. His grace allows us to make mistakes and as long as we learn from it, we can move forward. As I said so many times, when you recruit new members, you are doing God's work. God tells us we are to serve him to the end. As I am getting older, I am realizing anything new is hard. It is just like when you start exercising. It is hard and slow at first, but when you start feeling better and seeing the results, you want to continue. I challenge each member to start recruiting and watch your harvest, grow!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE/CONVENTION MAILING

It is that time of year again. Each member will be receiving 2 books of raffle tickets and information regarding the convention, booster ads, etc., mailed directly to their home. We are asking each member to make the raffle a success again this year and to support the convention. We need you to move the Order forward.

58TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD

THERE ARE STILL 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 AND CHECK OUT JULY 31, 2019. IF YOU NEED ACCOMENDATIONS, PLEASE LET THE HOTEL KNOW.

MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS BEGINS WITH THE NEXT NEW MEMBER

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The Last Word

By Bernice Cadman

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.

In Flanders Fields BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

November is a month to remember our loved ones, whether it be for All Souls Day, or for the soldiers on Remembrance Day, November 11th. I, for one, am always very thankful for our soldiers, they gave us our freedom....where would we be today without them?

On November 11, we observe a moment of silence to honour the courage, valour and sacrifice of the heroes who have served – and continue to serve – Canada during times of war and conflict.

On November 11th, I honour the last Canadian Soldier to die in WWI.

George Lawrence Price died on a Monday. It was a rainy day whose hours were almost evenly split between war and peace. And it was a terrible day to die. That Monday marked both the end of the long suffering of the First World War, and of the Canadian private's short life. His premature death, just minutes shy of a tenuous peace, was no more or less tragic than that of countless others killed during the course of the war — or afterward, because of it.

Being the last Canadian and Commonwealth soldier to die in the war to end all wars — just as so many people were celebrating — lifted him out of almost-certain anonymity.

His death on Nov. 11, 1918, ultimately made him a symbol of the futility of conflict.

Reflect, remember and count our many blessings, because many men and women from WWI we enjoy the many freedoms we have today.



Master of Communications
Bernice Cadman



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