

Order of Alhambra

SANCHO CARAVAN #261

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

*Our Next Meeting (with Divan Elections) is Thursday, October 10th, 7PM
at Bishop Murphy K of C*

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Fourteen members enjoyed a short but substantive meeting on September 12th. **GCH Ron Osinski** submitted a financial report covering June thru August. The Business and Charity accounts are both in the black. **SE Barone** will send out dues notices for 2020 in October.

A motion was passed to pay \$3312 to Baltimore for our 2020 *per capita* assessment. That covers 72 members at \$46 each. Caravan business expenses totaled \$211 covering the parade oasis and newsletter stamps.

Final financial reports for both the 2019 bowling and golf outings were handed out as submitted by the event chairmen. Both functions were very profitable but unfortunately all chairmen for 2019 have chosen to "retire" and Sancho will need new volunteers in 2020.

GC Leo Osinski read a 'Thank You' letter from George Walrath, Grand Commander of the new St. Guanella Caravan in Jackson, for Sancho's \$500 donation to their charity start-up fund. He also read a note of appreciation from the **James Ciennik** family following the recent passing of Sultana Mary Ciennik.

A motion was passed to purchase a table of ten in support of the K of C Oktoberfest fundraiser dinner on October 25th. The cost is \$390. Names will be drawn at Sancho's membership meeting on October 10th.

St. Francis Camp's Fall clean-up weekend will be held November 30th. The camp is currently looking to hire a new on-site director and PSC Ed Smith is "retiring" as camp president.

If you've ever thought, "If I were in charge I would....."
Well here's your chance. October brings Divan elections. Volunteer. Run for office. Help our special needs friends. Help yourself. Get a cool title.

*Lady Nobles, Sir Nobles, Family & Friends,
Any member who wants to get more active in the caravan please consider running for a spot on our Divan. Just come to our election meeting on October 10th. The rewards you'll get are well worth it.*

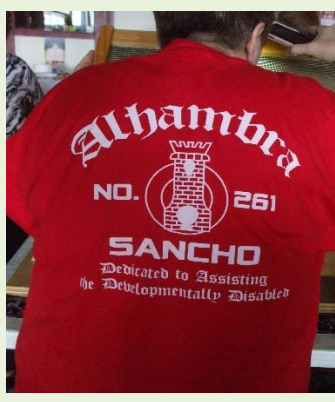
So attend the election meeting and enjoy the company of our many hard working Lady Nobles and Sir Nobles who make Sancho a successful, sustaining caravan.



Or simply stop by for pizza and a drink. Afterall, sociability is one of the three major purposes of the Order.

God Bless you and our special kids.

GC Leo Osinski 586.563.8128



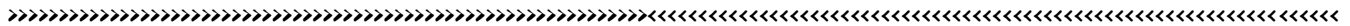
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WE GET LETTERS

(from Region VI Supreme Director Patricia Plotkowi)

"I am Patricia E. Plotkowski, new Supreme Director for Region VI for the International Order of Alhambra. The order needs your help. At the recent convention in July 2019, our region was given a goal to bring in 30 new members by July 2020. It does not seem like a lot but the trend over the past few years shows differently. We are losing more members through death and removal than we are bringing in each year. This is not unique to our organization alone. I need your help to recruit Catholic men and women that want to give something back to their community. Ask a brother, sister, niece, nephew, friend or acquaintance. Tell them about the good things that we do with God's Special People, invite that individual to one of our events, and they can see firsthand our organization at work. Work with your caravan to develop and participate in recruiting events to outreach to our community. Just ASK someone to join! You may be surprised by their answer. Thanks!"

CARAVAN SUCCESS BEGINS WITH THE NEXT NEW MEMBER



(from St. Francis Camp President PSC Ed Smith)

The 2019 camping season at St. Francis Camp on the Lake is over. 151 campers enjoyed time on the lake, played on the new playscape, ate delicious camp-style meals and participated in various games and activities at the beautiful camp site in Jerome, Michigan.

The St. Francis Camp Board of Directors is already preparing for the 2020 camping season. At our September 2019 meeting the Board agreed to the 2020 Improvement and Renovation Funding Campaign. *(Camp needs include beds & mattresses, stove, electrical upgrades, flooring, pumps, A/C)*

Our goal is \$25000 this year to achieve these projects. This year an anonymous donor has already agreed to match up to \$10000 to help out with this campaign. The only stipulation of this matching grant is that the donor will only match donations from individuals. Donations from councils, caravans, other fraternal organizations and companies will be accepted but will not be applied to the matching grant.

We appreciate any support you can give to making these projects to improve our clients camping experience next season. You can make your donation payable to St. Francis Camp. Please place in remarks on the check: 2020 Campaign Fund. Your gift will be tax deductible to the full extent of the law. *(Contributions can be mailed to 35038 Beaconhill, Harrison Twp., 48045)*

Please contact one of our 2020 Improvement and Renovation Campaign members: John Vella at 248-376-1555 or Patricia Plotkowski at 586-791-3057 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

ST FRANCIS CAMP FALL CLEAN UP

Friday November 29th after work or midday nap

Saturday November 30th all day

Sunday December 1st til noon

(come 1 or 2 or all 3 days)

Meals, drinks, bunks provided

THINGS TO BRING: Leaf blowers, rakes, more leaf blowers



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WELFARE & ROSARY *Please remember in your prayers :*

SN Ray Okonski was hospitalized in September with a mild stroke. **SN Stan Leon** was back in rehab after a hospital stay in August.

Please contact GS Marvin Bielec (586-944-6840) or VGC Joe Kish (586-822-4109) with any other prayer requests.

PARTICIPATION

- **Red & White Fez Club Lunch. Thu., Oct 3rd.** Noon. DeCarlos. All invited. RSVP 586.759.6500
- **Council of Caravans Meeting. Mon, Oct 7th.** 7:30PM. St. Justins. Hazel Park. SD Pat Plotkowski. 586.791.3057
- **Sancho Membership & Elections Meeting. Thu, Oct 10th.** 7PM. Bishop Murphy KofC.
- **Alhambra House & SFC Board Mtg. Mon, Oct 14th.** 6:30PM & 7:30PM. Monaghan KofC. Livonia.
- **Bishop Murphy KofC Reverse Raffle. Sat, Oct 19th.** \$55 each.
- **ARC Raider Bowlers Halloween Pizza Party. Sat, Oct 26th.** 10AM. Rose Bowl Lanes. Groesbeck & Martin Rd.

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- **St Francis Camp Fall Clean-Up. F-S-S. Nov 29-30-31.** Work off that extra helping of stuffing with friends.

- **Joint Christmas Dinner MCC and SFC Board. Date TBA.** DeCarlos. RSVP Gary 586.436.0121
- **Bovenschen School Santa Party. Thu, Dec 5th.** Arrive 9:30AM. 12345 Frazho Rd, Warren. Lunch servers needed. Gift preparation on **Wed, Dec 4th.** Time TBA. RSVP MW/PGC Mike Leon 586.530.8327
- **ARC Raider Bowlers Christmas Party. Sat, Dec 7th.** Arrive 9AM. Rose Bowl Lanes. Groesbeck & Martin Rd.
- **Red & White Fez Club Christmas Dinner. Date TBA.** DeCarlos. RSVP Gary 586.436.0121
- **Sancho Membership Meeting. Thu, Dec 12th.** 7PM. Bishop Murphy KofC.
- **Flickinger Elem Special Needs Santa Party. Date TBA.** 9AM. 45400 Vanker, Utica. RSVP GS Bielec 586.944.6840
- **Wilde Elem School Autism Program Christmas Lunch. Thu., Dec 19th.** 11AM. 32343 Bunert, Warren. RSVP PSS Gary DeCarlo 586.436.0121
- **Eppler School Santa Party. Date TBA.** 12:30PM. 45461 Brownell, Utica. RSVP GA Bill Ibianski 586.491.9900

Visit the new Sancho Caravan website: sanchocaravan.org



"I don't like to commit myself about heaven and hell, you see, I have friends in both places."

Mark Twain 1835-1910

