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- Sun, May 24** - Khilāfat Day
Thu, Jun 18 - 1st of Ramaḍān-ul-Mubārak
Sat, Jul 18 - 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr
Fri-Sun, Sep. 18-20 - Anşār National Ijtimā'

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Enduring Good Works

Dear Anşār Brothers,
As-Salāmu 'Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

Here is our chance to work together and leave behind some enduring good works...

As per the 2014 Anşār Majlis Shūrā recommendations, we are in the market to purchase a property to use as Anşār headquarters. Our Anşār Property Committee (APC) has developed some guidelines which I am sharing with you so each one of you could be a part of this process.

Let it be clear at the outset that we are the believers of “you prefer the life of this world. Whereas the hereafter is better and more lasting.” Majlis Anşārullāh, USA is not pursuing this plan for a worldly gain or recognition but our motive, as per the Holy Qur'an, is: “Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But enduring good works are better in the sight of thy Lord...” (The Holy Qur'an, 18 [Al-Kahf]: 47)

Enduring good works...that's what it's all about. We are looking for a facility which provides Majlis Anşārullāh, USA with meeting rooms, offices, and an Ijtimā' Gāh. Of course, we need to remain mindful of the cost of acquisition and maintenance of the property and the fund raising it will require by the Majlis.

Since, previously, there also has been a desire to look for a housing facility for our members and their families, I am including that option in this appeal as well.

Nothing is etched in stone yet, but please comply with the following requirements laid out by the property committee as you search or suggest a property:

- **Building area:** Minimum 20,000 square feet
- **Parking:** Approximately 200 cars with additional unpaved space available for temporary parking
- **Location:** Within 15-45 minute drive time of at least 300 Anşār members. Please avoid areas with harsh winters.
- **Accessibility:** Within 15-45 minutes of an international airport.
- **Potential:** Property should have the potential to generate revenue to offset maintenance costs.

Khurram Bashir was the Chairman of the Shūrā General Sub-Committee which discussed this proposal. He is now leading the APC with the exceptional help of other members of the APC, selected from different geographical areas.

We will, Inshā'allāh, keep you abreast of the progress of this project. Every member—with a desire to leave enduring good works behind—is encouraged to find properties that meet the above criteria and submit your suggestions at sadr@ansarusa.org. Yes, we won't be able to buy every recommended property. But I promise that we will give a fair consideration to every suggestion.

Please pray that Allāh Almighty accepts these efforts and that attaining His pleasure remains our ultimate goal, Āmīn.

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Anşārullāh, USA

- **Land:** 10 - 50 acres

Şūbedār Şāhib

Sherali Khan Basharat, Virginia

My dear and respected father Şūbedār Abdul Ghafoor Khan (Bābā) was born in an Aḥmadī family of village of Maini, district Swabi, Pakistan on November 25, 1922. In 1942, his father Şūbedār Khushal Khan (Shaheed) was martyred on his way back home after offering Jumu'ah Prayer at Topī. During World War II in 1940, Bābā joined the army. He progressed to the rank of Şūbedār in a very short time. Later, he started his own business in Topī, a business center.

In 1947, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him) invited volunteers, especially those with army experience, for the security of Qādiān. Bābā immediately trusted a well-known Hindu shopkeeper with his business and left for Qādiān. At the time of his departure, my mother was expecting her first child, me. Despite the fact, this man of great faith left her in the hands of his Lord, Allāh the Almighty, with very little provisions.

Under the directions of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II, Bābā became number 175 of the 313 Darveshān of Qādiān. Later in 1948, he was directed to come back to Pakistan. Upon his return, he found that the Hindu shopkeeper had to escape his life and the shops were looted. By the Grace of Allāh, Bābā somehow managed to start a small shop again.

Bābā was very particular with paying Chanda in a timely manner. One day, I noticed a small container in his shop where he put some coins. The container was marked "Chanda Taḥrīk Jadīd." As a child, I wondered what this container was for. He explained to me the scheme of Taḥrīk Jadīd; he also mentioned that the money he put in that container was the profit from the first sale of the day. He successfully instilled in the hearts of his children the importance of paying Chanda punctually.

In 1954, when Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II was stabbed by an enemy, Bābā was called back to Rabwah to enhance the security arrangement of the Khalīfah of the time. He once again handed his business to his nephew, late Faiz Mohammad Khan, and left for Rabwah. Bābā served as in charge of Hifāzat-i-Khāṣ (Security of Khalīfah) until 1958.

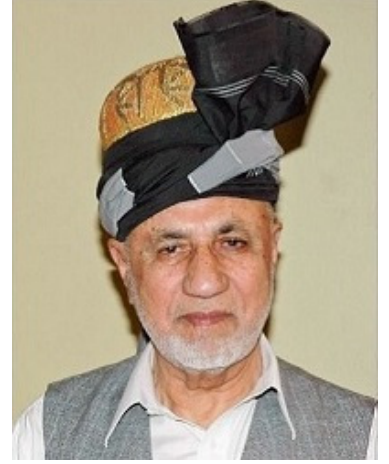
One time, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II disciplined Bābā for an act based on an eyewitness account. He stated that he was so sad that he refused to take his dinner. In the meantime, Ḥaḍrat Şāhibzādah Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad (may Allāh be pleased with him) conveyed to Ḥuḍūr all the facts. Upon that, Ḥuḍūr reversed his orders. Ḥuḍūr, out of sheer mercy and love, sent his own dinner for Bābā. He returned the meal and responded that he was not hungry. Ḥuḍūr replied back, "Tell Ghafoor, tonight you will sleep hungry and so will I." Upon hearing this, Bābā quickly sent a message asking for the dinner and ate it. Indeed, true was the prophecy of Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd, "He will be meek of heart."

In a lighter moment, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II asked Bābā how come his father rose to the rank of Şūbedār (a senior non-commissioned officer rank in the army) in his old age, but Bābā became Şūbedār at a very young age. Bābā retorted, "Ḥuḍūr, my father accepted Aḥmadiyyat late in his life; I on the other hand, was born Aḥmadī." Ḥuḍūr enjoyed this reply very much.

Once, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II and his entourage were returning to Rabwah via train. At that time, there was no proper platform at Rabwah Railway Station. There was a special technique to getting off the train safely; one had to face towards the train car and hold the railing carefully before getting off. My father stated that on that day, as the train arrived, he was busy overseeing the ladies, luggage, and staff's departure when Ḥaḍrat Şāhibzādah Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad hurriedly tapped on my father's shoulder, saying Ḥuḍūr was having trouble getting off the train. There were no AirStairs and Ḥuḍūr was hanging from the train's railing trying to get off but was unable to move because Ḥuḍūr was facing the wrong way. Ḥuḍūr being upset with botched arrangements had already refused the help of many people. My father ran and grabbed Ḥuḍūr in his hands announcing that he had arrived and Ḥuḍūr should release the handrails. Ḥuḍūr being upset, asked my father where had he been all this time, and now to stay away from him. My father quickly thought to himself that although it was essential to obey the orders of the Khalīfah of the time, however, in that situation if he did as Ḥuḍūr had ordered and left, God forbid, Ḥuḍūr could have gotten hurt. So my father then informed Ḥuḍūr that he was not moving until Ḥuḍūr was safely down. Ḥuḍūr, understanding the stubbornness of a Pathān, released his hands and safely descended, Alḥamdulillāh. Once Ḥuḍūr sat in his car, Ḥaḍrat Şāhibzādah Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad came to my father and hugged him and kissed him on both cheeks.

My father, Şūbedār Abdul Ghafoor Khan, was blessed with many qualities and a life full of remarkable experiences. He was willing to sacrifice everything he owned for the sake of Aḥmadiyyat, without hesitation. His inspiring sacrifices during the events that unfolded in June of 1974 in Topī, Pakistan, are explained in detail in his book "Sāniḥa Topī." In 2000, he immigrated to the U.S. and became an active member of the Detroit Jamā'at.

He passed away at the age of 91 on January 12, 2014, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un. He is survived by his wife, 6 children, 22 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. May Allāh grant him a place in the paradise and enable his progeny to emulate his many examples. Āmīn.



New Car

Hammad Malik, Central Jersey

A few years ago, I heard a Jamā'at member make a comment about his own strong convictions against taking interest loans to buy a new car. He said that he would rather drive a paid off old Honda than finance a luxury car on interest. For some reason I never forgot that advice.

Years later, when my old and beat-up Honda Civic had racked up many miles, I had to reconcile my convictions about interest-bearing loans for a car. I used to frequently travel to Toronto to visit my parents, but slowly these trips came to a halt because I just couldn't risk taking the car on the long journey. When my mother would ask why I stopped coming, I told her about the car, but she simply suggested I buy a new car. I was already making monthly payments for my parents' car, so she just assumed I could afford to pay for a new car as well.

As months passed, the car became more of a headache than an asset; even the repair bills started to mount. My wife and I both knew it was only a matter of time before we had to make a serious decision. Even the kids reminded me of our state of affairs, but I would always tell them to pray for a new car, not knowing exactly how it would be fulfilled. As the expenses continued to pile up the inevitable was knocking on the door. I wrote a letter to Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) for guidance. Ḥuḍūr's reply was full of prayers and love, and that brought comfort to my heart.

On Thursday, June 19, 2014, our old, but mostly reliable car finally gave up and refused to start. Disheartened, humiliated, and defeated I forced myself to sit in front of a computer and began searching for car deals and specials. Our family had different needs, so affordability was complicated even more. I finally narrowed my choice down to a Toyota hybrid, but it was just the beginning of a series of surprises that would renew my faith in the power of prayer and patience.

First, it turned out that Toyota was offering a five-year, 0% interest deal on the car, so that immediately resolved the interest problem. Then I found out that my employer offered a \$3,000 cash award for purchasing a hybrid. I couldn't believe how quickly my fortune was turning for the better. As I was about to leave the house for the dealership, I got an unexpected call from my mother. When I told her about my decision, she handed the phone to my father who went on to tell me that their car loan had been paid off and that I didn't need to send them the \$500/month that I had been sending. When I arrived at the dealership, I was worried that I didn't have much for a down payment, but salesman reassured me that I didn't need a down payment at all. Finally, a few days later, my boss told me that the department had received some additional funding and that I was getting a \$10,000 raise.

Now I had a new, reliable car and extra funds to pay for it. More importantly, I was convinced this was a small reward from Al-Razzāq, Al-Wahhāb, Al-Laṭīf, and Al-Raḥīm. When I reflect upon my experience, I can't help but fall prostrate before Him and acknowledge my conviction in His wisdom. Words cannot express my gratitude and all I can say is Alḥamdulillāh.

"Which, then, of the favors of your Lord will ye twain, (O men and jinn), deny?" (The Holy Qur'ān, 55 [Al-Raḥmān]:14)

10 Reasons to Feel Good about Becoming a Nāṣir

Zahid Mian, Los Angeles

Here is how a fledgling Nāṣir sees it (pun intended).

10. Forty is better than fifty.
9. You can use all the features of a smart phone.
8. You're old enough to know what a fax is, but young enough to realize it's not cool to talk about it.
7. Go ahead. Catch up on lost sleep.
6. Your salt and pepper hair now means that you are the youngest in the room.
5. You're the one with a vertical jump.
4. You're old enough to start sentences with "In my day..." and young enough to still remember the details.
3. A slowing metabolism is a legitimate excuse for weight gain.
2. "I forgot to pay my Chanda" is a legitimate excuse. In fact, "I forgot." is a legitimate excuse for everything.
1. After accepting this membership, it's easier to accept anything, even death.



2015 Ta'lim Test I

2015 Ta'lim Test I is available online at www.ansarusa.org/TalimTest. Please make every effort to complete this test online. If you prefer to take the test on paper, a hard copy of the test is enclosed with this issue—both in English and Urdu. You can send the completed test to Qā'id Ta'lim in one of the following ways. **The deadline to submit the test is Saturday, June 13, 2015.**

E-mail: qaid.talim@ansarusa.org

Fax: 714-993-6414

Snail Mail: Qā'id Ta'lim, 2859 E. Stearns Street, Brea, CA 92821

Request for Prayers

Abrar Khan of Dallas Majlis and his wife, respected Talat Khan, passed away in a tragic incident on April 23, 2015, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un. The cause of their sudden death was a major fire at their home.

Abrar Khan was a dedicated member of Dallas Jamā'at and Majlis Anṣārullāh Dallas who was suffering from chronic back pain for a while. Despite his physical challenges, he maintained a loving and giving nature and repeatedly served the local Jamā'at in Diyāfat department and wherever else needed. He left behind two sons—Saḳīb Khan, 17, and Shahaab Khan, 13. Both were in school at the time of the tragic incident.

May Allāh grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their family, Āmīn. Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and their family in their prayers.

Abū Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: Allāh is jealous, and His jealousy is aroused by a person indulging in that which He has forbidden. (Bukhārī and Muslim)

Send detail and pictures of your local and regional events and Anṣār news via e-mail at newsletter@ansarusa.org.



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