Message from the Masjid board

Assalamu Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah, we are seeing more of our youth in the Masjid everyday which is a blessing for our community and future. Regarding the youth and the Masjid community, we have exciting programs up-coming that needs your direct involvement:

1. **Masjid expansion fund-raiser on June 12, 2011** at Crystal Gardens. Alhamdulillah, Imam Siraj Wahhaj will be the main speaker at our Masjid fund raising dinner. This expansion will include a new gym/hall, library, an area for funeral preparations, and an expanded prayer area.

   Similar to the original construction of the Masjid, this is another great opportunity for all of us to contribute and gain the blessings in this life and here-after.

   Please help our Masjid raise maximum funds during this event by spreading the word about this event. Also, make dua for the success of this event and successful completion of the Masjid expansion. Tickets may be purchased and more details about this event are available on our website and at the Masjid.

2. **Youth retreat at the Masjid on June 18, 2011.** This event is open to all brothers and sisters age 5 and up. This is mainly an outdoor event, with prominent speakers addressing our youth during this event. Event details and registration can be found on the website and at the Masjid.

3. **Jummat-Ijtima** in Dearborn June 24-26, 2011. International scholars are expected to be present. All men are requested to participate.

4. **Summer camp at the Masjid** will run from June 27 to July 21, 2011 from 11:00AM-2:00PM for boys and girls age 7-15. For more information, please check the website or call Br.Shakeel at 734-664-6524.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and community members that take part and assist with the various Masjid activities. Your efforts are very much appreciated and Insha’Allah you will gain the blessings in this life and here-after. AMEEN.

We are always looking for volunteers to ensure these programs are effective, valuable, and brings the community together with the Masjid being the centerpiece, Insha’Allah.

Questions or comments can be placed in the suggestion box or e-mailed to emailba@masjidumarbinkhattab.org. If a response is desired, please indicate that in the suggestion letter, along with contact information.

Our website and e-mail list are easy ways to find out about events at the Masjid.

Jazak Allah Khair.
Board of Directors, Masjid Umar bin Khattab/Islamic Association of Michigan.

**Ayat of the month:**

Those who (in charity) spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret and in public, have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

[2: Al-Baqara-274]

**Hadiths of the month:**

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity.” - Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 604

The Prophet (SAW) also said: “Give charity without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity.” - Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 589
Imam’s Corner: by Mufti Nayef Patel:
Wisdom from Hatim Al-Asamm and Shaqiq Al-Balkhi from “Oh My Dear Son”- Imam Al-Ghazali

If you understand this tradition, there is no need for too much knowledge. Hatim al-Asam was among the friends of Shaqiq al-Balkhi (may Allah have mercy on them both). One day Shaqiq asked Hatim: “You have kept my company for thirty years; what have you gained in the course of these years?” Hatim replied: “I have gained eight benefits from the knowledge which is sufficient for me. I hope my salvation and safety are embodied in them.” Shaqiq asked Hatim to mention them. Hatim al-Asam said:

“The first benefit is that I observed the creation and saw that everyone had loved one and one passionately desired whom he loved and longed for. Some of the beloved accompany the lover up to the brink of sickness and death and others to the gate of the graveyard. All of them return and leave him there alone. No one goes into the tomb with him. I looked into the matter and said to myself: ‘The best beloved is that which would enter the tomb with the lover to console him’; I found it to be nothing else than good works, so I took this as my beloved, to illuminate my grave for me and to comfort me in it and not leave me alone.

“The second benefit is that I saw that the people were following their lusts and hastening towards the desires of the souls; and I meditated on the saying of Allah the Exalted: But as for whoever has feared the majesty of His Lord and has refrained his soul from lust, truly the Garden shall be his dwelling place (Quran, 79.40-41). Convinced that the Quran was true and right, I began to deny my soul [its pleasures] and hurried to combat it and refuse it its passionate desires, until I enjoyed real satisfaction in obedience to Allah the Exalted.

“The third benefit is that I saw that every human being is striving to accumulate as much as he can from the wreckage of this world and then holding on strongly to it. I meditated on the Quranic verse: What is with you must vanish; what is with Allah must endure (Quran, 19:96). So I gave freely my worldly possessions for His sake by distributing them among the poor so that it would be my provision in the future with Him the Exalted.

“The fourth benefit is that some people whom I observed think that their dignity and honor lie in the multitude of their family and large clans. They were fascinated by these things. Others claimed honor and dignity in abundance of wealth and children, and they were proud of it. Some believed honor and power abide in appropriating the wealth of others, doing injustice to them and shedding their blood. Others considered dignity to consist of extravagance and spending wealth in a foolish manner. I meditated upon the saying of the Exalted: The most honored of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you (Quran, 49:13). I chose righteousness for myself, convinced that the Quran is right and true and those claims and opinions of the people are all false and temporal.

“The fifth benefit is that I found people slandering each other and speaking ill of one another out of envy of fortune, power and knowledge. I meditated upon the saying of Allah: It is We who divide their livelihood among them in the life of this world (Quran, 43:32). I realized that the process of dividing livelihood is entirely in the hands of Allah since the beginning of time. Therefore I never envied anyone and was satisfied with the distribution of Allah the Exalted.

“The sixth benefit is that I saw people becoming enemies of each other for difference reasons. I meditated upon the saying of Allah: Verily, Satan is an enemy to you; so treat him as an enemy (Quran, 35:6). I became aware that enmity with anyone except Satan was not permissible.

“The seventh benefit is that I saw everyone working very hard, exhausting themselves to obtain food and sustenance, tempted by doubts and forbidden things. They degraded themselves in humiliation. I pondered over the saying of Allah the Exalted: There is no moving creature on earth but that its sustenance is dependent on Allah (Quran, 11:6). I knew that my livelihood is guaranteed by Allah the Exalted, so I engaged myself in worship and cut off my covetousness of all else, other than Him.

“The eighth benefit is that I saw that everyone relied on some created thing, some on the dinar and dirham, some on wealth and property, some on trade and craft and some on creatures like themselves. I meditated on the saying of Allah the Exalted: “And whosoever places his reliance on Allah, sufficient is [Allah] for him. For Allah will surely accomplish His purpose. Verily, for all things has Allah appointed a due proportion (Quran, 65:3). I therefore placed full trust in Allah the Exalted. He is sufficient for me and He is the best Disposer of affairs.”

At this point Shaqiq said: “May Allah bless you and grant you success. I looked into the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Zabur and the Quran and have found that the four books revolve around these eight benefits. Whoever works according to them is working according to these four books.”
Masjid Expansion Update

The Board of Directors, along with the Board of Trustees, has approved the contract for Architectural Service with Chester Stempien who was the architect for the Farmington Hill Masjid Extension Project. According to his estimate, we should be able to get Brownstown’s approval by June of this year.

The Architect met with several members of the Extension Committee, Board of Directors and Board of Trustee on May 12, 2011. He then presented the drawings he had prepared. The members present were able to make suggestion and/or changes. He promised to incorporate those changes and submit the drawings to Brownstown Twp in a couple of weeks for approval.

A fund raising dinner has been scheduled for June 12, 2010, at Crystal Garden. We request the community to donate generously for the project.

Donate for the Masjid expansion:

The Masjid needs a regular inflow of funds for daily operations, maintenance, and expansion.

Please contact the Masjid board or Br. Safdar (Treasurer) at mskhan2000@gmail.com or sign up for check-o-matic to make regular donations to the Masjid.

If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to Islamic Association of Michigan and mail it to 18105 Raicho Road, Brownstown, MI: 48193.

Jazak Allah.
Highlights from the Masjid Website

http://www.masjidumarbinkhattab.org/

Please visit the Masjid website regularly to stay informed on Masjid activities, plus:

- Prayer Schedule, Questions for Mufti Patel, Islamic Articles and links
- Community Events, Volunteer Opportunities
- Masjid Services: Nikaah & Funeral, Visitations for sick, Hajj preparation, Family Services
- Kids/Youth Programs: Sunday School
- Donation Opportunities
Youth Retreat at the Masjid

Our Masjid is holding the 2011 youth retreat on June 18, 2011.

This event is open to brothers and sisters and children age 5 and up.

Men and women will be separated. The men/boys will be indoors during the morning while the women/girls play outdoors. This will be reversed for the afternoon.

This is mainly an outdoor event, with prominent speakers addressing our youth during this event.

Event details and registration forms have been sent to the Masjid mailing list and can be found at the Masjid and on the website.

Registration is required.

$10 for individuals & $30 for families.

Registration fee includes all games and food. Games will include basketball, soccer, table-tennis, jousting, and various activities for kids of all ages.

Money collected will be applied to the Masjid Expansion project.

Please assist in the coordination and management of the activities, we are looking for volunteers.
Youth Summer Camp/School at the Masjid (Medinah Academy)

**MADINAH ACADEMY**

Summer camp program specially tailored for youths between the ages of 5 to 18 years. This special program will run for six weeks from June 27, 2011 to July 21, 2011.

Classes will be held Monday to Thursday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

COURSE FEES are due at the time of registration: 1 Child: $50 // 2 Children: $80

Registration will be on a first come first served basis and will run from 06/06/11 to 06/20/10. Classes start on 06/27/10. Seats are limited.

Please contact Mufti Nayef Patel at (480) 385-8240 or Br.Shakeel (734) 664-6524.

Daily schedule will be as follows:

- **11:00 to 11:30**: Quran recitation and memorization.
- **11:30 to 12:00**: Sunnah and the Seerah of the Prophet (SAW).
- **12:00 to 12:30**: Daily Dua Memorization.
- **12:30 to 1:00**: Break/Games.
- **1:00 to 1:30**: Wudu/Salat & Etiquettes.
- **1:30 to 1:45**: School issues: how to handle them in an Islamic way.

Use the registration forms below or on the Masjid website www.masjidumarbinkhattab under Kids/Youth programs link. Please complete and print this form and attach the appropriate fee.
Youth’s perspective

The 99 Club by ‘Anonymous’

Once upon a time, there lived a King who, despite his luxurious lifestyle, was neither happy nor content.

One day, the King came upon a servant who was singing happily while he worked. This fascinated the King. Why was he, the Supreme Ruler of the Land, unhappy and gloomy, while a lowly servant had so much joy?

The King asked the servant, "Why are you so happy?"

The man replied, "Your Majesty, I am nothing but a servant, but my family and I don't need too much - just a roof over our heads and warm food to fill our tummies."

The king was not satisfied with that reply. Later in the day, he sought the advice of his most trusted advisor.

After hearing the King’s woes and the servant's story, the advisor said, "Your Majesty, I believe that the servant has not been made part of The 99 Club."

"The 99 Club? And what exactly is that?" the King inquired.

The advisor replied, "Your Majesty, to truly know what The 99 Club is, place 99 Gold coins in a bag and leave it at this servant's doorstep."

When the servant saw the bag, he took it into his house. When he opened the bag, he let out a great shout of joy... So many gold coins! He began to count them. After several counts, he was at last convinced that there were 99 coins. He wondered, "What could've happened to that last gold coin? Surely, no one would leave 99 coins!"

He looked everywhere he could, but that final coin was elusive. Finally, exhausted, he decided that he was going to have to work harder than ever to earn that gold coin and complete his collection.

From that day, the servant's life was changed. He was overworked, horribly grumpy, and castigated his family for not helping him make that 100th gold coin. He stopped singing while he worked.

Witnessing this drastic transformation, the King was puzzled. When he sought his advisor's help, the advisor said, "Your Majesty, the servant has now officially joined The 99 Club." He continued, "The 99 Club is a name given to those people who have enough to be happy but are never content, because they're always yearning and striving for that extra 1 telling to themselves: "Let me get that one final thing and then I will be happy for life."

We can be happy, even with very little in our lives, but the minute we’re given something bigger and better, we want even more! We lose our sleep, our happiness, we hurt the people around us, all these as a price for our growing needs and desires. That's what is called joining The 99 Club!
The Consequence of Sins
By Muhaddith Shah 'Abd al-'Aziz ad-Dehlawi (ra)

The most learned Shah Abdul Aziz (ra), in writing his Tafseer of the Qur'an, came upon the verse:

That was because they sinned and exceeded the limits. (Surah al-Ma'idah, ayah 78)

In his commentary on this verse, he wrote: "The Jews received courage for their disbelief and for killing the Prophets through continuous disobedience."

It was only after continuous disobedience of the Prophets that the Jews finally scraped together enough courage for actual rejection of the Prophets.

This disobedience grew within them step by step, gradually becoming a fixed habit and so they began to exceed the limits in all sins.

Finally it reached the stage where sinful acts began to look good in their eyes with the result that those who came to preach to them against such sins were considered as their enemies.

The Prophets continued to urge them against evil and earnestly sought that they change their ways. These Prophets were considered archenemies and thus the Jews killed them.

Such is the consequences of sin. It changes one's outlook and one's very nature and belief.

For this reason the 'Ulama of Tariqah laid great stress on the avoidance of sin because as one [makes] a habit thereof, it gradually becomes such that one looks upon it as something praiseworthy, enjoyable, and nice, so much so that anyone or anything which seeks to stop it is looked upon with scorn, resentment and hatred.

The result may even be that it leads one right into kufr (disbelief- rejection of faith).

KIDS ARE US
By Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Mehboob

The first Hadith in Bukhari Shareef is ‘Inamal-Amal-Bil-Niat’. This was narrated by Umar-Bin-Khattab. Our Prophet Mohammad (SAW) said that “All actions performed by us depend on our intention.” But how do we differentiate our intention? Our intentions should exemplify “Ikhlas” (or Purity). The intentions have to be for the sake of Allah and his Prophet (SAW). If our intentions are to only show other people and seek pleasure out of this (Ria) or to be arrogant (Kibr), our intentions are bad; however, if our intentions are with “Ikhlas,” it is considered to be a good intention.

In one of the Hadith (Bukhari-Muslim), our Prophet Mohammad (SWA) said that other Ummas (Jews and Christians) were not given the Ujer (blessing) for their intentions, but Muslims were fortunate to get the benefit of intention. If you perform an action with good intention, you may receive ten times Ujer or more. If you have bad intentions, but decide not to perform or act upon those intentions, you still get Ujer of one blessing for choosing not to act upon the bad intentions.

In one Hadith, our Prophet Mohammad (SAW) said “A Momin’s Niat (intentions) are greater than his actions or performance. The Munafiq (hypocrite) has actions which are greater that his Niat (intentions). The Munafiq is not Mukhlis with his Niat.”

As in the earlier mentioned Hadith, Umar-Bin-Khattab narrated that Prophet Mohammad (SAW) said that if migration from Mecca to Medina was for the sake of Allah and his Prophet that the Ujer is Jannat; if the intention is solely for migration, then the Ujer is only for migration.

Let us pray that we can have good intentions with “Ikhlas” for the sake and pleasure of Allah and his Prophet Mohammad (SAW). We should teach the children the importance of intentions and their purity and, Inshallah, we can hope for the reward in Jannat.
Bulletin Board / Community News

Daily Schedule:
After Fajr prayer: Imam reads Hadith
After Magrib prayer: Taleem (10-15 minutes)
After Isha prayer: Imam reads Hadith

Weekly Schedule:
Monday-Thursday: 2pm-4pm: Kid Quran Classes
Tuesday’s after Asr: Muslim visitations (Joula)
Tuesday’s after Magrib: Weekly Speech (Bayyan)
Sunday Summer School: 11am-2pm
Sunday’s after Zhur: Quran Tafsir by Imam Mufti Patel

Upcoming Special Events:
June 05, 2011: Breakfast after Fajr salat (Brother’s only).
JUNE 12, 2011: Masjid Expansion Project Fund Raising Dinner at Crystal Gardens.
  * Meat is authenticated by Mufti Patel
JUNE 18, 2011: Youth Retreat/Activity Day
June 17-19 2011: Third Weekend - Jammat leaving from our Masjid to a local area Masjid.
June 24-26 2011: Ijtima -Jammat in Dearborn.
June 27-July 21, 2011: Youth Summer Camp at the Masjid from 11am – 2pm (Monday-Thursday).
  Registration required (form included in the newsletter and also on the website)

Condolences:

May Allah rest their souls in peace, grant them the highest Jannat and give strength/patience to their families.

If you would like to inform the community of any special news or events, such as matrimonial (marriages), births, condolences, achievements, degrees, promotions, etc…
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KIDS Page

Ramadan Wordsearch

Question 1
What do you say when you sneeze?

Cross-word puzzle

ACROSS

1) Place of worship
2) This prophet had a son named Imran (as)
3) The true religion
4) The book of Allah
5) The Arabic word for God
6) You are a
7) The first man and prophet
8) The Arabic for faith
9) Imsak

DOWN

1) Iftar
2) The first letter of the Arabic alphabet
3) Islamic Peace Masjid
4) Iftar
5) Players
6) Transliteration
7) Jaza'ar
8) Tariq

Newsletter – Youth Quiz & Prizes

The first three individuals to get the correct answers on the word-search, 1 question and cross-word puzzle will each receive a 10.00 dollar gift card. The winner will be announced on our website and in the next newsletter.

Rules for the newsletter prize:
1. No one is allowed to ask the Imam for answers.
2. Age group: less than 15
3. Restrict to one winner per family/year.
4. Send answers to:

emailbox@masjidumarbinkhattab.org.
The pursuit of TRUE happiness by 'Anonymous'

We all desire happiness; this feeling is innate within us. We desire to be in a state of comfort and joy. We long for peace of mind and feelings of contentment, tranquility and ease. We spend our time, efforts and resources, or in other words, we spend our lives, in chasing this state. Sadly, however, we have failed. We actually live dark and miserable lives that are far from being happy. The vast majority of us live in despair and agony. We often find many things to complain of and are not completely satisfied with what we have. What is worse is that we don't have the slightest clue in how to attain a life full of happiness. The reason for our failure lies predominantly in our inability to understand a very simple principle – as human beings, we are composed of a physical body and a spiritual soul, with happiness being a characteristic of the soul. The body is sustained by 'worldly' material things while the soul is sustained by spiritual things, i.e. obeying Allah (SWT). True happiness is only attained when the soul is 'fed' with Islam.

We, as a society, have fooled ourselves into thinking that happiness lies in fulfilling our base desires (i.e. nafs) and feeding ourselves with things of material value. We have falsely deemed that success and true happiness will only be achieved when we attain the bells and whistles of this world. This is exactly why we see ourselves living and longing for the things of this world. We foolishly think that if we have a large house, that we will be happy. We perceive that having the latest expensive luxury or sports vehicle will make us content. We think that wearing the newest designer clothes will give us comfort. We think that eating the most lavish of foods will nourish us. We falsely believe that if we only made x more dollars, that we will be content and happy. The reality is that this is only a deception. Yes, our bodies may experience temporary moments of pleasure through attaining wealth and all that it can buy. Nothing of value, however, exists in fulfilling the desires of our physical bodies.

True happiness is never achieved by feeding the physical body. This is quite evident from experience. When we finally achieve the materialistic things of this world, those that we long for, we are never fully content. The individual with the 5-bedroom house still experiences a feeling of emptiness and longs for the 6-bedroom house or maybe even a second house altogether. After a short period of time, the person who had purchased a brand new 2010 car will start to eye the newer model when it comes out. Happiness never lies in fulfilling our bodily desires. Our desires are deeper than the depths of the ocean; they are endless. This is exactly why we see that in this society, a society that is so affluent, there exists such a large degree of depression. An individual can possess more wealth than he can imagine and he can have his deepest desire fulfilled with the snap of a finger yet he will continue to feel unhappy and empty, perhaps even to the point where he takes his own life. Although we have so much and we continue to feed into our desires day in and day out, we are sadly never completely satisfied and only continue to find ourselves complaining and wanting more. The simple fact is that true happiness and peace of mind can never be achieved by attaining the physical things of this world.

In reality, happiness is a characteristic of the soul and the soul is sustained by spiritual things, i.e. obeying and pleasing Allah (SWT). Those permanent feelings of comfort, contentment, joy and ease that we long for, can only be attained by maintaining and feeding our souls. True happiness can only be sought, when we completely submit ourselves to our Creator. A person who feeds the soul with the recitation of the Qur'an, with the remembrance and appreciation of his Creator, engages in what pleases Allah (SWT) and refrains from what displeases his Creator will be truly happy. Not only does this individual find comfort and peace in this life but will attain eternal bliss and be content in the next life as well. This is exactly why the Sahaba (RA), many of which were extremely poor, lived simple yet happy lives.

Thus, true happiness is a characteristic of the soul and can only be achieved once the soul fed with submission to Allah (SWT). Happiness certainly does not lie in fulfilling the desires of our physical bodies. May Allah (SWT) give us the ability to turn to Him completely and give us the best in this life and the next.
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VARIOUS WORDS OF WISDOMS

Poem #1: Hijab Poem
You look at me & call me oppressed
Simply coz of the way I am dressed
You know me not for what's inside
You judge the clothing I wear with pride
My body's not for your eyes to hold
You must speak to my mind, not my feminine mould
I'm an individual
It's Allah's pleasure that I only crave
I have a voice so I will be heard
For in my heart he carry his word
"O ye women, wrap close your cloak,
so you won't be bothered by ignorant folk"
Men don't tell me to dress this way
It's a law from Allah that I obey
Oppressed is something I'm truly NOT
For liberation is what I've got
It was given to me many years ago
With the right to prosper, the right to grow
I can climb mountains or cross the seas
Expand my mind in all degrees
For Allah Himself gave us LIB~ER~TY
When He sent Islam to
You & me!

Poem #2: O My Lord!
O Lord of the lords
I've turned grey and old
But how careless and casual still I am
My heart is pledged to fiendish cravings
My passion learnt not hitherto
What absorption is.
Am still not blessed with accolades of submission
And not so far bestowed upon
The midnight entreaties with eyes immersed.
O Lord! O erudite of all
Thou know the uncountable prostrations
Yearn and toss in my quivering bow
But ..........................
O my Lord! My beneficent Allah!
(SALMAN BASIT)

By Anonymous:
In Happy moments, praise God.
In Difficult moments, seek God.
In Quiet moments, worship God.
In Painful moments, trust God.

"Be like the sun for grace and mercy. Be like the night
to cover others' faults. Be like running water for
generosity. Be like death for rage and anger. Be like
the Earth for modesty. Appear as you are. Be as you
appear." — Rumi

Question/Answer:
Is it permissible to play board games?

Answer by Mufti Nayef Patel:
It will be permissible provided the following conditions
are observed:

1. The activity should not contain any Haram
elements. (e.g gambling)
2. The entertainment/game should not be a distraction
from the Sunan Mu'akada worship and obligatory
duties. (e.g Salat, obedience to parents, or chores)
3. The game/entertainment should not cause one to be
unmindful and inconsiderate to others (using abusive
language or being condescending)
4. It should not have a negative impact on one's daily
responsibilities.
5. The game/entertainment should not cause one to
become obsessed with it nor should there be over
indulgence.
6. There should be no imitation of the salient features
of the kuffar.

Answer to the cross-word puzzle

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