

# The Khuddam *Current*

*Keeping Khuddam current with Philadelphia Jamaat Activities*

## *Ijtema 2013: A Year to Remember*

*Safeer Bhatti*

It was the year that we tell our grand children that 1,240 participants nationwide came together under the flag of Lawaie e Ahmadiyyat to show that they are in fact the oldest Muslim organization in the United States. Not ever before was there an organization that packed three bags of food in less than three minutes to feed the homeless. This challenge earned us the distinction of MKA USA becoming World Champion in the Guinness Book of Records. Our World Champion Belt was covered with many stones including our silver wristbands that unified our identity as brothers. The 75th Anniversary logo became the paramount reflection of our lens with our shining vertical ID cards ready for professionalism. With great food by our side, workshops to intrigue our minds and competitions to make us better Muslims, we are Majlis Khuddam Ul Ahmadiyya, USA.

## *Ijtema 2013: A Personal Account*

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An awesome roller coaster, but like any roller coaster, it all comes to an end with each of us feeling how great fun and awesome the ride in which we experienced was. For me, this was a memorable ijtema because it was not an ijtema that confined its hard work to the individuals who originally signed up, but it was an ijtema in which all brothers across many majalis came out to help when they saw a need and the sheer sense of helping out at registration showed that there is no Muslim organization like ours that can truly prevail in brotherhood. Registration 2013 was in fact a train station for many Khuddam who would come travel with us and at their point of destination at whichever destination Allah Tallah sent them for, they would sigh for gratitude bid their farewell and their keep in touch remarks and leave. We had many passengers on this train that came for one way journeys and a few that wanted the excitement of a roundtrip all expense paid trip. Our conductors Abdul Hadi Ahmed and Zeeshan Hamid carried this train across many bridges. But our Station Master, our dear respected Sadr MKA USA Bilal Rana hugged each of us as we walked outside our trains stating: For the Majlis. Like any train station, there was an information booth where our red shirt Ijtema Information Brother Faraz Ahmad and his team were constantly asked more questions that SIRI on our iPhones. May we continue to follow the footsteps of our mentors and our leaders. As Qaid Sahib Philadelphia Affan Abdullah remarked, "Congratulations on a successful Ijtema. We came in second place in highest attendance" He further illustrated, Philly Khuddam worked hard throughout the nights just to ensure that all the mechanics were ticking at Fajr.

# *Jalsa Salana 2013: A Personal Account*

Zain Suleri

This year at the 2013 Jalsa Salana I helped out with the traffic duty. It was an interesting experience, considering that this was the first Jalsa that I did duty. I was approached by my Qaid who asked if I was willing to help out at the Jalsa and I agreed to help. I had mixed emotions entering the Jalsa, not knowing how much work I was going to have to do. We left our houses on Thursday afternoon, trying to get a head start on all of the work that we were going to have to do. Once we arrived at the Jalsa Gah, we unpacked and organized everything from the three vehicles. We split up into two groups and we went to our destination to see how and what we would have to set up. We started at 7:00 P.M. with nothing in the whole parking lot and we finished around 12 A.M. with everything set up. We assembled and put up signs, organized cones, went over the plan and even had dinner. I had a good nights sleep knowing that later that morning Jalsa Salana would start. Once we woke up we got into our areas and got ready for the rush right before Jumma. It was a busy and exciting three days at Jalsa Salana. I met multiple new people from various jamaats and created friendships with multiple khuddam. It was a great experience and I am excited for next year's Jalsa.

