

The Khuddam *Current*

Keeping Khuddam current with Philadelphia Jamaat Activities

Khuddam Picnic

Taseer Bhatti

On October 13th, the Philadelphia Khuddam held their general body meeting at Fort Washington State Park. The weather was nice that day – not too hot and not too cold. The picnic started with a BBQ that mainly included burgers and hot dogs. After a long, relaxed meal, the Khuddam performed wudhu and did salat. After this, many Khuddam went to play football. Others took a nap and/or talked to fellow Khuddam. The event ended around 3 P.M.

Khuddam and Atfal Sleepover 2014

Tasveer Khawaja

The Philadelphia Jamaat held its annual Khuddam and Atfal sleepover from December 31st to January 1st in order to welcome the new year. The event was filled with the remembrance of Allah and fun and games aimed to build brotherhood amongst Philadelphia Jamaat members. The event started with both Maghrib and Isha prayers at approximately 6pm. Although the weather was not ideal for outdoor activities, a barbeque was held for dinner at approximately 7pm. After dinner, attendees sought the warmth of an indoor environment and engaged in various activities, such as card and board games, video games, and even the making of smoothies which accompanied dinner. On the following morning tahjud and fajr prayers were offered, after which the program concluded with breakfast.

Letter to the Editor: It's time to celebrate the life of Jesus

The following is a letter to the editor written by Madeel Abdullah that was published in the Delaware County Times.

As I walk through the mall during this time of the year, I see people with numerous bags in their hands, rushing from store to store desperate to find those last minute deals. My email is overflowing with advertisements of items I will probably never buy. As an American Muslim, I wonder if the true spirit of Christmas has been drowned out by all this focus around shopping.

Although so much controversy exists around the life and death of Jesus, I think we can all agree that this is a time to act upon the teachings of Jesus. The Bible states, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions (Luke 12:15)." During this season, instead of spending so much of our time and money on gifts, perhaps we can get to the root of the spirit of Christmas and celebrate the life of Jesus, again.

Spotlight on Khadim: Talal Ahmad

Interview by Tasveer Khawaja

The *Spotlight on Khadim* is a new column that we have initiated in the *Khuddam Current*. It will feature an interview with a different Khadim each quarter. The first installment of the *Spotlight on Khadim* features Talal Ahmad, a 19 year old college sophomore who attends Temple University. His hobbies include modifying cars, building things, photography, embracing nature, “maxing and relaxing”, coffee, and “turbos”. He is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in accounting and hopes to earn a master’s degree along with a CPA license. He is an active Khadim who enthusiastically works to fulfill his responsibilities as Nazim Waqar-e-Amal and Naib Nazim Umoomi.



Tasveer Khawaja: What drives you to serve MKA?

Talal Ahmed: I can honestly say the biggest part of what drives me to serve MKA is helping others. My “main principle” in life is to treat others as you want to be treated. It makes me feel good when I get to help somebody or a community. Also, I don’t think I would be that active if it were not for having such awesome people in the jamat. Everyone is so sociable and get along very well.

Tasveer Khawaja: What is the most rewarding part about serving MKA?

Talal Ahmad: The most rewarding part may be seeing what you have accomplished at the end of the day. It can be anything from feeding the hungry or just cleaning up the mosque, but at the end of it all looking back and seeing what you’ve done.

Tasveer Khawaja: What is the most challenging part about being Nazim Waqar-e-Amal?

Talal Ahmad: There are some challenges associated with my position, but it’s actually not too hard at all most of the time. It may require some leadership skills, having some knowledge of handy work, and a little elbow grease to get the tough jobs done.

Tasveer Khawaja: What would you say to inactive members in order to motivate them to be more active?

Talal Ahmad: In the words of late and great T.V. host Bob Barker, “Come on down!” No one is going to bite your head off and give you a hard time about being inactive. It’ll actually be the complete opposite and we’ll invite you with open arms.