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***As of December 2016, the Anjuman has loaned out approximately US\$ 1.82 million to 300 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees in educational institutions in the United States. We are neither able to thank Allah enough for His mercy nor you for the continued patronage. Thanks.***

## **RAMADHAN MUBARAK**

The Anjuman extends felicitations to the community for the holy and blessed month of Ramadhan. May this holy month bring peace, prosperity and happiness to all. May Allah forgive our sins and accept our fasts, prayers, supplications, charity and efforts to cleanse our inner selves and transform us into better human beings, the kind of human beings that HE wishes us to be.

## **YADGAR FUNDS**

Dr. Shaukat Abbas Zaidi of Naperville, Illinois instituted a yadgar fund in the amount of \$10,000 in the memory of his parents, late Toqir Zaidi and late Razia Zaidi. We thank Dr. Zaidi for his generosity and request the readers to receipt a Sura e Fateha for the souls of late Toqir Zaid and late Razia Zaidi.

Yadgar funds are a befitting source of swab e jaria for our beloved deceased relatives as these funds stay invested and continue to provide loans to the needy and deserving students in our community year after year.

## **APPEAL**

In this month of Ramadhan, we solicit your support and contributions to help us in facilitating higher education for our youth. Helping our students achieve academic excellence opens up a world of opportunity not for one individual alone but secures a better future for a family who collectively make up the community.

We urge you to open your hearts and purses and help us in this noble cause. You can support us in many ways including:

**Annual Membership:** The membership dues are only \$120 for one year.

**Life Time Membership:** This tier is entails a one-time contribution of \$2,500.

**Khums:** The Anjuman has ijaza to collect the Sehm e Imam portion of khums from Ayatullah Syed Ali Sistani.

**Yadgar Funds:** You can create endowment funds in the memory of your loved ones for the purpose of sawab e jari'a for the departed souls.

**Matching Gifts:** Being an entity involved in promotion of higher education, the Anjuman qualifies for matching gifts from employers of our members and donors. We encourage you to explore this avenue of supporting the Anjuman and double your contributions.

**Donations:** You can make general donations in any amounts without being a member.

**Life Insurance and Investments:** You can name the Anjuman as a partial beneficiary in your life insurance policy and at the same time you can donate a part of your appreciated investments to the Anjuman on potentially tax free basis. *The Anjuman does not dispense any accounting and tax advice and we recommend that you consult with your tax, accounting and financial advisors to verify the tax implications for these contributions.*

To the existing members, we wish to remind you to **bring your dues up to date**. At the same time we wish to thank those members who have up tiered to Life Time Membership. This shows their concern for the youth of the community and their desire to see a well educated, intellectually and financially strong and self sustaining group that would become indispensable for the world. After all knowledge is the inheritance of the A'immah and will lead to our salvation in this world and in the hereafter. All donations and dues can be paid through our website ([www.anjumanwazifa.org](http://www.anjumanwazifa.org)).

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND LEADERSHIP

Conflict is a part of human interaction. We tend to avoid conflict but many times it is unavoidable. The key lies in how to deal with it. When there is a difference of opinion, forging a common path forward can be critical. The skill to “manage conflict” is always considered a top leadership trait. True leaders unite the people. Our Prophet SAWW managed conflict among the Arab tribes when he was thirty-five years old. The fight was over who should have the honor of placing the holy black stone in the Kaaba. He laid down a cloth, placed the black stone in the center and asked the leaders of each clan to hold a corner of the cloth. Then placed the stone in the Kaaba. Conflict was averted as he satisfied the honor of all clans. Conflict management skills are valued across all cultures, societies, organizations. Despite their importance, they are seldom taught at educational institutions.

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It makes sense for all Muslims to develop these skills. The basic capability of conflict management lies in being humble and respectful to others. Respectfulness translates into being a good listener. The Holy Prophet SAWW would never cut off anyone – he would hear them out. Undoubtedly, he had the best of morals. The Quran asks us to emulate his example.

Any person who develops respect and empathy can learn conflict management. A book by Harvard professors: “Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In” is a best seller on this topic. In short, the authors argue that conflict can be resolved when parties move from a “position” towards negotiating “the interest they want to protect”! Each Arab chief had taken a position that “he” would place the black stone in the Holy Kaaba. The underlying interest was to claim the honor associated with this action. The Prophet SAWW devised a plan to protect everyone’s honor by having the stone placed on a cloth. Of course, he had the trust of the clans due to his high moral standards which is why they were willing to listen to him. By negotiating with their interest in mind, he came up with a win-win for all.

A common conflict we Muslims face (especially in North America) is to agree on the first of the lunar month. The conflict usually becomes prominent with Ramadan, although it happens year-round! Muslim

scholars agree that reliable persons must confirm witnessing the crescent moon. Yes, science can help us predict whether sighting the moon is possible. But sometimes there is uncertainty on whether the moon can be sighted or not? For example, moonsighting.com (which visualizes the probability of sighting the moon) correctly predicted 1<sup>st</sup> Ramadan 1438 as Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. On the other hand, it indicates an uncertainty for 1<sup>st</sup> Shawwal 1438<sup>1</sup>. The day of Eid may fall on Sunday, 25 June or on Monday, 26 2017. In such scenarios, communities feel divided and frustrated. Rather than endless frustration, cannot we look at this as an opportunity for us to develop our conflict management skills? The moon sighting laws that require evaluating witness testimonies provide an opportunity for us to come together and form “a unified moon sighting committee” across the whole continent!

**Learning conflict management and the art of negotiation can help us build strong communities. We can develop true leaders who bring people together and unify them!**

<sup>1</sup> Reference <https://www.moonsighting.com/1438shw.html> - moon can be sighted in the USA if conditions are perfect

## LOAN APPLICATIONS INVITED

The applications portal on the Anjuman’s website is now open and accepting loan applications for the fall 2017 semester. Applicants are advised to submit the application on line and also mail the signed copy of the application and the fully executed and notarized Promissory Note to the Anjuman by the **deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Applications should be received by the deadline by the Anjuman and should be complete in all respects for consideration. Incomplete and late applications will be rejected.

**It is important to note that the Anjuman requires both the paper and the electronic portions of the loan application and one without the other will be considered incomplete.**

At this time, we wish to remind the guarantors to make sure that their membership dues for 2016 and 2017 are paid up before they sign a Promissory Note for any applicant.

**The Anjuman has, registered its presence on social media with the launch of our Facebook page. We request you to kindly visit the page.**  
<https://www.facebook.com/anjumanwazifa/>

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## **Membership Form**

*(Tax Exempt under IRS 13-3588100)*

Dear Sir,

I wish to become a member of the Anjuman Wazifa Sadaat o Momineen and enclose herewith my check/cash/online payment for US\$\_\_\_\_\_being the subscription for the year \_\_\_\_\_ or for Life time Membeship. I hereby undertake to abide by the Anjuman's Constitution, Rules and Regulations as approved by the Board of Directors.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

I am donating a sum of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

to support educational programs of the Anjuman.

I am contributing US\$\_\_ from my Khums money. *(Anjuman has obtained 'Ijaza' from Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Al- Seestani)*

I am donating a sum of US\$\_\_\_\_\_to establish an "Endowment Fund" in the memory of my late \_\_\_\_\_, the income from which will be utilized by the Anjuman for supporting its aims and objectives.

Name and contact information of person(s) who may be interested in Anjuman's membership:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

**CARDHOLDER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_  
E Mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

Credit Card Type      MasterCard    Visa    American Express    Discover  
Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION INFROMATION**

- I authorize a one- time charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I authorize a recurring charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
once every \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year) beginning on \_\_\_\_\_  
and ending on \_\_\_\_\_ or indefinitely.

The Purpose of my contribution is:

- Annual Membership Dues  
 Lifetime Membership Dues  
 Khums  
 Contribution to Yadgar Fund in the memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation  
 Repayment of my student loan from the Anjuman