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## Syed Hassan Shah Sahib

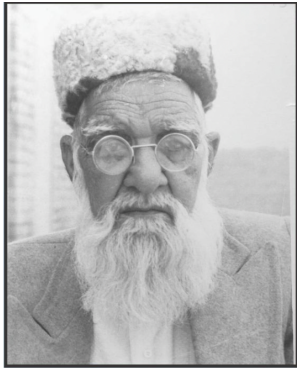
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My great grandfather and a companion of the Promised Messiah was born in 1889. He was brought up by his mother after his father's early death. He was quite religious and read the Holy Quran with translation along with books of different sects but didn't somehow feel satisfied.

He had heard of the Promised Messiah (as) and prayed to Allah that He should guide him. One night he had a dream that the Promised Messiah (as) was in his village, and he said Asalamoalaikum Ya Rasool Allah, to which the Promised Messiah replied and then he offered Tahajjud prayers behind the Promised Messiah (as).

He wrote a letter of Ba'it to the Promised Messiah (as) and in April 1907 went to Qadian and did Bai'at at the hands of the Promised Messiah (as). He stayed there for a couple of days and would accompany him during his morning walks.



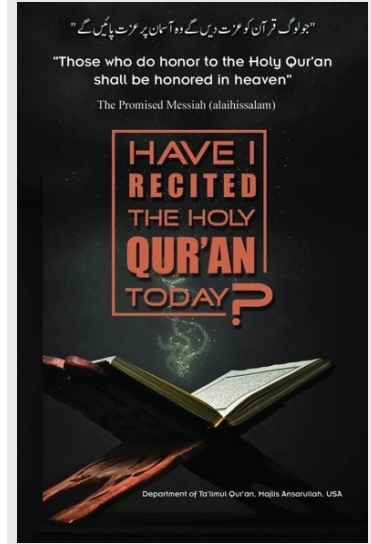
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Upon the demise of the Promised Messiah (as), he traveled to Lahore from Mardan to hear the reading of the last book of the Promised Messiah "Paigham e Sulah".

Upon hearing the demise of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (ra), he decided to go to Qadian but returned after hearing members of the "Paighami party" talking against Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra). He was very upset with this and went to Qadian to do Bai'at at the hands of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra). He moved to

Qadian and got married to the daughter of Hazrat Munshi Abdul Rehman Sahib, one of the 313 companions of the Promised Messiah.

In 1934, Majlis-e-Ehrrar wanted to hold a Jalsa in Qadian, he was assigned to a group to safeguard the Bahisthi Maqbara. A password was needed to enter the graveyard, but Hazrat Mian Sharif managed to enter without a password. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) asked Mir Mohammad Ishaq



sahib to investigate. My great grandfather was at security when he tried to enter but he would not let him go inside without the password.

In another incident, when a Sikh farmer died and by law his land was to be transferred to the family of the Promised Messiah (as), a Sikh land officer incited other Sikhs to start farming. Shah sahib went and removed the cultivator off the bulls and then fought with them. In the court the judge ordered the Sikhs to seek forgiveness from the Promised Messiah's family.

In 1947, he witnessed the bloodshed at the time of partition. Muslims living around Qadian moved to Qadian to seek safety. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) opened the Langar Khana for them. It was a critical time when he migrated from Qadian to Jhang, where he died in 1976. His funeral prayers were led by Hazrat Khalifatul Maish II (ra), and he was buried in the area reserved for the companions of the Promised Messiah (as).

### Recognition for Syed Muddessar Ahmad Sahib – Zaim Majlis Georgia-SC

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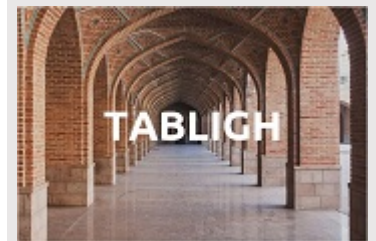
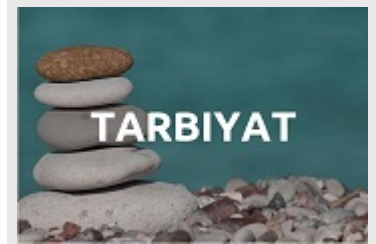
We all have heard about the American Dream. It's not the reason for most of Ahmadies to come to United States of America but still we have several who have achieved accomplishments with their presence here in the US. I am sharing the story of our Zaim Majlis Georgia-SC, Syed Muddessar Ahmad who recently received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement at a White House ceremony.

Muddessar Ahmad landed in Baltimore, MD on January 11, 2001, with \$2200 in his pocket. Like some, he started with working at a Gas Station. Although night cashier is not what he liked but it was important to him as that was the only way to attend Jumma prayer at Masjid Baitur Rehman. Allah the Almighty gave him the opportunity to work with an oil company. He escalated quickly to the level of Supervisor and was responsible for managing nine stores before he decided to start his own gas station business. This new venture moved him to Conyers, Georgia in July of 2003, with his partners.



This move was even more beneficial as the group grew from one leased operation to nine operations with some owned properties. It was June of 2005 when the president of Jama'at reached out to him and shared that since his business is involved in selling alcohol,

he should sell his business. Satan tried his ways, but Allah the Almighty blessed him again and his team decided to sell most of their gas stations and stop selling alcohol by September 2005. Though, it was tough times as income levels had gone down dramatically, but he and his partners stayed steadfast. They tried different business options such as check cashing, restaurant, internet café but nothing was able to bring in revenues anywhere



close to the previous operation. This was the time to decide, and he decided to get out of partnership and invest his share in real estate.

Allah the Almighty showed the miracle and US economy collapsed and his few thousand dollars from the sale of his share converted into the down payment towards several properties. Life started changing again and finally in 2013, after listening to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aba), he decided to move into politics. His meeting with Imam Naseem Mahdi Sahib also made the difference. Under his guidance he connected with political and social leaders and started grooming his social and political skills. Started working with civic and service organizations to serve the residents of his County, known as Rockdale County of Georgia.

In the whole journey, connection with Allah the Almighty and Jama'at was his first preference. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community became his trademark and now whole community knows him as AHMADI. In this process, Jama'at signs were promoted in public gatherings, such as Board of Commissioner meetings, Chamber of Commerce meetings, on the streets, and at the Veterans Park.

Here are some examples of his recognition in the community:

- Citizen of the year 2017 (Rockdale County BOC)
- Community Service Award 2018 (Chamber of Commerce)
- Martin Luther King Service Award 2018 (NAACP)
- Muddessar Ahmad day Proclamation (BOC)
- Friend of Schools (County Public School system)
- 4th Congressional District Community Service Award (Congressman Hank Johnson)
- Presidential Lifetime Achievement (President Joe Biden)

He is planning to run for Chairman Rockdale County in May of 2024. Please pray for him and his family.

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