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Masjid Etiquette

The coming of Imam Ahmed Almaz to our community has been a blessing in many ways. He is a very proactive brother and is presently organizing many events in and around the masjid area. These events range from our normal prayers, lectures and discussion groups, to Qur'an and Arabic classes, martial arts classes, potluck dinners, garage sales and various committee meetings. Throughout the onset of these activities the Imam would like us to remember and always keep in mind the basic Islamic Etiquettes of the masjid. The masjid is meant primarily for Divine worship and the remembrance of Allah. Yet it is much more than that, for it is also the essential meeting place for our muslim community in which we gather and interact together. It is a center of equality and culture, where brothers and sisters with origins from all over the world can gather and share their knowledge and diverse cultures centered around the remembrance of Allah Subhana Wa'tala. The fact however, that the masjid may be used for other functions other than prayer, does not detract from its sacred character. We should respect the religious nature of the masjid, by maintaining it as if it was our very home. Keeping it extremely clean, not raising our voices, restraining our anger, and no matter the activity that we are partaking in, keeping a solemn remembrance of Allah and respect for our place of worship. In this Imam Ahmed Almaz would like us to keep the following items of Islamic Etiquette in mind out of respect for our place of worship:



- Please remove your shoes and place them on the shelves outside of the Masjid, especially during the Jumah prayer. This will allow the maximum use of prayer space which is need during the Friday prayer.
- Absolutely No Smoking in the masjid proper, within the fenced area, or within the area 10-ft from the fence surrounding the masjid.
- Please no raising of loud voices in the masjid, and give your utmost respect to the Imam and brothers-sisters that are speaking to the congregation or making announcements, by not speaking during these times. This is a courtesy to them and those that want to hear what they are saying.
- Brothers and Sisters please wear proper Islamic dress to the masjid. Sister please wear Hijab and clothing that covers you up to your wrists and your ankles. When inviting non-muslims to the masjid please inform them of the etiquettes of islamic dress. Please tell visitors to dress modestly. Men must wear shirts and be covered from their waist down to below there knees (no shorts). Women should wear a Hijab head-covering and be covered up to there wrist and ankles. Both men and women should remove there shoes outside of the masjid.
- Imam Almaz also encourages the brothers and sisters to where there Islamic dress when coming to the masjid, especially during the Jumah prayer and EID celebrations, Share your traditional and national Islamic dress with your brothers and sisters. This will increase our sense of identity as muslims, help increase our focus of unity, diversity and beauty. So pull out those African, Egyptian, Pakistani, Indian, Afghani, Malay, Palestinian, Iraqi, Moroccan, American, etc. Islamic Clothes that are hanging deep in your closets and share that cultural beauty in the Name of Allah with your community.
- Keep the children under control, especially during times of prayer, the Jumah sermon, and during lectures, recitations and classes.
- Please turn off cell phones during Jumah prayer, general prayers, lectures and discussions
- Help keep the masjid as clean as possible, including the prayer areas, kitchen, bathrooms and office.
- During the Jumah prayer, please try not to block cars in the parking lot. If you must because of lack of parking spaces, please unblock your car as soon as the Jumah prayer is over so that brothers and sisters that need to leave to work quickly can maintain rapid access to there cars.

In Remembrance of Allah Subhana Wa'tala and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammed, PBUH.

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