

# ISOGS Newsletter

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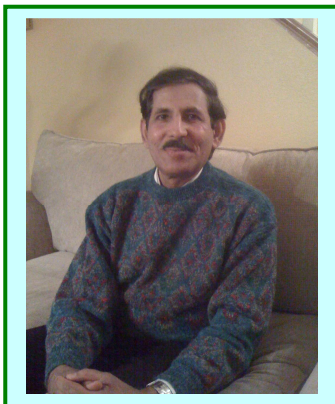
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## Sheikh Abdelaziz's Friday Khuthba

**Sheikh Abdelaziz Belfellah** said during his Friday *khuthba* that Islam does not allow believing in superstition (e.g., Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, black cat, etc.).

Everything that happens requires Allah's approval. All the "good" that happens is from Allah (e.g., Allah helps you do it), while all the "bad" that happens is because we did not ask for Allah's help and tried to do it on our own, or because of the sins that we have committed.

Everything in the heaven and earth belongs to Allah. Seek Allah's help and forgiveness.



## Community News

**Br. Tahir** is a serious musician who writes his own Urdu songs. He has been working on a CD for some time and has just completed writing and singing the songs for it. He hopes to be able to market and distribute the CD in Pakistan and elsewhere. Congratulations!

**Br. Javed Cheema** said Horace Mann has openings for IT employees. If interested, see the web page for positions available, job descriptions, and requirements: [www.horacemann.com/about/careers/default.aspx](http://www.horacemann.com/about/careers/default.aspx). Br. Javed can also help qualified individuals submit their resume to his company. Good luck!

Thanks to **Sr. Sadieka Qadeem** for submitting the prayer in the neighboring text box. Sr. Sadieka and **Br. Idriss Qadeem** have been helping the ISOGS since its beginning. Thanks!

**Sr. Diana Dobie** emailed community members about a new law that prohibits text messaging while driving. Public Act 96-130 ([www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov)) states that: "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message." The law signed by Gov. Quinn takes effect on January 1, 2010. Another new law (Public Act 96-131) prohibits using a cell phone in school and highway construction zones: "(e) A person . . . may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone . . . or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone . . ."

What to say upon completing ablutions:

**Oh Allah, make me among those who turn to You in repentance, and make me among those who are purified.**

Al-Tirmithi  
Obtained from  
**Sr. Sadieka Qadeem**

## Nominations Received for Elections

The ISOGS Election Committee has received many nominations for 2010-2011 Officers and Board Members by the December 6, 2009 deadline. Committee chairperson **Br. Mohammed Abdul Hameed** said they are contacting approximately two dozen nominees. The other members of the Election Committee are **Br. Tayyab Khawaja** and **Br. Adeeb Ahmed**.

Br. Hameed, who has also performed this service for the ISOGS previously, said "We are reaching out to all the eligible nominees to determine their interest in running for this year's election. Vibrant elections of the type that we are having show that the ISOGS has many strong volunteers who are willing and able to serve."

Other community members who have in past years served on the Election Committee include **Br. Siavash Mostoufi** and **Br. Kirk Kumerow**; their wives **Sr. Maryam Mostoufi** and **Sr. Fauzia Kumerow** have also actively served the ISOGS.

The results of the election will be counted at the General Body meeting called for this purpose. If there are insufficient nominees, the General Body meeting will nominate additional members and vote to elect a nominee(s):

### ISOGS Constitution and Bylaws, Article XII, Section 3.1.:

1. *The Chairperson of the Election Committee shall inform the Active Members if insufficient nominations are received for positions on the Executive Board. The Active Members shall then nominate the candidates for these positions at the General Body meeting. An election by secret ballot of Active Members attending the General Body meeting shall be held to determine which of the nominees shall be elected. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes in this election shall be declared elected.*

Best wishes to the Officers and Board Members for the next two years – may Allah help and guide your hard work!



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January 1 is New Year's holiday  
January 18 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY						
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February 15 is Presidents' Day

MARCH						
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March 14 is start of Daylight Savings Time

APRIL						
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May 31 is Memorial Day holiday

JUNE						
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July 4 is Independence Day (holiday is on the 5<sup>th</sup>)

AUGUST						
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August 11 is possible start of Ramadan

SEPTEMBER						
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September 6 is Labor Day holiday  
September 10 is possible Eid-ul-Fitr

OCTOBER						
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October 11 is Columbus Day

NOVEMBER						
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November 2 is Election Day  
November 7 is end of Daylight Savings Time  
November 16 is possible Eid-ul-Adha  
November 25 is Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER						
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December 7 is Muharram  
December 16 is Ashura  
December 24 is Christmas holiday  
December 26 is beginning of Kwanzaa