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## The Last 10 Days of Ramadan

Subhan'Allah, the blessed days of the month of Ramadan are almost over. Insha'Allah you have all been able to benefit from this magnificent month of fasting by increasing your prayers, your charity, your recitation of the Qur'an, your donations and your service to others. Focus on the last days by increasing your ibadaat and good deeds.

Alhamdulillah, we should all be thankful to Allah (SWT) for providing us with the opportunity to benefit from the rewards of this blessed month.

The ISM has arranged a variety of programs at our Masajid during the last ten days of Ramadan. Those who wish to observe 'itikaf are able to do so. However, even if you are not observing 'itikaf, we will be having special nightly programs from the end of Taraweeh until Fajr. There will be special nightly Qiyam prayers and dua's.

At the main Masjid on South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suhoor will be provided nightly for those who remain overnight for Qiyam.

We hope you take advantage of these opportunities and join us whenever you are available. Please note that no one under 14 will be able to remain overnight unless they have a parent with them. Those who are 14-16 years old must have written permission to remain overnight. The gym will NOT be open during the last 10 nights. We thank you for your cooperation.

**KHATMUL QURAN**  
27TH NIGHT OF RAMADAN  
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

ISHA/TARAWEEH	10:30PM
SPIRITUAL SPEECH	11:00PM
KHATMUL QURAN DUAA	12:15AM
PERSONAL TIME/THIKR	12:30AM
TAHAJJUD PRAYER	1:30AM
WITR PRAYER	2:00AM
REFRESHMENTS & SUHOOR	2:15AM
FAJR	4:00AM

ISM MAIN MASJID: 4707 S. 13TH ST.

**Eid ul-Fitr is on June 25, 2017**  
*Eid Mubarak to all!!*

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Eye and ear drops do not break the fast while nose drops/inhalers do. Nasal inhalers go directly to the back of throat. Asthma inhalers do the same and should be avoided even though some jurists have permitted them not knowing their exact ingredients and interactions. All injections which do not go directly to the blood arteries are permitted. Intervenuous injections and I.V. fluids do break the fast. Insulin injections do not break the fast. Blood donation nullifies the fast. A small amount of blood drawn for tests does not break fast. Dental cleaning and laser periodontal work does not break fast as long as no water or chemicals go down the throat. Nasal, ear and throat tests do not break the fast. Normal endoscopy, arthroscopy, bronchoscopy, colonoscopy and cystoscopy do not nullify fasting. It breaks the fast if the endoscopy tube contains some additional lubricants or solutions. Blood transfusion, kidney dialysis and chemotherapy nullify fasting. Uterus, uterine and colon tests do not break the fast. Tooth paste, mouthwash and swimming does not break the fast as long as nothing goes down the throat.

Zakat al-Maal should be given during the month of Ramadan to attain additional reward. The extra cash that stays for most of the year after basic necessities is zakatable. Zakat is paid on the rental income of leased properties and the annual profit of businesses. There is no Zakat on 401K plans until one takes full control of the account without any penalties or external interference. Zakat on the entire amount must be paid after the full possession. Zakat should be given on all sorts of jewelry and other precious assets including bonds, shares and diamonds. Zakat can be given to the needy relatives including ones immediate family members such as brothers and sisters. Zakat al-Fitr can only be given to the very poor and needy individuals/families who lack basic necessities of life such as food, and clothing. Zakat al-Fitr is obligatory upon all members of the family including the babies. It is \$10 per person this year and should be given before the Eid prayer. Please pay it as soon as possible so that it reaches the deserving families before Eid al-Fitr. May Allah SWT accept it from us and bless us all.

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# Message from the President of the ISM

My Very Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Assalamu Alaikum wa' Rahmat'Allah wa' Barakatuhu.

May the Blessings of Allah (Subhanahu wa'taala) shower on you and yours in this beautiful month of Ramadan...Ameen!

Alhamdulillah, this Ramadan has been a very busy one for the ISM. We are seeing very large, vibrant crowds at all of our Masajid. To accommodate all those who wish to attend and perform their prayers and other ibadaat, we have hired temporary staff who work in traffic control, security, child care, custodial care and other functions. We want to make sure that you are comfortable visiting the Houses of Allah (SWT) during Ramadan and that your time at the Masajid is meaningful and spiritually uplifting.

I want to remind myself first and then you of one small item: Ramadan is a time to perform self-evaluation. Please focus on how much we can offer to others—the deserving, the needy. Let us ask ourselves, “What more can I do for my community?”

**I would also like to thank all of those who have attended our fundraising programs, or who have donated or made pledges to the ISM. I had an opportunity to meet many of you during the fundraising programs and Taraweeh prayers. Our Masajid and our programs and activities would not be possible without the Grace and Blessings of Allah (SWT) and your donations. We ask Allah (SWT) to continue to bless you and your families.**

I wish you and all of your loved ones a Happy and Peaceful Eid.

Dr. Iftekhhar Khan

Please contact me (414-517-3937 or [khani@uwm.edu](mailto:khani@uwm.edu)) if you have any questions or concerns about ISM. I along with the members of the Shura welcome the opportunity to hear from you and we look forward to working together and making the ISM live up to its mission, vision and ideals.



## Do you know Dr. Iftekhhar Khan?

Dr. Iftekhhar Khan recently assumed the presidency of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee following the resignation of Br. Ahmed Quereshi. Br. Ahmed, who served the ISM for many years, has pursued an opportunity with the Muslim Community and Health Center (MCHC). We thank him for his service to the ISM.

Dr. Khan is not new to our community or to the ISM. He has been in the Milwaukee area since 1974. During those early years, the Muslim community was quite small. In fact, since there was no Masjid, some Friday prayers were actually performed in Dr. Khan's apartment! Along with his wife Kaukab, they raised their two children in the Milwaukee area.

**Dr. Khan was one of the early founders of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee.** While a university student, he was a leader of the Muslim Students' Association (MSA). Professionally, he is an engineer and a professor at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. At UWM, he also serves as the faculty advisor to the MSA.

Those who know Dr. Khan will attest to the fact that he is a very sincere, honorable, humble and approachable professional who takes his religion and his organizational responsibilities seriously. Dr. Khan is also a very hard worker and a dedicated community leader who has high expectations of himself and others. May Allah bless Dr. Khan and his family and guide him in all his efforts!

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# ISM's Annual General Assembly Meeting

On Sunday, April 30, 2017, the Islamic Society of Milwaukee held its annual General Assembly meeting. The purpose of the General Assembly meeting is to provide a report about the activities, programs, finances and operations of the ISM to its members. Although the meeting is primarily for ISM members, the meeting has always been open to all community members. (To see how you can become a member of ISM, see box below! We would love to have you as a member!)

Alhamdulillah, the ISM has held a General Assembly meeting every year since it was established nearly four decades ago. This fact reflects the long-term stability, professionalism and transparency of the ISM and the commitment of its members and leaders. May Allah (SWT) bless the ISM and all those who have ever sacrificed their time, efforts, or money for supporting a successful Islamic organization!

This year's General Assembly meeting was opened by Dr. Iftekhhar Khan, the President of the ISM. Those who attended the meeting heard from our three ISM Imams as well as from a number of ISM Shura representatives as they presented information about the programs of the ISM, its activities and accomplishments, and its future plans.

One important component of the annual meeting is the presentation of an extensive financial report. Unlike any other Islamic organization or Masjid in Milwaukee, the ISM shares detailed financial information with its members. **IF YOU DONATE TO AN ORGANIZATION, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW AND WHERE YOUR DONATED MONEY IS BEING SPENT!** The financial report was presented by ISM Treasurer Br. Nabil Salous. Br. Nabil also mentioned that the ISM, like other professional organizations, has an annual independent audit conducted by a reputable Certified Public Accounting firm. Br. Nabil mentioned that the auditors have always found that the ISM to be in full compliance with all financial rules and regulations and the ISM has always maintained high standards.

## How to become a member of the ISM

According to the ISM Constitution, there are two ways you can become a member.

1. You can pay an annual membership fee. The family membership fee is \$100. If you are single, the fee is only \$50. It is best to pay the membership fee by February 1.
2. If you donate and pay \$500 or more to the ISM, you will automatically become a member the following calendar year.

## Who is new to the ISM Executive Board (Shura)?

During the last ISM Executive Board (Shura) elections, three individuals who had never served on the ISM Board were elected. What is important to note about all three of them is that they have been actively involved with the ISM for many years. They have volunteered a tremendous amount of their time and efforts to improving the ISM. This made them attractive candidates to serve on the ISM Board. We welcome them and the other candidates who have been re-elected to the ISM Board and we ask Allah (SWT) to bless and guide them all.

To replace our old fundraising chairman (he is not *very* old), Br. Munjed Ahmad (who served his elected terms), was Azmi Alaeddin, a member of the Milwaukee community for nearly 40 years. Br. Azmi is the owner and operator of three prime businesses in downtown Milwaukee. Br. Azmi has many new ideas that he wants to implement as fundraising chair. Ahmad Azzam is also new to the ISM Board. Br. Ahmad works in IT and is the Director of a large investment company located in Milwaukee. Br. Azzam is very passionate about improving the lives of youth in our community. The third new ISM Board member may be new to the Board, but she is not new to the ISM. Sr. Ala Ismail has been actively involved in the ISM for many years. For two years, she was the administrator of the ISM office. As a young professional, Sr. Ala seeks to bring her activism to continue to improve the ISM.

With the addition of Sr. Ala to the ISM Board, the ISM Board now has four sisters: Sr. Inshirah Farhoud, Sr. Zehra Tahir, Sr. Orusa Mozaffar Hassan and Sr. Ala Ismail. We are proud to have sisters involved in the leadership of our organization!

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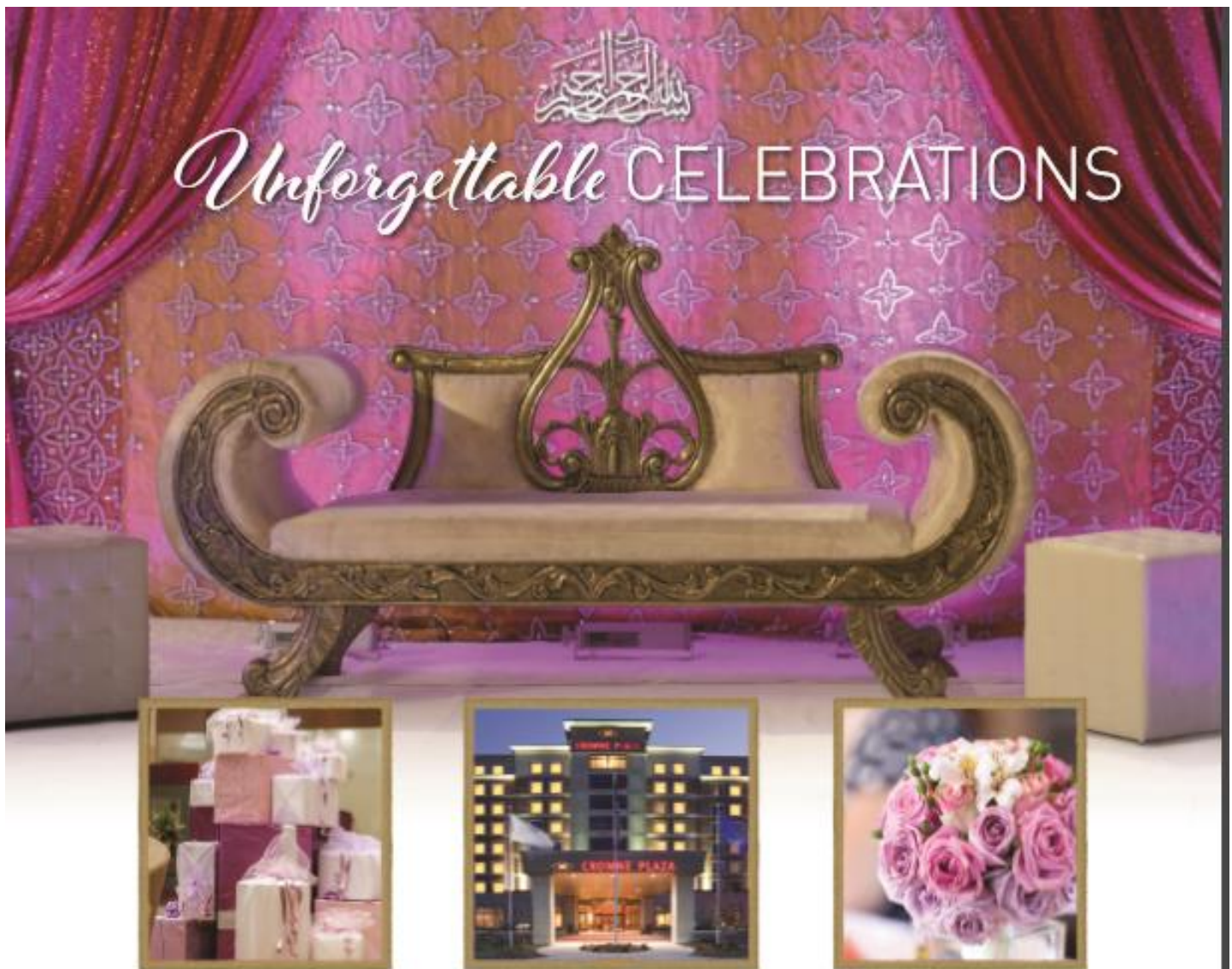
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# ISM Community High School Graduation



On Saturday May 20, 2017, the ISM hosted its annual high school graduation program. The program celebrates all high school graduates in our community. The students and their families attended a short program that highlighted the graduates, the high school they graduated from and their future plans. Graduates were also given the opportunity to deliver a short talk. A dinner followed the program. We congratulate all of our graduates and wish them well in their educational pursuits.

**Pictured Above (right to left):**

Top row : Lauren Shalaby, Loubna Diab, Fatima (Jameela) Yusuf, Yasmeen Atta, Sundus Ewis, Ghadir Assad, Nada Manasrah

Middle Row: Minnat-allah Ahmad, Mahbuba Amer, Haneen Saed, Eman Kayed, Nadeen Elqaa, Sumaieh Jaber, Batoul Jaber

Lower row: Haroon Shaik, Adel Sarsour, Marwan Jaber, Mahmoud Jaber



## Recent Programs at the ISM

In the few months prior to Ramadan, the ISM held a variety of programs at its main facility. The following pages document some of these programs.

### Muslim Immigration Ban: Facts & Realities

In response to the proposed immigration ban being promoted by some members of government, the ISM held a program to help the community gain a better understanding of their rights. The panel included our community members, Attorneys Munjed Ahmad and Ahmad Quereshi. Other speakers included an ACLU Representative, Emilio De Torre and Attorney Kevin Layde.



### History of Islam in America



Guest speaker, Usadth Ubaydullah Evans, visited ISM and spoke to the community about the history of Islam in America. Usadth Ubaydullah Evans, said to be the first African-American to graduate from Azhar University in Cairo, spoke about the large number of Muslims who were brought to the United States on slave ships. Many of these “slaves” were highly literate individuals and even scholars. Br. Evans also spoke about Elijah Muhammad and the formation of the Nation of Islam. He discussed the important impact the Nation of Islam had on the African American Community and how many renown African Americans, such as the late boxer Muhammad Ali, came to mainstream Islam through the Nation of Islam. Br. Evans also discussed some current issues and concerns facing Muslims,



## Meet Our Community's Huffath



The Muslim community of Milwaukee was blessed to be in the presence of many of our community's Huffath (those who memorize the entire Qur'an). The Huffath included young boys and young girls, men and women, and individuals from many backgrounds. Over 30 huffath were invited to share their insight and inspire the members of our community to recite and memorize the Quran. They spoke to the community about the very different journeys they went through while memorizing the Quran. We learned about the challenges they faced during their time of memorization as well as the role of their families.

The audience was told how long it took each of them to memorize the entire Qur'an, how old they were when they completed memorization and what was their primary motivation. All members of the audience were inspired to strengthen their com-



## Addressing Misconceptions About the Quran

Sheikh Ziad and Dr. Zulfiqar Shah spoke to our community about false allegations that are made against Islam. They answered questions such as "Does the Quran encourage Muslims to kill or humiliate non-Muslims?", "Does the Quran allow domestic violence?" and "Does the Quran contradict itself due to the concept of abrogation?"







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# Message from the ISM Treasurer

It is important for all organizations, especially not-for-profit organizations, to be transparent about their finances and to communicate this information to their donors. This is especially important for Muslim organizations, since Muslim organizations are often the target of Islamophobes.

The ISM has its financial records audited every year by a certified auditor. Alhamdulillah, the auditors have always determined that our financial records are accurate, that all legal and financial documents are in order, that our financial procedures and decision-making criteria meet established accounting, professional and legal standards, and that our organization has not had any financial problems of any kind. The auditors have helped us improve our financial systems and operating procedures.

The ISM reports its financial activities to its members at its annual general assembly meeting. At this meeting, the ISM presents a detailed financial report for its members. The ISM is the only Muslim organization in Milwaukee to do so.

For those who may not be familiar with the finances of the ISM, I have prepared the following information about the ISM and some of its funds.

**The General Fund:** The ISM funds its operations, activities and programs through direct, unrestricted donations to the General Fund of the ISM. During the last calendar year, the ISM collected a total of \$978,576.71 in pledges and donations. Out of its general fund, the ISM covered the running expenses of all of its Masajid, including all programs and activities (other than Salam School. (Salam School has its own budget and obtains its income from tuition payments).

**The Assistance Fund:** The second main fund at the organization is **the Assistance Fund**. On a regular basis, deserving individuals come to ISM office seeking financial assistance. Refugees, new immigrant families and many poor Muslim families have been relocating closer to the main ISM facility on South 13<sup>th</sup> Street. As a result, the demand of this fund has substantially increased in the last few years. The ISM also provides assistance to local Muslim and other organizations with whom we have good relations. We cover the expenses of the food pantry project at the Da'wa Center that provides food to thousands of needy families; we have provided regular assistance to Masjid Mubarak that serves the Rohingya Muslim community; we regularly support the Sheboygan Masjid, that is being attended by more Muslim refugees that have been placed in that area by refugee resettlement agencies; we conduct dawah and outreach programs that reach thousands of people, explaining Islamic beliefs and practices and combatting misinformation and hate; we are members of various interfaith organizations, and we support various community projects and programs. Most of the funds for the assistance fund comes from those who donate to the ISM and designate it as "Zakat" or "Sadaqa". If we run short, we use our general funds. Last year alone, the ISM collected and distributed a total of \$321,031.70 out of this fund.



**The Real Estate Fund:** As part of its long term plan and vision to obtain income generating properties to support the finances of the organization, the ISM has been acquiring properties that have multiple purposes. Some of these income generating properties are rented to commercial tenants, with the income reserved or used for the purpose of ISM maintenance and facility expansion. For example, the ISM was able to construct ISM Brookfield at a cost of \$2,400,000 plus cost of the land. To ease the parking issue at ISM Main, the ISM was able to acquire land from the State of Wisconsin and construct a large parking lot as well as a second entry and exit point for the Masjid on Layton Avenue. This project cost the ISM \$700,000.

**Future projects:** Partnering with Salam School, which is looking for a new building so that it can separate its middle and high school into two campuses, the ISM wants to construct a Youth and Community Center for the entire community. Although this project is in the planning stage, it is an obligation upon all of us to invest in our youth. They are the future of our community they are the future of Islam in America.

Nabil Salous, ISM treasurer



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# ISM Appreciates Your Support

Ever since the presidential elections last November, the ISM has seen an increase in calls, letters and emails in support of the Muslim community.

The ISM would like to thank the community for the extraordinary kindness that was and continues to be expressed to us.

Although these continue to be uncertain times, the outpouring of love, acceptance, and understanding shown by our fellow Americans has encouraged us to remain steadfast in our collective struggle against injustice and bigotry.

We appreciate every phone call, email, letter, Facebook messages, encounter and visit.

On this page are photos of some of the beautiful flowers left by our beautiful Milwaukee neighbors. One note states “these flowers are sent as an expression of love and peace. You, as well as all Muslims will be kept in my thoughts and prayers. Be safe.”



**The following are an example of the messages the ISM receives via mail or email.**



“On behalf of my family, I wish to express our love, goodwill, and support to our local Islamic Community. We are horrified, heartbroken, and ashamed by many of the things happening in our country. — **Eric**

“I am heartsick by the way your religion continues to be denigrated. Please know that many of us see you for the peace-loving, positive members of our community that you are.” — **Amy**

“You are welcome here!!! We will get through this together. Have faith.” — **Pat**

“I hope all is well with you and your members. In light of recent events occurring in our country, I wanted to send a message of love and my support to your organization and members. God is love.” — **Kayla**

“I am deeply troubled by what is going on in this country right now. I stand with you all here in Milwaukee.” — **Anna**



## THE IMPORTANCE OF OUTREACH

### *Welcome to our Mosque!*

An important function performed by the ISM is outreach/dawah to our community. Each year, the ISM welcomes thousands of visitors to our Masajid.

One of our most attended events is the two day “open house” which is part of the city-wide “Doors Open Milwaukee” event. This year, the event will take place on September 23 and 24. Our main facility at 4707 S. 13th Street will be open to the public on both days from 10:00am-5:00pm.

The ISM also schedules regular visits by schools, church groups and other professional, civic, educational and cultural groups.



## Why Go Solar?

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**Financial Incentives:** There are currently some incentives through Focus on Energy and financial models to explore.

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**Support Local Jobs:** The number of solar jobs and trainings in Wisconsin is increasing. By creating more demand you are helping support Wisconsin jobs in solar manufacturing, installation, sales and distribution.

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# Salam School News

The ISM has a wide variety of activities and programs. The largest program operated by the ISM is Salam School. Salam School is a nationally certified K-12 school with over 760 students. We have one of the largest Islamic schools in the nation.

This year is the 25th anniversary of Salam School and the school is planning a series of special events and programs.



Insha'Allah, in the next addition of ISM Today newsletter, we will be featuring a special section about Salam School and Salam School alumni. We will also include information about the 2017 Salam High school graduates.

If you are a Salam School alumni (8th grade or high school), we would love to hear from you and know what you are currently doing.

You can send your information to [ismoffice@ismonline.org](mailto:ismoffice@ismonline.org). If you have any historical information, documents or photos you would be willing to share, please email us or visit us at the ISM Office!

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