

# MASUD TEMPLE NO. 69 SHINES BRIGHTLY IN THE DOMAIN

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hat a busy year for the Nobility and Daughters of Masud Temple No. 69.

The month of **February** saw the creation of 42 novices into the land of Shrinedom, making them the members of the A.E.O.N.M.S. Under the leadership of our Illustrious Potentate Michael Campbell, our Deputy of the Desert PP Alexander Carter, and our Deputy of the Oasis PP Alexander Carter, Masud Temple no. 69 saw its largest creation in recent memory.

**March** brought more accolades as Masud Temple No. 69 stormed 2012 Gala Day held in beautiful Daytona Beach, FL. Masud Temple No. 69 garnered: 1<sup>st</sup> place Bicycle Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Marching Unit, Most in Attendance Award, and the Illustrious Potentate of the Year Award!

**August** brought the biggest surprise of the year! During the Imperial Session, held in New Orleans, Louisiana, Masud Temple No. 69 captured the coveted 2012 TEMPLE OF THE YEAR FOR THE DOMAIN”.

These accomplishments only support Masud Temple No. 69’s drive to *continue* their efforts towards the National Diabetes Initiative under Noble Tim Alvin [Vol. 69 (9), p. 46]. The Red Cross Blood Drive, held at Lake Worth High School, provided an excellent opportunity to continue the enlightenment of Diabetes to over 150 students. Noble Matthew Stevenson has made an effort to the Mentoring program through Masud Temple No. 69 that involves African-American males from over sixty-five middle and high schools in Palm Beach County.

November brings in our most important task to date – voting. Masud Temple No. 69 has committed to the re-election of President Barak Obama to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. The voting age was changed from 21 to 18 in 1971 when the 26th Amendment was signed into law and gave the privilege of voting in federal and state elections to a new group of voters. Based on this amendment change, just less than 50 million young people ages 18 to 29 will be eligible to vote in the 2012 presidential election (the Center for Information on Civic Learning and Engagement, Tufts University). The unrefined numbers of African Americans expected to vote November 2 will be in record numbers. This will be needed in order to swing the Fifteen percent Black voting population in Florida for the 2012 presidential election.

Masud Temple No. 69 is up to the challenge! During October, the Nobility “rustled the nests” by engaging local high school principals (Nobles Dr. A. Hamlet and Dr. G. L. Lockhart), who encouraged students, 18 years and above, to participate in the voting registration drive. PP Pembroke Burrows held a successful voting vigil at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist church in West Palm Beach, FL. Many would have us not vote and have placed obstacles in our way. However, “In the fell clutch of circumstance, we have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance, our head is bloody, but unbowed”.

We are not aware of the future, but God knows. May the Lord continue to be our Guide and we are reminded (in all things) to "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

Until then... observe us working in Masud style with an *extraordinary flair!*