



Presentation to the Khalsa Council

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President's Address

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It has been a little over two years since the election of the Initial Board and just short of two years since the term of the first SSSC began. These are historic times which we knew would come and in which we are privileged to serve.

The Executive Director will detail shortly some of the principal achievements of this first SSSC Board, the most important of which has been realigning the direction of this Dharma and the system of spiritual technology delivered to us by Siri Singh Sahib Bhai Sahib Harbhajan Singh Khalsa Yogiji with the principals and concepts of Divine guidance, Guru inspired service, love, peace, and prosperity for all.

The map for our successful journey was provided by Siri Singh Sahib. When he showed it to us over the course of 30 plus years it seemed easy enough to follow, but we now know we must walk the sometimes difficult miles and distance to our destiny on our own.

The picture of a mountain on a map can hardly prepare you or do justice to the steep incline or the slippery rocks you may encounter on your trek. The words "20 kilometers" look a lot different than it feels to the soles of your feet. The outline of a river on a piece of paper or a GPS screen doesn't quite get you ready for the deep ice cold water you may have to swim in or walk through. This however is our challenge.

We knew these days would come and we promised to be ready. We promised him and each other that we would traverse this road of destiny together, not so that just one of us makes it but so that the mission is delivered. On the way some folks may slip down and it's up to each of us to reach back and pull them through. It's a fact that many will die and be born along the way. It is up to us mourn and celebrate with love and affection and to keep moving.

The tenth anniversary of the passing of the Siri Singh Sahib is upon us and we have made it quite a distance by Guru's grace and with the subtle guidance of our beloved teacher. But judging from the words of our teacher about this

transition to a new age of awareness and an assessment of the current state of the world we do not have time to stop and admire our work.

Today we believe we can talk into a little plastic box and communicate with someone half way around the world whose name is not "Scotty" or tap on some plastic keys and send pictures, words and music out into space to be recaptured and communicated to others in another space and time, but we may have difficulty believing that a spiritual master can guide and benefit his students from the virtually unlimited expanse of his subtle body. Now is the time to move beyond "seeing is believing" and experience that believing delivers the experience.

We have all the resources we need to succeed. Just as God provides for the birds, the bees and the trees, God and Guru provide for us. Our path is a simple, but sometimes challenging, daily affirmation of this reality. Each day begins and ends with attunement, alignment, immersion, and service. Each morning we attune the instrument, which is this sensory human being, to the divine vibration described as the Name of God, which permeates all creation, and thereby we establish our connection and communication with the Infinite, which is in us on us and around us. We align ourselves and the highest synergistic vibration of our own finite energy system with the Infinite "All in All". We immerse ourselves in the blissful bounty of God's ever flowing radiance and resurface to humbly and selflessly serve humanity as we are called. We return to the company of the holy to refresh, renew and affirm the power of the Creator in every aspect of our existence. Take a nap a rise to do it all again. A simple but powerful way of life...to be shared.

Just as the Golden Temple has four doors that lead to the wisdom of the Guru, this Dharma has four avenues for those who are seeking to find their highest destiny at the feet of the Siri Guru Granth Sahib. Our yoga centers, our schools, our businesses and our Gurdwaras were forged into a system of spiritual communities designed by the Siri Singh Sahib to be replicated around the world to teach, protect, nurture and uplift all those who would see a Nishan Sahib or a turban just once, or find their way even if by mistake to a Yoga class, or drive by a truck carrying products inspired by the Guru's message, or see just once the radiance of child educated and nurtured in the lap of Guru Ram Das. That is who we have been, that is who we are, and that is who we shall be.

Our individual success is predicated on this disciplined path of attunement, alignment, immersion and service. Our collective success and the delivery of this Mission are built on the same system.

The emerging task for the SSSC is and will be to advance the synthesis of and support the interactive synergy between our non-profits and our for profit entities so that we use economy of motion in delivering the products and technology of peace and prosperity.

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to deliver the technology and provide venues to experience the technologies of Kundalini Yoga, Naam Simran, Sat Nam Rasayan and White Tantric Yoga.

It is and will be the task of the SSSC to plant the seeds and nurture and grow the strong fruit-bearing trees of new dharmic businesses that will provide work and sustenance for all those who would follow the path of Nanak and work hard by the sweat of their brow and share their abundance with others.

It is and will be the task of the SSSC to grow and replicate the MPA education system for academic and spiritual excellence by working with the constituent board(s) to provide resources and oversight and to set the intention to advance the quality and quantity of the student experience currently on proud display in Brazil and India.

It is and will be the task of the SSSC to work with the Ministry and SDI to enhance and expand our Gurdwaras and the infrastructure surrounding the delivery of the Guru's message of peace and prosperity through our own efforts to feed the hungry, house the homeless, nurture and care for those who others would abandon, on our own and through partnering with other faith traditions.

These are the times we prayed for and that prayer has been answered. Now may our prayer be that we have the individual and collective physical, mental, and spiritual strength to deliver our share of this Mission, to humbly during our time here to lay those few bricks or to merely carry buckets of dirt from the foundation of what is and will grow to be a beautiful divine living testament to Ek Ong Kar... and then die with grace dignity and divinity leaving behind those who have been trained, poised and ready to take our place with strength, confidence, experience, knowledge and integrity to carry on as we fall away.

It has been a privilege, a challenge, and an honor to serve as the first President of the Siri Singh Sahib Corporation and to serve on this Board with such dedicated, accomplished, talented and humble individuals each of whom serves without any compensation or individual recognition.

Our Dharma continues to flourish. Classes are being taught all over the globe, Gurdwaras continue to grow and prosper, students have graduated and new students have come to take their place, babies are being born and folks still here are getting in better shape to be here longer.

This is an especially auspicious time as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the physical departure of our Beloved Teacher Siri Singh Sahib Ji. The dedication of the organizers and volunteers working on the program is an inspiration and should be recognized and appreciated.

All of us on the SSSC recognize the huge responsibility that we have undertaken. We have come to recognize, appreciate and accept that we are seventeen diverse, strong-minded, multi-faceted ministers and senior teachers. This is our strength. We are thorough, diligent, creative and committed to making the best decisions for this Dharma and its constituents.

These past six months have been a time of consolidation. We have spent considerable time and energy working with our non-profits, including an extensive board repopulation process with the goal of ensuring that each board has an optimal mix of skillsets, experience, and viewpoints. This is an ongoing process and the Constituent Board Service Committee is devoted to that task.

SSSC Board and the Constituent Boards continue to meet quarterly and there is a regular meeting of the non-profit CEOs, including the Executive Director of the SSSC, to ensure that ongoing successful communication occurs between the entities.

The Financial Subcommittee meets every two weeks and continues to address the financial security of the Dharma and its related entities.

Our CCC Committee is in the midst of the annual granting process, which has not skipped a beat. The Committee is working judiciously to ensure that funds are distributed equitably so that the non-profits can fulfill their individual missions.

Challenges remain: there is still litigation that needs to be resolved. By Guru's Grace and with the prayers of the Sangat, we are hopeful that we can bring any outstanding issues to a successful, beneficial outcome and we can move forward together.

At the next Khalsa Council meetings there may be new members sitting before you on the SSSC Board. This is a time for committed service and no one wants to be that spurious mustard seed cast adrift in the field of opportunity. I would therefore like to encourage anyone who feels called to serve in this Dharma as an SSSC Board member or in any other capacity to step forward. This Dharma belongs to each of us. It was given without reservation but with the condition that we rise to our highest destiny and commit our full effort. There is an opportunity and a place for everyone to serve.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa! Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!