

# A BRIEF BIO

## GRAND SHEIK SHAAHID ALI EL, M.S.T. OF A.

Salutations of Islam (Peace)...

Bro. Shaahid Ali El (Bro. Anthony Brooks El) accepted the lofty teachings of the holy and divine Prophet Noble Drew Ali and proclaimed his nationality through the Moorish Science Temple of America, Subordinate Temple #24, Los Angeles, California, October 15, 1999, under the leadership of Bro. A. Lane El, G.S., and Elder Sheiks, Bro. A. Mooreland El and Bro. R. Sattaar El. In 2001, Shaahid was recommended as an Initiate to the A.C. of the M.S.T. of A. and appointed Asst. Treasurer of the local subordinate Temple. In 2003, Shaahid was Initiated into the A.C. of the MST of A by authority of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Chicago, Illinois USA, under the leadership of Bro. E. Brasswell Bey, S.G.S. and Bro. D. Bailey, S.G.G., S.G.C. and members of the Grand Body. In 2004, Shaahid moved from Asst. Treasurer to Treasurer, and from there he continued to grow and unfold in the divine lessons of the **Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, by Allah's Grace**. On November 7, 2008, Shaahid was appointed Grand Sheik and Divine Minister of the MST of A, Subordinate Temple #24, Los Angeles, California.

Shaahid, who never had the ambition of ever being a Sheik in this Divine Movement, he truly, just wanting to hear the soft impressions of the truth to calm his internal storms and center his family in the creed and religion of their ancient foremothers and fathers; and now being appointed Grand Sheik and Divine Minister brought a lot of anxieties upon him, mental insecurities of not being qualified enough for the station, and the weight of letting down the families of members who looked to him for leadership. And this is the condition that sent him into a more sincere and in-depth study of the Holy Koran of the M.S.T. of A., (Teachings and Science of the Higher Self and Lower Self).

But as he began communicating and uniting with different bodies of Moors across the country, who were intimately dedicated to breaking down the walls of division through genuine expressions of love and unity, he began to see our Sacred Temple in a different light. It was through the spirit of Chapter 25, A Holy Covenant of the Asiatic Nation, "...and his care be continued to you all in your love to each other", which began his great awakening. He realized that through the Spirit of Compassion you could sense the burdens of mental anxieties weighing down on your brothers and sisters, which ignites the Spirit of Care within your own soul towards them in the form of resolve. And through this Reciprocal Help and Mutual Obligation our Father's Care is continued to us all, but only through the Spirit of Love that we extend to each other.

And from that unitarian spirit, and by the Authority of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **California Constitutional Convention** of November 19, 2022, Allensworth, California, Shaahid was humbly appointed Chairman of this beautiful Republic of California, by a body of Moorish Americans, not for his selfish self, but for the good it may be to others.

