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1. Gurdwara Sahib Fremont, Fremont, CA
2. Guru Nanak Sikh Mission, Livingston, CA
3. Sikh Gurdwara of LA, North Hollywood, CA
4. Sikh Gurdwara Riverside, Riverside, CA
5. Colorado Singh Sabha, Denver, CO
6. Guru Singh Sabha of Augusta, Augusta, GA
7. Sikh Study Circle of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
8. Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, Palatine, IL
9. Sikh Society of South, New Orleans, LA
10. Sikh Gurdwara of Michigan, Rochester Hills, MI
11. Sikh Society of Michigan, Madison Heights, MI
12. Sikh Gurdwara of North Carolina, Durham, NC
13. Garden State Sikh Association, Pluckemin, NJ
14. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Glenrock, NJ
15. Sikh Cultural Society Inc., Richmond Hills, NY
16. Sikh Cultural & Edu. Society of Western NY, Buffalo, NY
17. Sikh Religious Society of Dayton, Dayton, OH
18. Guru Nanak Found. of Greater Cleveland, Richfield, OH
19. Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Society, Bedford, OH
20. Guru Nanak Religious Soc. of Central Ohio, Columbus, OH
21. Tristate Sikh Cultural Society, Monroeville, PA
22. Mid South Sikh Sabha, Memphis, TN
23. Sikh Center of Gulf Coast, Houston, TX
24. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Richardson, TX
25. Sikh Gurdwara of North Texas, Garland, TX
26. Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Fairfax, VA
27. Sikh Association of Central Virginia, VA
28. Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin, Brookfield, WI

Other Sikh Institution Members:

1. Siri Guru Granth Sahib Found., Anaheim, CA
2. Sikh Mediawatch and Resource Task Force, Washington, DC
3. Sikhs Serving America, Topeka, KS
4. Sikh Youth Federation of North America, White Plains, NY
5. Sikh Coalition, New York, NY
6. Sikh Educational & Religious Foundation, Dublin, OH
7. Sikh Youth Federation of USA, Toledo, OH
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World Sikh Council – America Region congratulates the Sikh Nation on the 500th Parkaash Divas of Siri Guru Angad Sahib, and the 305th Sirjanaa Divas of the Khalsa; releases updated database of Sikh organizations in the US

On the occasion of the 500th Parkaash Divas of Siri Guru Angad Sahib and the 305th anniversary of the Khalsa Sirjanaa Divas, the World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR) wishes to congratulate the entire Sikh Nation, and calls upon Sikhs in the US and across the world to re-dedicate themselves to the high ideals set by the Sikh Gurus.

April 18, 2004 marks a historic occasion, when Sikhs across the globe will celebrate the 500th Parkaash Divas of our beloved second Guru – Siri Guru Angad Sahib. Baba Lehna visited Siri Guru Nanak Sahib in 1532 to listen to his discourses at Kartarpur, Punjab (South Asia). During the seven years that he spent with Siri Guru Nanak Sahib, he learnt to be a Gursikh. His devotion was par excellence. Based on his capabilities and God's mercy, Siri Guru Nanak Sahib decided to bestow upon him the Guruship in preference to his own sons. How true are these words recorded in Siri Guru Granth Sahib: "Jot ooha, jugat saee, seh kaya pher palateay", which means that although Siri Guru Nanak and Siri Guru Angad Sahibs were two separate bodies, yet both of them had the same light.

April 14, 2004 marks the 305th anniversary of the Sirjanaa Divas of the Khalsa by Siri Guru Gobind Sahib. The creation of Khalsa by the Tenth Guru Sahib was the result of the inspiration from all the Sikh Gurus. And the first one to show us the path of becoming a Gursikh was Siri Guru Angad Sahib.

Kuldeep Singh, Chairman of WSC-AR said, “We often hear that Siri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib stood before the Panj Pyarey and asked them to bless him with *Khandey di Pahul*. Isn’t that the same tradition that was started by none else but our very first beloved Guru – Siri Guru Nanak Sahib?”

WSC-AR urges the Sikh Nation and every Sikh to evaluate our institutions and ourselves as to how much of our Guru’s teachings have we been able to adopt, and how much closer we have come to the expectations of our Gurus. In order to achieve this, we appeal to every Gurdwara and other Sikh institution to hold seminars and conferences on the life and teachings of Siri Guru Angad Sahib throughout the year.

On this historic occasion, WSC-AR is pleased to announce the completion of an accurate database of US Gurdwaras and Sikh organizations. The database was compiled to make available publicly an accurate and updated list of US Sikh Gurdwaras and organizations. Most organizations on the list were personally contacted to verify their contact information, including address and telephone number.

A review of the database indicates that there are over 200 local, regional, and national Sikh organizations in the US, of which there are more than 115 Sikh Gurdwaras. The updated database list can be accessed at www.worldsikhcouncil.org. Any corrections or changes to the database can be e-mailed to contact@worldsikhcouncil.org.

WSC-AR is the only representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the US. Its members include 28 Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) and 8 other Sikh institutions across 17 US states.

WSC-AR works to promote Sikh interests at the national and international level focusing on issues of advocacy, education, and well-being of humankind.

About 25 million Sikhs live across the world. Sikhs arrived in the US about a century ago and number about half a million today.