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PATRIKA

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Namaste fellow Devotees,

This is the third and last issue of the Patrika for 2008. The end of 2008 also concludes my term as President of the Hindu Mandir, a role I feel privileged to have served.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who are involved in every aspect of running this Temple. Thanks to these extraordinary volunteers, we have consecrated all 21 mini temples, and we are on our way to completing the maha gopuram by years end for a grand celebration being planned for the summer of 2009.

Our volunteers are a reflection of our community, and our community, in spite of its linguistic and regional diversity, thinks like one integrated community. There is no North and South, or East and West divide. Our volunteer base comes from every part of India and feels equally at home in our Temple.

The spirit of seva comes through every day by the volunteer office bearers, the front desk volunteers, food sponsors, and those who spend countless hours planning religious activities, organizing events and managing all affairs at the Temple. I am truly humbled and grateful for your service. I know you have sacrificed what little personal time you have with your families to make sure our beloved Temple functions as it should.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all the generous financial contributors who help us maintain this large enterprise. You do this in a variety of ways :

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Diwali ticket for Oct 18th cultural show

Rent the Auditorium and kitchen/dining for a private party

I would like to urge you to participate in these programs and remind all of you that this is YOUR Temple and it needs your support to continue its operations. For the 2008 year to date Jan – Aug, we had an operating income of \$872,116 and operating expenses of \$865,010.

God bless you and your families and let us meet at the Temple and spend our time together joyously in the upcoming events. Namaste!



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PAST EVENTS

GANESH CHATURTHI



Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great enthusiasm on September 3. Many Children showed their creativity by making Murthis of Lord Ganesha with clay And painting it. Celebrities continued for 10 days and culminated with ceremonialvisarjan

JANAMASHTAMI



The janmaastami was very well organized with a kids theme that attracted large number of families to the temple. There were around over 1000 people attended the function and the function started with Grand Abhishekam for Sri Radha Krishna followed with Bhajans. A cultural program was presented by kids and adults followed by Nand Utsav. The function concluded with a grand Aarti and Prasad to all.

BRAHMOTSAVA -Garuda Seva (Vaikasi Visakam)



Our first year of Garuda Seva for our Lord Varadaraja was celebrated on the same day of famous Kanchi Garuda Seva was held on Sunday, May 18. Around 200 devotees participated in the event. Lord was taken out on procession on the ring road

LORD BHAIRAVA & VISHWAKARMA PRANAPRATISHTA

With the Pranapratishtha of Shri Bhairava and Viswakarma, the Kumbabhishekam ceremonies for all the deities in the Mandir have been successfully completed. There were 11 sponsors who actively participated in the ceremonies.

JAGANATH RATH YATRA

July 27th 10:00 AM Aadi Krittika – Subramanya – Kavadi Aattam. The warm summer Sunday morning was an ideal setting for the procession of Lord Subramanya. There were also about a dozen Kavadis, with enthusiastic Kavadi attam by the young and the not so young. After the procession there was Abhishekam followed by Skand Sasthi Parayanam and Bhajans.

ANNUAL SATYANARAYAN PUJA

The annual108 sponsor Samuhika Satayanarayana puja was performed for the first time at the temple, we reached the goal of getting almost 108 sponsors. For this event materials like Kalash , Vastra have been arranged for each sponsor before the sponsor arrived to the temple and the event started almost on time. Each of the sponsor performed the puja to their Kalash in traditional Satyanarayana puja vidan and katha along with priests.

SHRAVAN SANIVAR– SRINIVASA KALYANAM

Srinivasa kalyanam was very well attended as usual with around 18 sponsors. The introduction of homam for the first time made it an authentic Tirumala Style Kalyanam. Also the introduction of preparation and selling of gifts (Kanakalu) was very well received . The gift package contained Dhoti, a silk saree , coconuts and flowers and this package was displayed at the front desk and 2 couples bought this package and donated the vastras to the temple.

FAMILY CAMP 2008



Our annual Hindu Mandir camp was held from Thursday August 7th – Sunday August 10th at the Mandir. We had approximately 52 kids (6 – 13 years of age) along with 50 adults. The number of people doubled from the previous year. The camp was extremely successful due to the hard work, commitment, and devotion by all the volunteers.

The main goal of the camp is to enrich the youth of today with our Indian culture, challenge them mentally, physically, and give them a chance to bond with everybody, which last a lifetime. Some of the activities that took place during the camp were; Arts & Crafts, Tae Kwon Do, Yoga, Soccer, Kickball, Basketball, Track & Field, Tennis, daily Value classes, daily Slokas/Bhajans, Pooja/Arti, Swimming, Talent Show presentations, Dance & Sleepover, plus the food was absolutely excellent. As you can see the camp was packed with all types of different activities, which kept everybody excited and busy.

The plan is to hold the camp every summer in the future and grow in attendance. Until next year....



DR. SAXENA HONORED

On June 18, Dr. Saxena received the prestigious “Gold-Headed Cane Award” of the department of Pediatrics of the University of Minnesota for his tremendous contribution for many years to the practice of medicine and this community. The Gold-Headed Cane award is recognized as a symbol of excellence among physicians. The recognition of All-Around excellence and eminence among Physicians in this community was initiated in 1972 by Dr. John Anderson, then the chairman of the department of pediatrics.

The Gold-Headed Cane Award recognizes distinguished lifetime Service to children. This year the award was given to 27 Physicians in this community.

The Indian community congratulates Dr. Krishna & Kusum Saxena.



Shashikant M. Sane, M.D.

All through the Hindu Scriptures several essential qualities for human ethical conduct are illustrated in the form of stories of virtuous individuals or through the dialogues between the teachers and students. Lord Sri Krishna enumerated 20 such attributes to his dear friend Arjuna in the 13th chapter of Bhagawatgita (Verses 7-11). Of those twenty we can select five as cardinal virtues that every Hindu must try to make an integral part of one's character. They are PURITY (Saucham), SELF CONTROL (Samyama), DETACHMENT (Asanga), TRUTH (Satyam), and NON-VIOLENCE (Ahimsa).

PURITY (Saucham): Purity implies purity of body, of mind and of the environment. It implies both the ceremonial purity as well as the moral purity. In Hinduism cleanliness is not next to Godliness, but is part and parcel of Godliness.

Hindu purity signifies purity of motives, intentions and actions. This purity comprises both the external and internal purity and includes virtuous qualities such as cleanliness, straight forwardness, excellence, integrity, honesty, simplicity, innocence and absence of all sinful thoughts. Proper Cultivation of such purity leads us to the second cardinal virtue, namely SELF CONTROL.

SELF-CONTROL (Samyama or Atmanigraha): Self-control implies control of the body, mind and senses. Hinduism recognizes that the body is the instrument of righteousness and thus seeks to relate to its appetites and cravings. Hinduism takes into account all factors of human personality and prescribes a graded discipline for both body and mind.

Moderation in everything is stressed. Gita says "Yoga, Union with God which rids one of woe is accomplished only by that individual who is regulated in diet and recreation; regulated in performing actions and regulated while in sleep and when awake. (Gita 6:17) Self-control thus implies patience, forbearance, modesty, humility and self-sacrifice and discredits, bigotry, hypocrisy, and uncontrolled pride.

DETACHMENT (Asanga): The higher phase of self control is detachment. We have not only to overcome what is evil in life but also to learn not to be dependent on good things in life. Love, affection and friendship are indeed divine qualities and more we cherish them in our hearts, the nearer are we to God. But the way to cherish is not to be blindly or obsessively attached to the particular objects or subjects of those feelings.

The pure love that our hearts learn to have for the family members is due to the common identity amongst the family members. This common identity amongst the family members is none other than the thread of divinity that passes through them all. In Brhd Aranyaka Upanishad Sage Yajnyavalkya explains to his dear and learned wife Mythili that even the love between the wife and her husband is due to this common thread of divinity.

Lord Sri Krishna advises us to give up "SANGA" or attachment to earthly objects and subjects so as to achieve "YOGA" union with God. Detachment implies impartiality, objectivity and fairness in all our activities as we carry out our duties. The detached attitude removes all taint of selfishness from our lives by lifting us above the realm of time and space.

TRUTH (Satyam): Everlasting truth is above time and space. Here the truth means far more than mere truthfulness. It is truth in thoughts, words and action. The great sacrifices made by Kings Harischandra, Dasharatha and crown prince Yudhisthira in keeping the promises they made, exemplify the exalted place given to truth by the Hindu sages. It is rightly said "No duty is higher than the truth. No sin is more dreadful than untruth

God is the highest Reality. God is the source of all eternal values like righteousness, justice, truth, beauty and purity. Therefore Satyam actually means God or eternal being. God is what is true in knowledge, what is right in conduct and what is just and fair in social relations.

The cardinal virtue, TRUTH includes not only truthfulness, honesty and sincerity at physical, mental and intellectual levels but also includes a patient investigation of facts, an appreciation of all forms of beauty and ceaseless quest after refinement in morals, manners and priorities.

NON-VIOLENCE (Ahimsa): Truth and non-violence go hand in hand and are the crucial cornerstones of the Hindu ethic. This non-violence or the law of love is extended not only to human beings but also to animals and plant kingdom. Non-violence must be in thoughts, words as well as in actions. The conscious practice of this greatest virtue eventually suppresses our ego, allows us to see God in all creation and project love towards all the living beings. We must dislike the evil but not the evil doer. 20th century saint Mahatma Gandhi brought this discipline to the highest form of practicality. He loved his enemies, blessed those that cursed him, performed good deeds for those who hated him and prayed for those who persecuted him.

HINDU ETHICS—CONT.

All these virtues are inseparable and constitute a truly noble and virtuous character, enabling us to achieve divine perfection. These extraordinary qualities need dynamic discipline; otherwise firmness or steadfastness easily passes into obstinacy, self-control into self-violence, courage into foolhardiness and nonviolence into cowardice!

Just as key human qualities are highlighted by these cardinal virtues, so also the vices can be grouped under six “Deadly bad qualities or Deadly sins” or “Shadripus”. These are LUST (KAMA), ANGER (KRODHA), GREED (LOBHA), DELUSION (MOHA), PRIDE (MADA), and MALICE (MATSARYA). Again each of these bad qualities that one must try and avoid can be further classified as sins of thought, sins of words and sins of action. An evil thought or a harsh word is as much of the nature of the sin as a wicked deed. Again all these divisions are artificial. There is only one sin in reality, though its forms are numerous; and that is self-centered desire that runs counter to the Spiritual law of Cosmos. Sin on a moral plane corresponds to the disease on the physical plane, error on the intellectual plane and ignorance (Ajnana) on the spiritual plane.

Man in his ignorance thinks that he is separate self with interests of his own apart from those of the other beings in this Universe. He falsely thinks that he can secure happiness by acting independently of the kingdom (realm) of Spirit (God) of which he is an integral part. He unfortunately sets his private will against the universal will of the GOD. That man is like a limb that refuses to function in harmony with the rest of the body and sets up some local action resulting in pain and suffering. This sinner is not only out of harmony with the society around him, the laws of which he breaks but also is out of synch with the kingdom of God whose laws he sets aside. The key to overcoming these “Deadly Sins” is to lift the veil of ignorance that shrouds our human mind and to recognize the common identity and absolutely true and inseparable relationship between our so called finite human being and the Infinite Brahman or God by any name.


Thus, Hindus see one universal purpose running through all creations namely the return of the divided spirit to its primal wholeness. As described in the Taittiriya Upanishad (Chapter 2) we are the spectators as well as the actors in the scheme of grand spiritual evolution as we practice the moral and ethical principles discussed earlier.

We advance from the inorganic & organic matter to “Mere Life”
 From “Mere Life” to “Consciousness”
 From “Consciousness” to understanding of the “SELF”
 From “Self-Consciousness” to “Cosmic Consciousness”

Thus at one end we see inorganic matter where the “Spirit” is dormant and at the other extreme is the “Absolute Spirit” in which matter is absorbed. At each intermediate stage, true progress is measured by the increasing richness of the spirit and shrinkage of the matter.

Note: Dr. Sane plans to write detailed articles on the six deadly sins

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Front Desk Volunteers



A note from the front desk ...

J Vijayakumar - Chair – Temple Administrative Services Committee (TASC)

The Temple Administrative Services committee (TASC) was formed immediately after the Maha Kumbhaabishekam two years ago to streamline and assist with the administration of services offered at the temple. The primary objectives are to interface with devotees to promote the services offered at the temple and generate funds through the services for our temple operation.

The team comprising of volunteers ensures that the front desk is staffed every single day. The team has made significant progress in establishing policies and procedures and we still have room for improvements.

The TASC operation would not have been possible without the dedication of every single volunteer, the exceptional support provided by the temple management, our priests and the executive committee during this evolutionary stage. Most importantly, we are grateful to all our devotees for their understanding during this period and their and valuable suggestions.

I am confident that we will continue to improve the front desk operation of our majestic temple in the coming months with your generous support. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please send a mail to j_vijayakumar@yahoo.com.

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OUR PRIESTS



Sri Ronur Murali Bhattar

Murali Bhattar is the 13th generation priest in his family. His family has managed the Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara temple in Ronur, Karnataka (near the Karnataka, Andhra border) for over 5 centuries. His formal religious training includes Pancharatra Agama Pravara (3 years course from Karnataka Agama Shikshana Samithi) and Krishna yajurveda poorva prayogam for 4 years in Gayatri Veda Patashale Kolar. Prior to coming to our temple, he worked at the Ganesha Temple in Nashville, TN since 1996. He has performed Kumbhabhishekam in Birmingham, Al in 1997 and Pittsburg, PA. He speaks Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, English and a little Gujarati. He and his wife Nagalatha have two children - Shashank (5 yrs) and Ashrita (2yrs).



SRI JIGNESH JOSHI

Mr. Joshi is a highly qualified Hindu priest and comes from a family of priests. His grandfather was a priest and astrologer and so is his father, Mr. Joshi has over sixteen years of experience performing Poojas, Prathistas, Havans, yagnas and Hindu weddings. He studied at the Vedant Sanskrit Pathshala in India. Further, he is proficient in Gujarati, Marathi and English, which will enable him to communicate with the different language speaking Hindu communities that worship at our temple.



Sri Ravikanth Chellagapatti

Ravikanth arrived in Maple Grove, Minnesota on April 14 from Tirupathi. He is from the Panacharatra Agama. His father is the head priest of Padmavati Temple in Thiruchanur. He has one brother and one sister.



S RAJASEKARAN (GURUKKAL)

S Rajasekaran is our temple's new priest who arrived in Minneapolis on September 30. He has been working as a Gurukkal for the past 15 years and is from Sreee Kanchi Kamakoti. He was trained by 'Siva Sri' V. Vishwanatha Sivachariyar. He is married and Has resided in Chennai.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE 'TEMPLE MANAGER

Temple Etiquette

The Hindu Temple of Minnesota is a place of worship. While it is also used for social, cultural and spiritual events and a wonderful place to meet old and new friends. Its mission is to provide a place for Hindus and like minded spiritual seekers in our area to worship, to conduct Hindu rituals, to pray, to meditate and to feel close to God. The Hindu Society of Minnesota administration has done it's best to provide a place of beauty, tradition, order and cleanliness which is conducive to worship. All who visit our temple comment on the aura of peace and sanctity they feel upon entering the prayer hall. However, this peace is often disturbed. In an effort to improve the experience of worship for all who visit, it is suggested that the following code of etiquette for devotees be followed:

- * The prayer hall is a place for prayer, worship and rituals. If you would like to chat with your friends, kindly go downstairs or outside the prayer hall. This is especially true when the priests are conducting a ritual and worshippers are sitting trying to pay attention. Be sensitive to those around you wishing to pray quietly.
- * Please keep your children from running around and playing upstairs, especially while rituals are going on. This is very distracting to worshippers trying to concentrate on prayers. It is understandable that young children cannot sit quietly for a long time listening to the priests. When they get restless, we suggest that parents take turns taking them downstairs or outside the prayer hall.
- * The administration would like to suggest that certain kinds of attire are inappropriate for attending the temple. Inappropriate clothing includes: shorts, ripped jeans, tube tops, tank tops, very short skirt etc. We understand that some visitors stop at the temple while driving on vacation or on their way to other locations. In such instances, we suggest that devotees change into more appropriate clothing in the restrooms before proceeding upstairs.
- * Finally, please don't take deities pictures and turn off your cell phones.

The Hindu Temple of Minnesota offers these suggestions in the hope of making the experience of worship in the temple as comfortable and meaningful as possible. We thank our devotees for their understanding and cooperation. Thank You

Temple Manager

ROSE GARDEN AT THE TEMPLE



A few of us got together and prepared a patch of land and planted around 50 hardy, zone 3 rose bushes, arborvitae and other small perennial plants. The goal is to also have a small organic community vegetable garden. We would love to have a team of hard working volunteers to help design, plant, weed, water and beautify the surrounding areas of the temple. We'd like to plant trees along the road to the temple. Suggestions and ideas on gardening are welcome! Do contact Byron and Janaki Byraiah (763-416-4939) or Mike Chari (612-839-1596) if you are interested in helping out or heading a gardening team! We need your valuable input! Let's start planning for next spring and summer now!

IN APPRECIATION

Of the generosity of those who have joined in contributing a fixed amount every month directly from their bank account through the Monthly Direct Deposit Scheme.

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Please join the scheme in order to sustain and grow our temple and to serve the present and future generation.

OUR CHILDREN'S PERSPECTIVE



MAHATI PIDDAPARTHI

Whenever I go to the Hindu Temple, I always find peace and calmness within myself. This helps me pray, meditate, and clear my mind of bad thoughts. Our temple brings together Minnesota Hindus into one big community because it contains several deities representing different parts of India. I enjoy celebrating festivals and holidays at the temple with my family and friends. I like listening to bhajans, watching all the poojas and programs, and also volunteering in the kitchen. With sarees and salwar kurtas on one side to Indian food on the other, Hindu culture is always around me. Thus, our temple means a lot to me.



SHRADDHA & SHREYA RAGHAVAN

Devotees from different regions or languages may call it a *Temple, Mandir, Devasthan, or Kshetram* but for us The HSM is simply a "house of worship." The temple isn't just a place where the priests recite prayers in service to the Lord, but a community facility that binds, connects, and allows sharing experiences of life. Our temple is a place where we pray With *Bhakthi* and *Shraddha* on days of festivals like *Holi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Dassera, and Diwali*. Not to forget the *Grand Sudarshana Homas* which take place every New Years Day. It is undoubtedly has more influence on our lives than routine visits and rituals.

This sacred establishment awakens us to create an abode for God to dwell in our souls in the form of *Paramatma*. The happiness that we achieve visiting the Mandir during *poojas, abhishekams, and homams* is far more superior in comparison to what we receive by many other materialistic deeds. We consider ourselves fortunate to have this permanent and magnificent place of worship in Maple Grove. Our generation and future generations would reap the most obvious benefits from our Kshetram



NANDU GANESH

Hello my name is Nandu Ganesh and I am a freshman at Rogers High School, Rogers, MN. My family and I moved to the Twin Cities area 6 years ago from Wisconsin. When we first moved, my parents talked about getting so excited about it. When we lived in Wisconsin, the closest temple was in Chicago and we didn't go there very often. Initially, everytime my parents asked me to come to the temple, I asked them if any of my friends would be there? Now - I come to the temple because I like to and want to. The smells and atmosphere in the temple remind me of India and my grandparents. I learn something about our culture every time I come. I enjoy seeing everyone celebrating our festivals together. Our temple is beautiful and I feel very fortunate to be able to come anytime.



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Special Events in Next 3 Months

October 2008

Friday	Oct-03	6.30 PM	Maata Di Chowki
Saturday	Oct-04	9.30 AM	Durga Havan
Tuesday	Oct-07	6.30 PM	Durgaastami
Wed	Oct-08	6.30 PM	Saraswati Puja
Thursday	Oct -09	6.30 PM	Vijaya dasami / BalaJi Jayanthi
Friday	Oct-17	6.30 PM	Karva Puja
Thursday	Oct 26		Dhanteras
Saturday	Oct 27	7.00 PM	Deepavali
Sunday	Oct 28	6.30 PM	Dhanlaxmi Puja

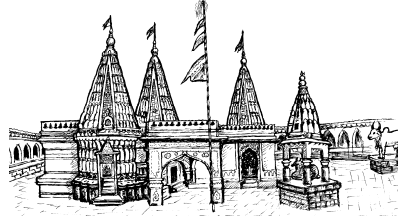
November 2008

Monday	Nov-03	6.15 PM	Skanda Sashti
Saturday	Nov-08	11.00 AM	Tulsi Vivah
Wed	Nov-12	6.30 PM	Kartik Purnima
Saturday	Nov-15	10.30 AM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja Begins

December 2008

Saturday	Dec 06	4.00 PM	Akandha Gita Path Starts
Sunday	Dec 07	4.15 PM	Gita Jayanthi / Havan
Thursday	Dec 11	6:30 PM	Kartigai Deepam
Thursday	Dec 11	6.30 PM	Datta Jayanthi
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