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Dear Sri Lakshmi Temple Devotee,
Namaste.

With the arrivals of spring, we are looking forward to another busy year with all of our festivals and activities. With Sri Lakshmi's grace, we are very pleased with the progress on our expansion project. Our current Core & Shell work nearing completion pending the completion of site utilities work. We are about 3-4 months away from completing the interior work and making the much needed facility with an elevator, a multi-purpose hall with state of the art audio and lighting, the expanded prakaram (on one side) on the main level, an expanded kitchen, and dining hall in the lower level will be available for our use by the end of the summer.



We are getting ready for our Kumbhabhishekam to be conducted in 2017 (conducted every 12 years). We started the renovation work for our existing temple structure in the fall of 2015 and work continued throughout the winter. Our aging temple structure including the Towers, side walls and artwork need to be renovated due to the effects of the harsh New England winters. We started using building materials and sealants suitable for the winter freeze/thaw cycles since last fall and the results are promising. We will continue utilizing them for all art work refurbishments and renovation work to preserve the structure for years to come. Sponsorship opportunities are available for these renovation efforts separately as we have for the expansion projects. Your continued support in the form of ideas, encouragement and financial support is the need of the hour for the completion of the renovation well before the Kumbhabhishekam in 2017.



In late winter we proactively closed out temple kitchen to take care of redirecting the kitchen ductwork (that was exhausted into the new addition) and to address field mice, whose burrows were disturbed with construction and they were trying to make a warm home for the winter. Professional companies were engaged to address this and our facility is certified after another professional inspection last week. Regular monthly inspections will be conducted to ensure that this remains this way in the future. This would not have been possible without the help, advice and cooperation of our priests, staff and the team of dedicated volunteers helping us on this.



We served a record number of devotees during the New Year weekend. Our temple was busy with a number of pujas and events like the Ayyappa Puja, Maha Shivaratri and are getting ready to celebrate the Panguni Uthiram this week with a number of special pujas including a 1008 Lotus Kamala Pushpa archana this weekend on 3/27.

We conducted a number of well received programs in our basement area and are looking forward to having these programs in our new facility in the next few months.

Our new facility with the expanded prakaram on one side, a state of the art Auditorium, a modern kitchen with dining facilities and an elevator will be a foundation for our future phases to expand the prakaram on other sides. With our focus going to be on renovating the existing temple, Gopurams and sanctums, we seek your active support to complete these projects well in time for the Kumbabhishekam in 2017.



We always seek your help, cooperation and valuable support for continued progress of your beautiful place of worship. We request you to publicize and participate in the Car Raffle and other fundraising programs.

Please support your temple generously so that we can serve your family's religious needs with enhanced facilities and services.

Sincerely,

Ranjini Ramaswamy
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Trustee, NEHTI Board

Shanmugam Bavanantham
President, Sri Lakshmi Temple
Trustee, NEHTI Board

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May the blessings of Sri Lakshmi be always with you and your family!