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ANNUAL MEETING ON 21 APRIL 2022 AT 6PM

THE CMTF BOARD INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, 21 APRIL, AT 6PM. WE WILL RECAP 2021 EVENTS AND PROJECTS, REVIEW OUR PLANS FOR 2022 AND TAKE NOMINATIONS FOR OUR NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

- ◆ MASONRY REPAIRS AT ROOF
- ◆ ROOF REPLACED AS A RESULT OF GENEROUS MASONIC AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND A MATCHING GRANT FROM MCCF
- ◆ FLY SPACE RESIDED
- ◆ BALLROOM FLOOR REPAIRED
- ◆ MAIN ENTRY DOORS – REMOVED 11 LAYERS OF PAINT, CLEANED THE HARDWARE, REPAIRED, SANDED AND REPAINTED
- ◆ GRAND HALL PAINTED
- ◆ ORIGINAL LIGHT FIXTURES WERE CLEANED AND RE-WIRED
- ◆ LEAKING PIPES REPLACED
- ◆ NEW HANDICAP ENTRY RAMP CONNECTING TO THE LIBRARY
- ◆ SOUTH CARRIAGE ENTRY DOORS – REMOVED PAINT LAYERS, HOLES REPAIRED, SANDED AND REPAINTED— PROJECT CONTINUING INTO 2022 WITH A NEW EXTERIOR LANDING AND EXPANDED SIDEWALK
- ◆ CONTINUE WORK TO UPGRADE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN
- ◆ HOSTED 98 MASONIC/YORK RITE/EASTERN STAR EVENTS
- ◆ HOSTED 15 PRIVATE EVENTS
- ◆ HOSTED 6 WEDDINGS
- ◆ HOSTED 5 FUNDRAISERS
- ◆ HOSTED 4 COMMUNITY MEETINGS
- ◆ HOSTED 4 FUNERAL DINNERS
- ◆ HOSTED 3 GRADUATIONS



RESTORED MAIN ENTRY DOORS DAMAGED



SOMETIME DURING THE EVENING OF 14 FEB 2022, VANDALS DAMAGED OUR RESTORED HISTORIC MAIN ENTRY DOORS.

THE BOARD, THE MASONS AND A FEW FRIENDS SPENT OVER 240 HOURS RESTORING THE DOORS AND INVESTED OVER \$800 IN SUPPLIES. THE VANDALISM

WAS DISCOVERED BY BOARD MEMBER YVONNE RATCLIFFE ON 15 FEB 2022. A POLICE REPORT HAS BEEN FILED, AND THEY ARE INVESTIGATING IT AND ANOTHER INCIDENT DOWNTOWN THE WEEK BEFORE. THE GLASS HAS BEEN TAPED FOR SAFETY AS WE WAIT FOR THE NEW GLASS TO BE INSTALLED. WE THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR ITS PATIENCE WHILE REPAIRS ARE MADE.

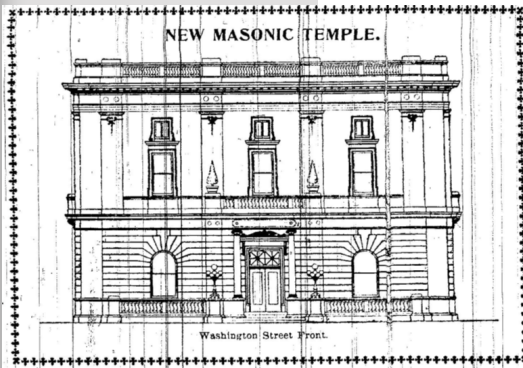
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HISTORIC TIMELINE OF THE MASONIC CORNERSTONE BUILDING

1844 – LODGE 50
CHARTERED

1890s – LODGE
WORKS TOWARDS A
NEW HOME



1901–1903
CONSTRUCTION OF
THE CURRENT
MASONIC TEMPLE

1904 – BUILDING
DEDICATED

DECEMBER 2019 –
CRAWFORDSVILLE
MASONIC TEMPLE
FOUNDATION
RECEIVES THE
BUILDING TO
PRESERVE IT

THE MONTGOMERY LODGE NO. 50, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS, WAS CHARTERED ON MAY 27, 1844, ALMOST 178 YEARS AGO. IN THE 1890S, FIVE MASONIC BODIES

MERGED TO FORM THE TEMPLE ASSOCIATION WITH THE DREAM OF BUILDING A REMARKABLE NEW LODGE BUILDING. THE MASONS WORKED FOR ALMOST A DECADE TO OBTAIN FUNDS AND A LOAN, TO BUILD THE

CURRENT "CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE".

THE CRAWFORDSVILLE JOURNAL WED, APRIL 3, 1901, P 5 NOTED THAT "THE MATTER OF ERECTING A SUITABLE HOME FOR THE MASONIC BODIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAS LONG BEEN THE DREAM OF ITS DEVOTED MEMBERS, AND THE COMMITTEE HAVING THE MATTER IN CHARGE HAS BEEN QUIETLY BUT PERSISTENTLY WORKING FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR TO PLACE THE MATTER ON A DEFINITE BASIS..."

THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER COVERED THE PLANNING OF THE NEW FACILITY WHICH CONSISTED OF A COMMITTEE REFINING THE PLANS UP TO 10 TIMES. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO DESCRIBE IN DETAIL EACH ROOM AND ITS PURPOSE. "IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT NO MASONIC HOME IN THE STATES OF THE CENTRAL WEST WILL APPROACH IT IN CONVENIENCE, COMPLETENESS OR BEAUTY..." THIS BUILDING WAS BIG NEWS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE WAS "BUILT EXCLUSIVELY FOR SOCIAL PURPOSES". IN THE PAST THIS BUILDING WAS USED EXTENSIVELY BY THE COMMUNITY FOR BANQUETS, RECEPTIONS, PROMS AND FUNERALS. IT WAS OPEN TO SERVICE MEN ON LEAVE DURING BOTH WORLD WARS, AND THE RED CROSS ALSO USED THE LOWER FLOOR DURING THAT TIME. THE BUILDING THEATRE WAS USED FROM 1918 THROUGH THE EARLY 1960S FOR OVER 200 PRODUCTIONS BY THE CRAWFORDSVILLE DRAMATIC CLUB, WABASH COLLEGE AND CRAWFORDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THIS BUILDING INCLUDE:

ORIGINAL BUILDING (70'x125'x50'H) – IT IS HISTORICALLY NOTED AS A TWO-STORY BUILDING THAT HAS TEN LEVEL CHANGES.

CONSTRUCTION/FIRST BRICK LAID ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1901 – A.F. RAMSEY, BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CORNERSTONE WAS LAID ON OCTOBER 31, 1901, WITH GOVERNOR DURBIN OFFICIATING AND A LOT OF COMMUNITY FANFARE

THE MASONS EXPECTED TO SPEND \$32,000 ON BUILDING AS OF APRIL 1902; HOWEVER, THE PROPERTY AND BUILDING WAS COMPLETED AT THE COST OF \$50,000

THE BUILDING WAS DEDICATED ON MAY 27, 1904, THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MASONRY IN CRAWFORDSVILLE, WITH LEW WALLACE LEADING THE PARADE AND CEREMONIES

CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE FOUNDATION, A 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, WAS FORMED TO PRESERVE THE BUILDING AND HAS OWNED THE BUILDING SINCE DECEMBER 2019.



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HOW CAN I HELP?



DONOR LEVELS

- TUSCAN – \$0-499.99
 - DORIC – \$500-1499.99
 - IONIC – \$1500-2499.99
 - CORINTHIAN – \$2500-4999.99
 - COMPOSITE – \$5000.00 AND UP
- CONTRIBUTING \$50 OR MORE FOR ANY PROJECT IN A CALENDAR YEAR QUALIFIES YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE FOUNDATION

PRESERVING A HISTORIC STRUCTURE IS AN EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING. THE BOARD OF THE CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE FOUNDATION (CMTF) CONTINUES TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO RAISE FUNDS THROUGH CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS, FUNDRAISERS AND GRANT WRITING.

IN 2022, WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED TO REPAIR OUR MASONRY AND WINDOWS IN ORDER TO STOP THE WATER DAMAGE. AFTER STANDING STRONG FOR 120 YEARS, THE MORTAR BETWEEN THE BRICKS HAS DETERIORATED – AND IN SOME AREAS COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED – RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT WATER LEAKS AND A COMPROMISED STRUCTURE. ADDITIONALLY, ALL OF THE WINDOWS NEED TO BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED DUE TO ROTTING SILLS AND LOOSE OR BROKEN GLASS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GRANT COMMITTEE HAS IDENTIFIED AN

OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE \$100,000 FOR THESE REPAIRS IF WE CAN MATCH IT BY RAISING \$100,000 OURSELVES BY JUNE 2022.

WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN MEET THIS CHALLENGE. WE ARE ASKING EVERY MEMBER OF LODGE 50, YORK RITE, EASTERN STAR, THE FOUNDATION BOARD, PRESENT AND PAST, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO

THE BUILDING RENOVATION FUND.

WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN RENOVATE THIS BUILDING FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

CMTF IS A 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO CMTF ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. OUR TAX ID # IS: 81-1445468.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ 10' SQUARE FEET OF MASONRY AND MORTAR REPAIRS \$2500
- ◆ 50 REPLACEMENT BRICKS \$2500
- ◆ REPLACE A MISSING LIMESTONE BALUSTER (12 NEEDED) \$1000
- ◆ SMALL WINDOW REPAIR \$1000
- ◆ SMALL WINDOW REPLACE \$4000
- ◆ LARGE WINDOW REPAIR \$4000
- ◆ LARGE WINDOW REPLACE \$12000

BUILDING FACTS:

- ◆ EXTERIOR VERTICAL SURFACE AREA = 26,240 SF (LIMESTONE, BRICK AND WINDOWS)
- ◆ 111 WINDOWS IN 13 SHAPES/SIZES
- ◆ 7 OVERSIZED EXTERIOR DOORS

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS WORTHY CAUSE AND SEND YOUR DONATION TO:

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CMTF MISSION STATEMENT :
COMMITTED TO BEING THE HISTORIC CORNERSTONE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT.

VISION STATEMENT:
DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE UNIQUE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE 1901 HISTORIC BUILDING FOR ALL FACETS OF COMMUNITY USE. WE ENVISION THE FUTURE WITH THE HISTORIC THEATRE RESTORED AND THE GRAND BALLROOM WITH AN UPGRADED COMMERCIAL KITCHEN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES.



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SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT TODAY
WITH KIM CLARK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25-26 MARCH – PRIVATE WEDDING
- 4 APRIL – MONTGOMERY LODGE 50
- 9 APRIL – PRIVATE PARTY
- 14 APRIL – EASTERN STAR
- 15-16 APRIL – FISH FRY FUNDRAISER
- 20 APRIL – PRIVATE LUNCH PARTY
- 20 APRIL – YORK RITE
- 21 APRIL – CMTF ANNUAL MEETING
- 23 APRIL – PRIVATE BRIDAL SHOWER
- 30 APRIL – PRIVATE BRIDAL SHOWER
- 2 MAY – MONTGOMERY LODGE 50
- 7 MAY – PRIVATE WEDDING
- 12 MAY – EASTERN STAR
- 14-15 MAY – ART LEAGUE SHOW
- 18 MAY – YORK RITE
- 20 MAY – PRIVATE DINNER REHEARSAL
- 28 MAY – PRIVATE WEDDING
- 11 JUNE – STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER



DONATIONS RECEIVED – OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2021



IRVAN BOEGLIN
WILLIAM CALDER IN
MEMORY OF BILL
CLIFTON
JIM GILLIKIN

NANCY GRIMES IN MEMORY OF
MARVIN RAMSEY
DAN AND STACEY GUARD IN
MEMORY OF MARVIN RAMSEY
DAVID AND SHERIDAN HADLEY
BETHANNE HARMON AND
BEVERLY WHEELER
DOUG AND SHANNON HUDSON IN
HONOR OF TYLER, CARI & MOLLY
DONALD AND MARY JANE
LIVINGSTON IN MEMORY OF
MARVIN RAMSEY
DOUG AND NANCY MILLS
GREG AND NANCY MORRISON IN
MEMORY OF MARVIN RAMSEY

ROBERT AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
IN MEMORY OF MARVIN RAMSEY
DAVID AND JEANETTE SHELTON
IN MEMORY OF MARVIN RAMSEY
SARAH ZULL



KENN CLARK
JANICE CLAUSER
CLARA DULIN IN MEMORY
OF BASIL DULIN
DENNIS AND DEANNA

HOHLBEIN
JACOB AND MARIANNE ISAACS
DIAN MOORE
MIKE AND MEEGAN REIDY
CHUCK AND EATHA SOMMER



DR AND CJ COOK IN
LOVING MEMORY OF
NORMA AND RICHARD
GRIMES AND EULA



GREG AND JUDI KLEINE



BUZZY KIDD
LARRY AND YVONNE
RATCLIFFE
SCOTT WHEELER

HASLAM PLUS BEST REGARDS
TO CAROL (GRIMES) AND DENNY
COOK
NETWORK FOR GOOD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS –
THEY ARE HELPING US TO SAVE
THIS BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC
BUILDING