



# THE CORNERSTONE

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## THE BIG STORY FOR THIS SUMMER...WINDOWS!!!!

WE ASKED, AND OUR COMMUNITY HAS RESPONDED BY GIVING!!  
THANK YOU !

DID YOU NOTICE WE HAVE BOARDED UP SOME WINDOWS ? VINTAGE WINDOWS RESTORATION BEGAN REPAIRS TO THE FRONT SIX SECOND-FLOOR WINDOWS IN APRIL. IN MAY, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MCCF) AWARDED US A GRANT TO CONTINUE REPAIRS TO OUR WINDOWS. AS THE SUMMER PROGRESSES ,YOU



WILL SEE THIRTY-SIX ADDITIONAL WINDOWS REPAIRED AND REINSTALLED. MASONRY AND WINDOW

REPAIRS ARE TOP PRIORITIES THIS YEAR.



L-R: STAN HAMILTON, YVONNE RATCLIFFE, MARY COYLE, JEN LOWE AND JUDI KLEINE. MCCF GRANT AWARD WAS GIFTED FROM THE IRWIN LEE DETCHON FUND, HANK AND NANCY COYLE FUND, JOHN AND BETTY CULLEY FUND, EARL F. AND RUBY B. ELLIOTT FUND AND M. GAILDENE AND STAN HAMILTON FUND



## RESTORING THE SOUTH CARRIAGE ENTRY DOORS AND LANDING

THE SOUTH CARRIAGE ENTRY DOORS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED THANKS TO THE 2020 GRANT WE RECEIVED FROM MCCF. THE DOORS WILL BE REINSTALLED WITH

NEW PANIC HARDWARE AS SOON AS THE NEW LANDING IS COMPLETED. LOCAL FIRE INSPECTORS AND THE CITY HAVE WORKED WITH THE BOARD TO MAKE OUR BUILDING A SAFE PLACE

FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS. THE ORIGINAL STEPS AND DOORS DID NOT MEET NATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS FOR A FIRE EXIT.

THE MASONS VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE ON THE NEEDED CONCRETE WORK, HELPING US TO STRETCH OUR GRANT DOLLARS FURTHER TO COVER THE REQUIRED DOOR HARDWARE. THEIR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON THIS TASK HAS SAVED FUNDS FOR THE FOUNDATION. THE CMTF BOARD IS VERY THANKFUL FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO SAVE THE BUILDING AND PROUD TO HAVE THEM ON OUR TEAM. MORE PICTURES TO COME IN THE FALL EDITION...



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## HOW CAN I HELP?

CMTF IS STILL RAISING MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS WE ARE APPLYING FOR THIS FALL.

EVERY DOLLAR DESIGNATED FOR BUILDING RENOVATION GOES INTO OUR MATCHING FUNDS ACCOUNT AND DOUBLES IN VALUE—GIVING US DOUBLE THE FUNDS TO REPAIR OUR BUILDING.

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

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ 10' SQUARE FEET OF MASONRY/MORTAR REPAIRS: \$2500
- ◆ 50 REPLACEMENT BRICKS: \$2500
- ◆ SMALL WINDOW REPAIR: \$1000
- ◆ LARGE WINDOW REPAIR: \$2000

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

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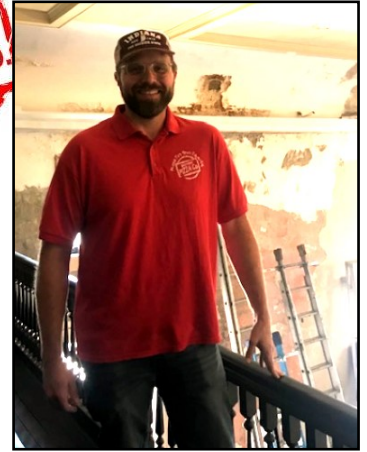
## TIME, TALENT AND TREASURES...THE GIFTS OF GIVING

MICHAEL LOWE AND HIS BROTHERS HAVE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BRINGING A LARGE THEATER BACK TO DOWNTOWN, AND THAT IS HOW THIS PARTNERSHIP BEGAN. THESE BROTHERS HAVE BEEN A PART OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CRAWFORDSVILLE FOR 15 YEARS. FIRST AS THE ORIGINAL OWNER/OPERATORS OF JOHNNY PROVOLONES AND THEN COMING BACK AS BROTHERS PIZZA. THEY ARE A TRUE FAMILY BUSINESS.

THE BROTHERS ARE RELATED TO ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS, JEN LOWE, AND SHE ASKED IF THEY KNEW OF ANYONE WHO COULD HELP US WITH PLASTER REPAIRS. MICHAEL IS A 4TH-GENERATION PLASTERER, AND AFTER A TOUR OF THE BUILDING, HE JUMPED RIGHT INTO RESTORING THIS TREASURE! MICHAEL IS DONATING HIS TALENT AND THE TREASURE OF GENERATIONS OF EXPERIENCE IN A VANISHING TRADE.

WHEN ASKED WHY HE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE BADLY NEEDED REPAIRS, MICHAEL'S RESPONSE WAS, "I WANTED TO PROVIDE MY FAMILY'S TRADE, AND I THINK IT IS COOL TO TOUCH THE SAME PLACES THAT OTHER TRADESMAN HANDS HAVE TOUCHED OVER THE LAST 100+ YEARS."

JEN HAD A CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL FIVE YEARS AGO, DURING WHICH SHE ASKED IF HE KNEW THERE WAS A 200-SEAT THEATER ON THE SECOND LEVEL OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE. HIS EYES LIT UP, AND HE SAID, "THAT IS JUST WHAT WE NEED IN OUR DOWNTOWN!"



MICHAEL LOWE

JEN AND MICHAEL BOTH AGREE THAT WE NEED A YEAR-ROUND WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION IN OUR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FOR LOCALS AND VISITORS ALIKE.

MICHAEL SHARED THAT THE MASONS ARE WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH, AND HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING BACK ON THE PROJECT. HE IS BRINGING IN SPECIALIZED TOOLS WHILE THE MASONS HAVE PROVIDED THE SCAFFOLDING AND MATERIALS.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS BUSINESS OWNER IS LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE. HE WANTS EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING LIFE BACK TO DOWNTOWN DAY AND NIGHT. THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES, AND IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO PROTECT, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE OUR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN.



CRAWFORDSVILLE MAYOR TODD BARTON WITH CITY COUNCILMAN AND CMTF BOARD MEMBER MIKE REIDY PRESENTING A CHECK TO AID IN OUR VISION OF PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE UNIQUE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE 1901 HISTORIC BUILDING FOR ALL FACETS OF COMMUNITY USE.

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## CMTF MISSION STATEMENT :

COMMITTED TO BEING THE HISTORIC CORNERSTONE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT.

## THE PEOPLE WE KNOW – GROUPS WHO USE THE MASONIC CORNERSTONE



### EASTERN STAR

CRAWFORDSVILLE EASTERN STAR CHAPTER, ATHENS CHAPTER #97

CANDACE BUDD IS THE EASTERN STAR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CMTF BOARD

THE ATHENS CHAPTER MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT DECEMBER AND JANUARY) IN THE SOUTH PARLOR

## 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.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IS A SOCIETY OPEN TO FREEMASONS HOLDING THE RANK OF MASTER MASON AND THE FEMALE RELATIVES OF MASONS. LAWYER AND EDUCATOR, ROB MORRIS, A NOTED FREEMASON, ESTABLISHED THE ORDER IN 1850. ITS MULTICOLORED STAR-SHAPED LOGO HAS FIVE POINTS WHICH SYMBOLICALLY REPRESENT CHARACTER-BUILDING LESSONS EXEMPLIFIED BY SIGNIFICANT FEMALE BIBLICAL FIGURES. ALTHOUGH THE ORDER IS BASED ON TEACHINGS FROM THE BIBLE, IT IS OPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. THE ENDURING BELIEFS OF BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH ALONG WITH CERTAIN CORE VALUES OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE, DIVERSITY AND CHARITY GUIDE OUR ORDER. WE ARE THE LARGEST FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD IN WHICH BOTH MEN AND WOMEN CAN BELONG. INDIANA HAS A TOTAL OF TWENTY-ONE DISTRICTS ACROSS THE STATE. OUR CRAWFORDSVILLE CHAPTER, ATHENS CHAPTER #97, IS WITHIN DISTRICT 9 AND CONSISTS OF MONTGOMERY, PARKE AND PUTNAM COUNTIES. CHAPTERS ARE OFTEN INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SUPPORTING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. THE STATE ORGANIZATION ALSO HELPS FUND AND OPERATE A SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY FOR OUR OLDER MEMBERS WHO BELONG TO INDIANA CHAPTERS.

TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND TRULY WHAT THIS ORGANIZATION IS, I'LL TELL YOU MY PERSONAL STORY OF MEMBERSHIP. I WAS INITIATED IN THE WAYNETOWN CHAPTER AFTER I TURNED 18 ALONG WITH MY SISTER, KIM. MY PARENTS, NORMAN AND MARY F. CRAMER, WERE THE WORTHY MATRON AND WORTHY PATRON AT THE TIME. MY GRANDMOTHER, MARY C. CRAMER, ALSO HELD AN OFFICE AS THE STAR POINT ESTHER. THE WORTHY MATRON AND WORTHY PATRON ARE

THE HIGHEST OFFICES WITHIN THE CHAPTER. MY FIRST STATION (OFFICE) WAS THE STAR POINT MARTHA. I WAS IN COLLEGE AT THE TIME AND PARTICIPATED WHEN I COULD. AFTER BEING ACTIVE IN A SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOR A FEW YEARS, I RETURNED TO SERVING AS AN OFFICER IN EASTERN STAR AND HAVE BEEN ONE EVER SINCE. MY MEMBERSHIP HAS INCLUDED THE ALAMO CHAPTER AND NOW THE ATHENS CHAPTER. I HAVE SERVED IN DIFFERENT OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL. THE TRADITION OF BEING PART OF THE THIRD GENERATION OF MY FAMILY TO BE ACTIVE IN THE ORDER IS A SPECIAL HONOR FOR ME. I ATTEND MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS OFTEN WITH MY MOM. THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER ARE FRIENDS AND BECOME FAMILY. YOU CAN GO THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND KNOW THAT YOU CAN FIND FRIENDS WHEREVER YOU GO. THE ORDER ALLOWS FOR MEMBERS TO BE AS ACTIVE AS YOU CHOOSE TO BE. TO BE HONEST, THE MORE YOU ARE INVOLVED, THE MORE YOU GET BACK. HOPEFULLY, YOU NOW UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BETTER WHAT EASTERN STAR IS. YOU HAVE SEEN US AT THE MONTGOMERY LODGE'S FISH FRY AND CHILI SUPPERS SERVING DESSERTS AND DRINKS. OUR DISTRICT HOSTS AN ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW EACH YEAR, AND THIS YEAR IT WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AT THE MASONIC CORNERSTONE. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE. IN THE MEANTIME, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE OR HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT **317-432-0569**. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUT THE INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR WEBSITE AT [WWW.INDIANA OES.ORG](http://WWW.INDIANA OES.ORG).

**DEB CRAMER**  
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE  
EASTERN STAR

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**OUR FRONT PORCH**

**THANK YOU, PAULA FURR,**  
FOR YOUR GREEN THUMB!  
PAULA HAS GRACIOUSLY  
DONATED THESE SUMMER  
ARRANGEMENTS, AND THEY  
ARE BEAUTIFUL.



**EXCITING NEWS!** THE CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE FOUNDATION (CMTF) HAS BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE INDIANA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP). THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS OUR NOT-FOR-PROFIT FOUNDATION TO DISTRIBUTE INDIANA TAX CREDITS AS AN INCENTIVE TO DONORS. AS A FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANT, OUR FOUNDATION WAS GIVEN \$3,700 WORTH OF NAP CREDITS.

**HOW DO THE CREDITS WORK?**

DONATIONS TO CMTF ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX CREDIT ON YOUR INDIANA TAXES WORTH 50% OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION. FOR EXAMPLE, IF AN INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTES \$1,000 TO THE FOUNDATION, THEY WILL RECEIVE A \$500 INDIANA TAX CREDIT. THE MINIMUM NAP TAX CREDIT DONATION ALLOWED IS \$100 FOR A \$50 TAX CREDIT, AND THE MAXIMUM NAP TAX CREDIT DONATION ALLOWED IS \$50,000 FOR A \$25,000 TAX CREDIT. THAT MAXIMUM IS FOR ALL DONATIONS COMBINED, EVEN IF THE DONOR CONTRIBUTES TO MULTIPLE NAP ORGANIZATIONS.



DONATIONS ARE REPORTED BY THE CMTF TO THE INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHCDA), WHICH MANAGES NAP. IHCDA REPORTS THE DONOR INFORMATION TO THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHICH PROVIDES THE CREDIT FOR THE DONOR'S STATE TAX LIABILITY. NAP TAX CREDITS MUST BE CLAIMED IN THE YEAR THAT THE DONATION WAS MADE AND CANNOT BE ROLLED OVER TO THE NEXT TAX YEAR.

CONTACT YVONNE RATCLIFFE FOR A DONOR CONTRIBUTION FORM.

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NAP CREDITS WILL BE ISSUED ON A FIRST-COME BASIS. AGAIN, SINCE IT IS OUR FIRST YEAR, WE HAVE ONLY \$3,700 IN TAX CREDITS TO ISSUE.

**DONATIONS RECEIVED – JANUARY – MAY 2022**



JOHN AND JOYCE BEVER  
KATHLEEN BROWN  
PATRICK AND JOYCE BURNETTE  
KAREN CRAWFORD  
S BRYAN AND LAURA DONALDSON

SCOTT AND JAMIE DOUGLAS  
JOHN AND CAROLYN DOYEL  
SAM AND CAROLYN FISHER  
ROBERT FOOTE AND CHERYL HUGHES  
JAKE FROERER  
TAMMY FULWIDER  
TERESA FYFFE  
JAMES AND NANCY GINERIS  
JIM GILLIKIN  
SHIRLEY HILL AND LANA WILLHITE  
ELIZABETH JOHNSON  
LEW WALLACE STUDY PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC  
JEFF AND SUE LUCAS  
DALE MILLIGAN  
THOMAS AND SUANNE MILLIGAN  
MORRIS AND MARY ANN MILLS  
LARRY AND CONNIE MOTZ  
NETWORK FOR GOOD  
KENNETH AND BETTY NORMAN  
OLMY OLMSTEAD

LARRIE AND PAT PATTON  
ROBERT AND GAIL PEBWORTH  
SANDRA RAYBURN  
MIKE AND MEEGAN REIDY  
ROBERT AND NANCY ROGERS  
HARRY SIAMAS, IN MEMORY OF JOHN SIAMAS  
RICHARD AND BARBARA VANARSDDEL  
SAMUEL VAUGHT  
ANN YOUNT



BYRON COX POST 72–AMERICAN LEGION  
ERROL AND JUDY McBRIDE  
CHUCK AND EATHA SOMMER  
JERRY AND LUCINDA SMITH



HOOSIER HEARTLAND STATE BANK  
GREG AND JUDI KLEINE  
LARRY AND YVONNE RATCLIFFE



CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE  
FIDELITY CHARITABLE  
LESTER HEARSON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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