



# THE CORNERSTONE

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## FESTIVAL of TREES 2023

It's not too late to create some additional holiday spirit! Join the fun by sponsoring a tree; creating a unique look that represents your business, organization, or family; and competing for favorite tree votes.

### 2023 Festival of Trees

- November 25, 4-10pm
- December 1, 1-9pm
- December 2, 4-9pm
- December 9, 4-9pm

### Ticket prices

- Teens & Adults \$8
  - Seniors (65+) \$5
  - Kids (2-10 yrs) \$5
  - Kids (under 2 yrs) free
- Tickets may be purchased at the door.

LAURA HARRIS—  
EVENTS MANAGER

765-810-2776  
themasoniccornerstone.com

CONTACT LAURA to celebrate your day in the company of your nearest and dearest in the Grand Hall and Banquet Room, adorned with eye-catching architecture. We can accommodate gatherings of all sizes; each one catered to you.

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

### WHY ENCOURAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION?

It preserves the historic, architectural, and aesthetic character and heritage of a community or area, and helps to provide a sense of place and continuity.



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## HOW CAN I HELP?

CMTF CONTINUES TO RAISE MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS. DID YOU KNOW THAT MOST

HISTORIC RENOVATION GRANTS REQUIRE A 50-50 MATCH? WE CAN ONLY APPLY FOR A GRANT IF WE CAN PROVE THAT WE HAVE MATCHING FUNDS IN OUR POSSESSION. EVERY DOLLAR DESIGNATED FOR

BUILDING RENOVATION GOES INTO OUR MATCHING FUNDS ACCOUNT AND DOUBLES IN VALUE WITH EACH GRANT AWARDED—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
- ◆ BATHROOM REMODEL: \$2000 /FIXTURE
- ◆ KITCHEN EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT: \$43,000

## How We Raise Money:

Event Rentals—Fundraisers—Grants—Capital Campaigns

## NAP Credits

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. This is our second year participating. CMTF was given \$11,116 worth of NAP credits for the July 2023 – March 2024 NAP cycle.

### HOW DO THE CREDITS WORK?

This cycle, donations to CMTF for masonry repairs or matching funds for masonry repairs are eligible for a tax credit on your Indiana taxes worth 50% of your contribution. NOTE: This is a tax credit, not a deduction.

For example, if an individual contributes \$1000 to the Foundation, they will receive a \$500 Indiana tax credit. As a credit (versus deduction), the \$500 credit is subtracted from the amount of taxes you owe the State of Indiana during the year that the donation was made.

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 then will report 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 with any questions and to get a Donor Contribution Form. Call/Text 904-608-8783 or Email: [y.ratcliffe@comcast.net](mailto:y.ratcliffe@comcast.net) - NAP Credits will be issued on a first come basis. Again, we **only** have \$11,116 in tax credits to issue.

**All money earned through the NAP program by CMTF will be used to repair our masonry.**

DO YOU HAVE TIME OR SKILLS?  
WE CAN ALWAYS USE HELP.



PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

SEND YOUR DONATION TO:

**CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC  
TEMPLE FOUNDATION, INC.  
PO Box 713  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933**

OR TO

**MCCF (WWW.MCCF-IN.ORG)  
MASONIC TEMPLE PASS-THROUGH**

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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**

## **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.

## **Montgomery County Leadership Academy**

Music, laughter, and the aroma of good food filled the ballroom of The Masonic Cornerstone on a mid-October evening. The second Name That Tune annual fundraiser was in full crescendo for the Montgomery County Leadership Academy, also known as 54Leadership.

Currently, Name That Tune is the only fundraiser for the Leadership Academy, but Executive Director Jeremy Lemus is interested in other fundraising opportunities for this organization that has been an essential part of the development and integration of leadership within the community. An alumni of the program (Class of 2020 in the Signature Program) while working in Human Resources at Penguin Random House, Lemus served on the academy's board in 2022, and then began as executive director in January of 2023.

Alumni of the Academy serve in various roles throughout Montgomery County. In addition to Lemus, the Leadership Academy counts over 400 alumni, including Mayor Todd Barton in an early Signature Program.

The Signature Program is a twelve-week program for adults, held annually in August, that is designed to mold participants into being more confident in taking on leadership roles within the community, at their workplace, and at home. The program begins with an overnight retreat and ends with a community project determined by the participants. The participants meet each week in a different location to learn about a local business, discuss a management topic along with a highlighted community nonprofit, and participate in leadership building activities such as the ever popular public speaking.

A small cohort of area high school students participates each year in the Ascent Program over a two-day period. Ascent is focused on developing the soft skills that participants will need to be ready to enter the workforce. They learn about the seven habits of highly effective teens, based on the Sean Covey book, area workforce and volunteer opportunities, and the entrepreneurship program at Ivy Tech.

Liderazgo 54 is similar to the Signature Program, but is a six-week program designed for adults who primarily speak Spanish and covers the same skills needed to take on leadership roles within the community, workplace, and in their personal lives. Lemus hopes to get this program started in 2024.

Along with its three main leadership-building programs, the Leadership Academy offers lunch-and-learn programs, sometimes partnering with other organizations to bring specialized topics to the community. The Academy also coordinates

Volunteer54, which is an effort to promote volunteer opportunities in the county through the Point app.

But funding is needed to continue offering these programs to the community. Lemus chose the ballroom of The Cornerstone for their fundraiser because the building is in a good central location and has some history to it, the space was large enough for the event, and the staff were easy to work with and accommodating to the needs of the event. The size of the space met expectations and was perfect for the DJ. The Leadership Academy plans to return to The Cornerstone for the third year in a row for next year's Name That Tune event!

To find ways to become more involved with your community or to learn more about Montgomery County Leadership Academy, which is located at Fusion 54, go to its website at <https://54leadership.com/> or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCountyLeadershipAcademy/>.





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**DONOR LEVELS**

- TUSCAN – \$0-499.99
- DORIC – \$500-1499.99
- IONIC – \$1500-2499.99
- CORINTHIAN – \$2500-4999.99
- COMPOSITE – \$5000.00 AND UP

**DONATIONS RECEIVED – 2023 TO DATE**



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