



THE CORNERSTONE

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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.

2024 PRESERVATION PROGRESS

WORK ON OUR EAST [MAIN ENTRY] ELEVATION WAS RECENTLY BID OUT AND WILL BEGIN SOON AS CONTRACTS CAN BE SIGNED. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN FUNDED IN PART BY YOUR GENEROSITY AND A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF MASONRY REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT OF MISSING OR DAMAGED MASONRY, HISTORIC MORTAR REPLACEMENT, AND MASONRY CLEANING.



\$100,000 AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT

\$65,500 NEEDED!

2024-2025 180 MAKEOVER GRANT AWARDED!



CMTF, WITH THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE'S SUPPORT, WAS AWARDED A 180 MAKEOVER GRANT TO WORK ON ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UPGRADES AND THE INSTALLATION OF A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON BID DOCUMENTS WITH OUR ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, AND WE HOPE TO BID OUT THE PROJECT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE CONTRACT WILL ALLOW US TO COMPLETE MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS: UPGRADE OUR BUILDING TO THREE-PHASE ELECTRIC, PREPARING US FOR FUTURE ELEVATOR AND MECHANICAL SYSTEM UPDATES; UPGRADE SEVERAL OF OUR OLD

ELECTRICAL PANELS, FIXTURES AND WIRING; AND ADD AN ADDRESSABLE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM, WHICH WILL NOTIFY THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE. CURRENT PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES SHOW THAT WE WILL NEED APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 ABOVE THE AWARD TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. THE ESTIMATED PROJECT START DATE IS JANUARY 1, 2025, WITH COMPLETION BY OCTOBER 1, 2025. DURING THIS TIME WE WILL STILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU.



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CMT BUILDING TIMELINE

1844 – LODGE 50
CHARTERED

1890s – LODGE
WORKS TOWARD 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

How We Raise Money:

Event Rentals
Fundraisers
Grants
Capital Campaigns
Tax Credits

2024 NAP CREDITS AWARDED

THE CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE FOUNDATION (CMTF) HAS BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE INDIANA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS OUR NOT-FOR-PROFIT FOUNDATION TO DISTRIBUTE INDIANA TAX CREDITS AS AN INCENTIVE TO DONORS. CMTF WAS GIVEN \$9,010 WORTH OF NAP CREDITS FOR THE JULY 2024– MARCH 2025 NAP CYCLE.

HOW DO THE CREDITS WORK?

DONATIONS TO CMTF 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.

CONTACT YVONNE RATCLIFFE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND TO GET A DONOR CONTRIBUTION FORM. CALL/TEXT 904-608-8783 OR EMAIL: Y.RATCLIFFE@COMCAST.NET

NAP CREDITS WILL BE ISSUED ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

**ALL MONEY GIVEN THROUGH 2024 CMTF NAP PROGRAM
WILL BE USED TO REPAIR OUR MASONRY ON THE FRONT ELEVATION.**



CMTF HOSTED THE RECENT CRAWFORDSVILLE MAIN STREET HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRADE TRAINING WORKSHOP. INTERESTED PEOPLE CAME TO OUR FACILITY TO LEARN HOW TO PROPERLY REPAIR AND REFINISH HISTORIC WOOD FLOORING AND REPAIR HISTORIC MASONRY. AS A RESULT, OUR MEZZANINE-LEVEL FLOORS AND GRAND STAIRWAY WILL BE REFINISHED!

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

CMTF BOARD MEMBERS RECENTLY COMPLETED A YEAR-LONG SERIES OF PLANNING SESSIONS TO PROVIDE A MORE SECURE FUTURE FOR OUR BUILDING. THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, WE WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE GOALS AND AN ACTION PLAN FOR MAKING OUR DREAMS FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL BUILDING A REALITY. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO PRESERVE THIS BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC STRUCTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO USE FOR THE NEXT 120+ YEARS. WE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO DO THAT BY FOCUSING ON OUR GOALS:

GOALS



Strategic Action Plan

- FINANCIAL STABILITY—FINDING NEW WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PROJECTS AND UTILITIES
- BOARD GOVERNANCE—HAVING A WELL-ROUNDED, PRODUCTIVE BOARD THAT WORKS TOGETHER
- BUILDING RENOVATION/PRESERVATION—CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE BUILDING TO SAVE IT AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE
- COMMUNICATIONS—LETTING OUR COMMUNITY KNOW OUR NEEDS AND WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

WE APPRECIATE ANY HELP TO REACH OUR GOALS.



THE EVENTS COMMITTEE AT THE MASONIC CORNERSTONE HAS BEEN BUSY PREPARING AND PLANNING FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES. THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR, AND THE PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE RENOVATION AND RESTORATION OF OUR BEAUTIFUL BUILDING. PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING A TREE FOR THE 2024 FESTIVAL OF TREES WITH THE QR CODE, SPONSORSHIP FORM, OR AT [HTTPS://THEMASONICCORNERSTONE.COM/UPCOMING-EVENTS/](https://themasoniccornerstone.com/upcoming-events/)

PROJECT UPDATES

MAIN FLOOR BATHROOM UPGRADES

\$50,000 NEEDED!

KITCHEN RENOVATION WORK

\$20,000 COMPLETED

\$40,000 NEEDED!

ELECTRICAL UPGRADES/ FIRE ALARM ESTIMATES

\$192,000 AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT

\$40,000 NEEDED!

DAY OF SERVICE

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

CMTF IS PARTICIPATING IN THE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE
DAY OF SERVICE
8AM-NOON

CLEANING AND PAINTING



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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 – JAN 2024 - JUN 2024

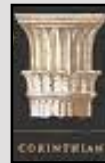


BRENDA AND BRYCE BARTON
ANDY AND KAREN BIDDLE
BURKHART FUNERAL HOME
KIM CLARK
DON AND JEAN COWEN
KAREN CRAWFORD

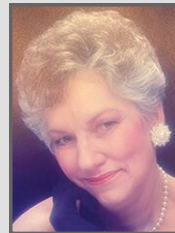
JOHN AND BETTY CULLEY
RUBY ELLIOTT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KEENAGERS
SAMUEL AND CAROLYN FISHER
TAMMY R. FULWIDER
ALVIN AND PHYLLIS FURRER
TERRI FYFFE
WILLIAM GOEBEL
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ETHAN HOLLANDER
KURT AND CAROL HOMANN
MARC AND HELEN HUDSON
JIM AND PEGGY JACKMAN
KROGER REWARDS
SUE AND JEFF LUCAS
AARON AND AMY MATTINGLY
GREG AND LAURA MILLER
TOM AND SUE MILLIGAN
BETTY NORMAN
JOHN AND DIANE OILAR
PAYPAL GIVING FUND
MARTY POOL
GAYLON AND KRISTEN ROSS
DIXIE RUGGLES
RICHARD AND CYNTHIA SAKOWSKI
JON AND PATRICIA SOMMER
KATHY TOBIAS
THERESA TYNER
PETE AND BRONNA UTTERBACK
SCOTT WHEELER



JUDITH KLEINE, ARCHITECT
DIAN MOORE
LARRY AND YVONNE RATCLIFFE
KATHY STEELE
TRI-COUNTY BANK AND TRUST
JUSTICE HOWLAND CHARITY FUND



CHUCK AND EATHA SOMMER TRUST



LONG-TIME BOARD MEMBER CHUCK SOMMER LOST HIS WIFE ON DECEMBER 10, 2023, AND HAS DESIGNATED CMTF KITCHEN RENOVATIONS FOR DONATIONS IN EATHA SOMMER'S MEMORY. ALONG WITH AN OUTPOURING OF GIFTS IN 2023, GIFTS HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN IN 2024 BY:

ANDY AND KAREN BIDDLE
RUBY ELLIOTT
GAYLON AND KRISTIE ROSS
RICHARD AND CYNTHIA SAKOWSKI
CHUCK AND EATHA SOMMER TRUST
JON AND PAT SOMMER

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:

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GIVE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

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

GIVE ONLINE AT:



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