



# THE CORNERSTONE

VOLUME 5, ISSUE 2—AUGUST 2025

CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE FOUNDATION, INC.  
221 S WASHINGTON STREET PO BOX 713  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

## 2025 CMTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YVONNE RATCLIFFE,  
PRESIDENT

JOSEPH SPARKS,  
VICE PRESIDENT

BEV WHEELER,  
TREASURER

JUDITH KLEINE,  
ASST TREASURER

THERESA TYNER,  
SECRETARY

JANELLE BOYD

JIM GILLIKIN

JENNIFER LOWE

JOHN PHILLIPS

NICK REESE

CHARLES SOMMER

STACY STEWART

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.

## Be a Cornerstone Champion

### Conquered

Since 2019, CMTF has been striving to make this beautiful historic building available to our community. From 2019-2024, we have invested over \$260,000 and countless volunteer hours in the restoration.

### Current

In 2025, we are repairing and cleaning our east elevation masonry, upgrading our electrical system to prepare for the future elevator and address safety concerns, adding a fire alarm system, replacing a failing HVAC unit and failing water heaters, continuing our kitchen upgrades, and beginning work on a new automated handicap entry door. The 2025 investment in the building—from grants and our generous donors—is at \$409,000.

### The Challenge

We are grateful for your generosity; however, there is a lot more work to be done. Future project priorities include finishing the kitchen equipment upgrades (new dishwashing line, refrigeration, etc.), remodeling the first floor bathrooms to have more stalls with new fixtures and replacing the failing plumbing lines, replacing the HVAC equipment in three locations, adding panic hardware to our main entry doors, refinishing more of our wood floors, and continuing our exterior masonry repairs. We estimate needing \$185,000 for the interior work and over \$1,300,000 for the remainder of the exterior masonry repairs, which must be completed before we can add the much-requested elevator.

### Can You Help?

We continue to apply for grants—many of which require matching funds—request donations, offer rentals, and hold fundraisers to fund these projects and keep the building operating. We also rely on volunteers to help us tackle projects like painting, cleaning and drywall work. Thank you for continuing to support our efforts.

### PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

#### MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:

CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE  
FOUNDATION, INC.  
PO BOX 713  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

#### GIVE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

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

#### GIVE ONLINE AT:



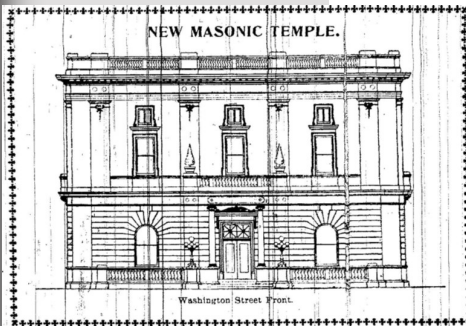
# THE CORNERSTONE

VOLUME 5, ISSUE 2—AUGUST 2025

## 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

## CMTF PROJECTS UPDATES

### ELECTRICAL/FIRE ALARM/LIGHTING UPGRADES

Thanks to a grant partnership with the City of Crawfordsville, our electrical and fire alarm upgrades are nearly completed. No more hot spots in our coves (LED cove lights pictured)! High efficiency light fixtures have also been installed in the kitchen and basement.



A huge  
thank you to  
Acuity Lighting  
for donating  
the new  
LED fixtures!!!



### EAST ELEVATION



Work on our east elevation is complete! The replacement of the missing/damaged stone balusters, mortar repointing, and cleaning has really improved the look of our main entry. (FYI: Each stone baluster costs \$500 for materials alone.)



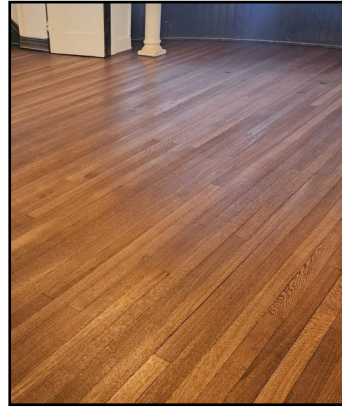
This project was funded in part by your generosity and a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

# THE CORNERSTONE

VOLUME 5, ISSUE 2—AUGUST 2025

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

**VISION STATEMENT:**  
“A VENUE WITH A CAUSE”  
PROVIDING A GATHERING SPACE FOR SOCIAL  
AND BUSINESS EVENTS, WHILE RESTORING AN  
HISTORIC CORNERSTONE OF OUR COMMUNITY



Work continues on our wood floors and stairs.



DO YOU HAVE  
TIME OR SKILLS  
YOU'D BE  
WILLING TO SHARE  
WITH US?

WE CAN ALWAYS  
USE HELP!

CONTACT YVONNE  
TO VOLUNTEER.

Thank you, Wabash College, for  
sending over a crew of strong  
young men who helped us remove  
debris from the theatre!



## COMMUNITY COOKING CLASS SERIES AT THE MASONIC CORNERSTONE

We are excited to announce that we have  
partnered with Local Chef Lauren Day to  
bring a Community Cooking Class Series to  
Crawfordsville.

**REGISTER FOR CHEF  
DAY'S PUMPKIN CLASS:**

We kicked off Series 1 in June with three  
classes over the summer that focused on  
crepes, knife skills for couples, and pizza  
making for kids. In October, Series 2 classes  
will spotlight Sweet & Savory Pumpkin in  
October, Pie-making in November, and  
Holiday Scones in December—perfectly  
timed to coincide with Festival of Trees!



CRAWFORDSVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE  
 FOUNDATION, INC.  
 221 S WASHINGTON ST  
 PO Box 713  
 CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933-0713

## FESTIVAL OF TREES IS COMING SOON!

Sign up to sponsor a tree today.



765-810-2776  
 themasoniccornerstone.com  
[themasoniccornerstone@gmail.com](mailto:themasoniccornerstone@gmail.com)

### DONATIONS RECEIVED – JAN 2025 - AUG 2025

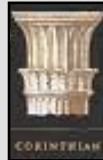


LANORE ASTIN  
 MARK BICKEL  
 ANDY AND KAREN BIDDLE  
 AUSTIN AND LUCILLE BROOKS  
 LINDA BURKLE  
 JANICE CLAUSER

JOHN AND BETTY CULLEY  
 JOHN AND CAROLYN DOYEL  
 PAT AND JAN FAYE  
 SAM AND CAROLYN FISHER  
 STEVE AND GLENDA FREES  
 JIM AND NANCY GINERIS  
 DAVID AND SHERIDAN HADLEY  
 LALI HESS/THE JUNIPER SPOON  
 SHIRLEY HILL AND LANA WILLHITE  
 ETHAN HOLLANDER  
 KURT AND MARY CAROL HOMANN  
 JIM AND PEGGY JACKMAN  
 ESTHER JACOBY  
 JACK AND SUSIE LARSON  
 KROGER REWARDS  
 LEICHT INSURANCE  
 SUE AND JEFF LUCAS  
 LARRY AND CONNIE MOTZ  
 PAYPAL GIVING FUND  
 ROBERT AND GAIL PEBWORTH  
 PAT AND TOM PRICE  
 MELINDA SCATTERGOOD AND RITA  
 HAMM  
 GARRETT SMITH  
 CHUCK SOMMER  
 JIM AND BETH SWIFT  
 PETE AND BRONNA UTTERBACK  
 RICHARD AND BARBARA VAN ARSDEL  
 MICHAEL AND JODIE WILSON



HAY-BUSH MECHANICAL  
 REX AND SANDY HENTHORN  
 MORRIS ODLE  
 KATHY STEELE  
 THERESA TYNER



GREG AND JUDI KLEINE  
 LARRY AND YVONNE RATCLIFFE

## CRAWFORDSVILLE 2025 COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE



Student leaders from each CTE program joined us to form an enthusiastic crew of 20 volunteers. We painted a conference room, hallway, and the room brides use to prepare for wedding ceremonies and receptions.

We also cleaned out, built shelves for, and organized some closets next to the kitchen.

Thank you to these fabulous, hard-working volunteers!

### DONOR LEVELS

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