



# THE CORNERSTONE

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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.

The Masonic Cornerstone sparkled during the 2025 Festival of Trees with a breathtaking spectacle of over 85 unique trees.



A special thank you to our lead Crystal Sponsor: Tempur + Sealy, Ruby Sponsor: Credent Wealth Management, and Ruby Sponsors: Acuity Brands Lighting; Arab Termite & Pest Control; Beta Early Learning Academy; Bethanne Harmon & Bev Wheeler; Francis & Mount; Hoosier Heartland State Bank; Lakeside Book Company; Mesa Waa Gii; Morrison Realty—Keller Williams; Nathan & Margaret Lynd Family; Pettit and Sons Pools; Susdorf Family; and Tom’s Marine Sales & Service.

Congratulations to the **People’s Choice** winner:  
Animal Welfare League



## Did you know that Festival of Trees is our main fundraiser every year?

In 2025, **8 people** were responsible for setting up and operating the fundraiser. They relied on help from our sponsors, the scouts, and friends to make this fundraiser a reality. **Over 800 man hours** were required to carry this annual event from start to spectacular finish. It takes about **4 weeks** to go from an ordinary building to an extraordinary holiday event. **Another 3 weeks** are needed to remove the trees, pack up the decorations, and return the building back to normal use. The 2025 event brought in **\$15,735** in profit which will be used to keep the building open for business and to help fund ongoing projects.

**Thank you to everyone who helped make the  
2025 Festival of Trees a success!**



The Scouts, who use our building, helped bring the trees and decorations out of storage—thank you!

Congratulations to The Masonic Cornerstone  
Officially Recognized as the Best Event Venue in Union Township, Montgomery  
County, Indiana for 2025 by Business Rate based on Google Review Data

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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

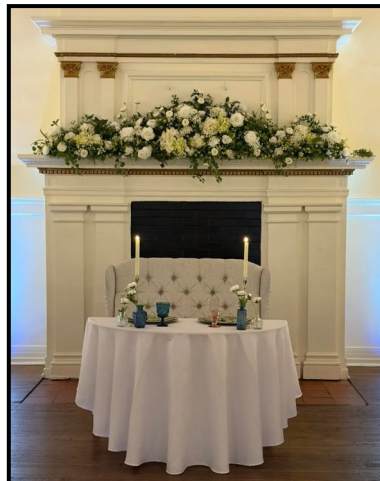
### How We Raise Money:

- Event Rentals
- Fundraisers
- Grants
- Capital Campaigns
- Tax Credits

## 2025 Events Held at the Cornerstone

The numbers are in: Over 7,200 people used the Cornerstone in 2025 during 178 events! We host meetings for businesses and non-profit organizations, classes and workshops, Scout meetings, graduation open houses, school events, dances, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, Christmas parties, dinners, weddings, rehearsals, and receptions. We use funds from rentals to help us keep the building open for business and to help fund ongoing projects.

The 2025 investment in the building— from grants and our generous donors— was \$409,000. We need your help to continue work on the building and to provide a place for our community events. Contact us for your event needs.



**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

DO YOU HAVE TIME  
OR SKILLS?  
WE CAN ALWAYS  
USE HELP.  
CONTACT YVONNE  
TO VOLUNTEER

## Current Projects

Projects that we are focusing on in 2026:

- A new **handicap entry door** with an electronic opener has been ordered. Installation should be completed by March 2026. Cost to complete this project is \$20,000.
- Finishing the **new kitchen walls and ceilings**. This is a current project with completion happening by April 2026. Cost to complete this project is \$8,000.
- Continuing to **replace kitchen equipment**, including a new dishwashing line, stainless steel tables and counters, work stations, and refrigeration. Finished as funds become available. Cost to complete this project is \$40,000.
- Total **Remodel of the first floor women’s restroom** to provide 3 standard and one handicap-accessible stalls to replace failing plumbing. Finished as funds become available. Cost to complete this project is \$32,000.
- New **first floor men’s restroom** with two stalls—one standard and one handicap-accessible—and two urinals to replace failing plumbing. Finished as funds become available. Cost to complete this project is \$32,000.
- Opening up **hallway access** from the handicap door and north hall to the Grand Hall. Finished as funds become available. Cost to complete this project is \$10,000.
- Building up our **Matching Funds Account** so we can apply for large grants that require 50% or more dollar matches. Currently funded at \$22,000. We need \$75,000 minimum to \$200,000 in the fund depending on which project and grant we hope to pursue.

## Cost to Keep the Building Open

This beautiful, historic, full-masonry structure has just over 30,000 square feet under roof.

Utilities, insurance and maintenance average \$4,700 per month  
Business expenses, including accounting and website costs, average \$1,200 per month  
Events/fundraising costs average \$4,000 per month

The Community Cooking Class  
Series with Local Chef  
Lauren Day continues at  
The Masonic Cornerstone  
Check our Facebook page to  
sign up for the next class.

December 2025 Scone Class  
participants shown here



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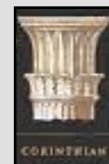


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