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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.

We are Thankful for each Cornerstone Champion

As a hard-working volunteer board and a host to other community members, we are thankful for each person who is willing to contribute to our ongoing work in the building. Since 2019, CMTF has been striving to make this beautiful historic building available to our community. With your contributions and help we are succeeding one day at a time by holding fundraisers, renting our facility, and applying for grants, many of which require matching funds. Our construction focus this year is on updated first floor restrooms and a new dishwashing line in our kitchen.

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts.



We are currently seeking sponsors for our 2026 Festival of Trees. Join the festivities by sponsoring a tree that embodies your organization, business, or family—unleash your imagination and let your creativity sparkle in the most delightful and quirky ways!

Scan this QR code to sign up online, or call 765-810-2776.



PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:

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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

UPCOMING “FUN” DRAISERS

Save the Date
Designer Purse Bingo
October 29th at 6:30 pm
Win a designer purse from Michael Kors,
Patricia Nash, Kate Spade
Details will be published on our
website: www.themasonicc cornerstone.com
or check the QR code for updates



RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We continue to make progress in our
kitchen with a dishwashing line on our
current wish list.



Our new handicap-
accessible door with
electronic opener is
an excellent addition
to our facility.

Coming soon: a new
outside light.



Exciting News! The Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation (CMTF) has been accepted into the Indiana Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) again this year.

This program allows our not-for-profit foundation to distribute Indiana tax credits as an incentive to donors for the July 2026 - March 2027 NAP cycle. Donations of \$100 or more to CMTF are eligible for a tax credit on your Indiana taxes worth 50% of your contribution.

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 the 2026 CMTF NAP program
will be used for the kitchen renovation and updates.**

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



Yvonne Ratcliffe

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

**WE CAN ALWAYS
USE HELP!**

**CONTACT YVONNE
TO VOLUNTEER.**

MEET OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Yvonne Ratcliffe, our current Board President, joined the Board in 2020. In Yvonne's words, "I joined the CMTF to honor my father, William "Frank" Switzer and his brother, my uncle, Ed Switzer. My father was a thirty-second degree Mason and active in the Shriners Club which is an offshoot of the Masons. When Dad died and we looked for charities to which we could direct donations in his memory, we were not aware that efforts were underway to restore the Masonic Temple. The Masonic Temple building had been gifted to a 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation called the Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation. I was invited to join the board the summer following my father's death. It has been an honor to work with the board, and I'm very proud of the strides that have been made in the restoration efforts."

When Yvonne joined the board, it was a two-for-one deal as her husband, Larry, has often been volunteered to help with a project. The Ratcliffes have been integral in moving the restoration efforts forward. Larry's woodworking skills have repaired the ballroom floor, repaired and replaced spindles along the stairway, and helped to restore the original exterior doors. Additionally, Larry rewired some original sconces so they could be used.

Yvonne has brought in the financial support that has allowed the Foundation to purchase items so the building could function as an event space. Yvonne was also one of the founders of the Festival of Trees, our biggest fundraiser.

Yvonne commented, "My hope is that the restoration work to save this historic building will be embraced by the community and that the building will continue to serve as a gathering spot for many more decades."

Yvonne and Larry currently live in Indianapolis.

MAKING THE OLD NEW AGAIN

This beautiful sconce is original to the building. Originally, it was powered by both gas and electricity! The top was lit by gas, and the bottom was lit by electricity. It seems silly now, but at the time, the builders weren't sure that "this electricity thing" would take off and be reliable. As the use of electricity became more common, the gas portion was shut down and only the bottom light was used. Fortunately, the two sconces on the mezzanine have been restored by Larry Ratcliffe, and now both lights on the fixture use electricity.

Thank you, Yvonne and Larry, for your contributions!



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