

THE HISTORICAL RESTORATION OF LOGAN COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Elkhart Historical Society Hosts

Dinner Lecture

September 20, 2024

William E. Walter, Building Restoration Consultant, known for building restoration both in the U.S. and internationally, will lead dinner guests through the expanded renovation and repairs of the Logan County Courthouse, located in downtown Lincoln, Illinois. Walter has used his specialized services for industrial, commercial, military, and institutional facilities.

The event will be held at Elkhart at the Horsefeathers Café, located in downtown Elkhart, with doors opening at 5:00 and dinner at 5:30 p.m., September 20, 2024.

The Logan County Courthouse was built in 1905, and was sculpted from Amherst/Berea Ohio and locally quarried sandstone. Realizing the urgent need for renovation, a sales tax referendum of 0.5% was passed in March, 2020, providing the funding for a substantial overhaul of the county facility.

William Walter will discuss the many steps and stages needed to bring the very best possible restoration and masonry preservation techniques to this project.

Walter was owner and operator of Walter Associates from 1974 to 2009. He is owner and operator of Eagle Scaffold Consultants, from 2004 until present, specializing in repair services and certification for suspension scaffolding on high rise buildings, including the implementation of codes for high rise buildings suspension and hoist equipment.

Walter is also a Masonry Restoration Engineer, who owns

and operates Masonry Restoration Technologies & Services from 1989 to present. His company has been the developer of the Copper replacement project on the Courthouse dome, and he is currently the project and construction manager for the courthouse restoration project. Working with MRTS, Veregy (an energy management company), CAD Construction and American Scaffolding were critically involved with the dome and Courthouse restoration.

His many projects include The White House, Washington, DC; Kentucky State Capital Building, Frankfort, KY; Michigan State Capital Building, Lansing, MI; Texas Governor's Mansion, Austin, TX; Lee County Court House, Leesburg, GA; St. Kajetan, Munich, Germany; Canterbury Estates, Hertfordshire, England; and a host of others.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217.947.2238. Once confirmed, you may download the form and select your preference for meal entrée and dessert. The cost is \$45 per person, which covers meal, tax, tip, and \$15 for the program. The form should be completed, and returned along with your payment/check to

Elkhart Historical Society,
P.O. Box 255,
Elkhart, IL 62634.

The deadline for reservation and payment is September 11. You may also stop by the Country Bumpkin directly across from Horsefeathers to turn in or pick up a form and make payment. For menu information and to download a reservation form by clicking here, or go to www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org. Public parking available.
