



**AURORA MASONIC CENTER
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Ann Balloni
Village Clerk
Village of Aurora
456 Main St.
Aurora, NY 13026

July 19, 2025

Dear Ann and Members of the Board of Trustees:

This note is to confirm receipt of your check in the amount of \$2500 as a gesture of support of the Aurora Masonic Center. As you obviously know, we are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit historical society with a main mission to preserve and maintain our historic 1819 building. Secondly, we are to preserve and share our artifacts and properties that tell the stories of Aurora's development and developers.

It is also our firm intention to be a welcoming community center and participate in the life of the village. Notable annual activities include hosting the Aurora Free Library's book sale during the Rte. 90 Yard Sale weekend (coming right up); a Halloween Open House that regularly draws more than 200 youngsters and an equal number of chaperones; and the Silent Auction at Christmas in Aurora. This last event is a fundraiser dedicated to a different local NFP each year. In April this year, on a Lodge night that coincided with his birthday, we held an open house to remember and honor our friend and Brother Alan Clugston and nearly 50 community members came to celebrate with us.

In addition, we have joined in the I Love NY Path Through History weekend. We regularly offer tours of the building, by appointment and during the events mentioned and more spontaneously. In 2019, simultaneous with our structure's 200th birthday, the AMC engaged the Aurora Historical Society and Wells College to bring to town a traveling exhibit by the Smithsonian Institution. This was staged at the college library for six weeks and tallied over 2000 visitors.

And so, with this small recap, I again express our appreciation for the village's corporate interest and support. And I say the same to you personally and individually. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen L. Zabriskie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" and "Z".

Stephen L. Zabriskie, Secy
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