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Good Morning Petal,

It was not until I saw the beginnings of new construction at our Moreston Village that I inquired about it. I was totally unaware of the Orange Lodge as a part of the village. I find it deeply disturbing. It has been a symbol through the years of extreme divisiveness no matter the spin on the Museum's website.

Donations must not dictate the direction of the village. Rather the village should include the most common inclusive elements in a village. A general store would seem to be the most obvious building missing.

I could certainly appreciate a generic chapel with plaques inside that would outline the religious nature of our area through the years, including *all* religious affiliations.

I have already heard comments from others who were greatly taken aback by this construction.

I would appreciate you passing on my disappointment for this unfortunate decision. Perhaps there is still an opportunity to turn this into something less offensive.

With respect,

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