

September 6, 2017

Dariusz Blachowski  
Custom Builders Restoration  
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Dear Dariusz:

I'm writing to thank you for the exceptional masonry work you and your team performed on our townhome, both through our association and for me privately. These included:

- Cleaning and repointing the exterior stairs;
- Sealing the stairs;
- Replacing several damaged segments of stone on the stairs (see pictures below);
- Replacing the sealant around our rear windows and along the flashing above the protruding portion of the back roof;
- Repairing an unsealed concrete tile at the rear of the house below the roof parapet;
- And repairing a segment of our front gate wall.

You and your crew worked diligently to complete these jobs, and demonstrated both your skill and professionalism. The resulting effect has been both aesthetically pleasing and structurally sound. Additionally, you left each job site cleaner than you found it. Your quotes were competitive, and the quality of your work has resulted in an incredible value.

Your team repeatedly demonstrated genuine concern for my property. For instance, when spraying the sealer on the front stairs, your team covered areas of my home that might have been discolored by the sealant (e.g., the front door), as well as the plants in my garden. Similarly, when working in the rear of my home, your team covered all of my patio furniture to prevent it being damaged or dirtied by debris. And just as importantly, once your team finished, they replaced the furniture which they had moved, and left my patio clean.

The quality of your workmanship is also praiseworthy. I especially appreciate how the stone that was replaced along the sides of the stairs so well blends in with the stone that was not damaged, a look which I know you took great pains to achieve. I also appreciate the care your team took maneuvering around the budding plants in my garden to access this area of the stairs from below.

I have been impressed with the pride you take in your work, such as when on the day after you sealed the concrete tile at the rear of my townhouse, you came by to recheck that the area had been sealed properly, and that there were no other cracks.

As I'm sure you know, I have been extremely happy with your work. And as several of the items above, such as repointing and sealing the front stairs, are a matter of periodic maintenance, I hope I may count on your services again in the future. Until then, if I can be of service as a reference, I am happy to oblige.

Dariusz Blachowski  
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August 30, 2017  
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Warm Regards,  
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Before



After



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September 1, 2017

**RE: Dariusz Blachowski**

This a reference letter in regards to Dariusz Blachowski. Dariusz is an excellent Mason. He has worked on 2 of my buildings. The first building he did in 2016, which involved replacement of 20 lentils and rebuilding of the Front Parapet wall.

Scaffolding was installed and secured to the building. The job consisted of removing several layers of brick above each window and replacing each lentil, and then reconstructing the brick layers. He also took apart the front parapet wall brick by brick and then rebuild it. All Existing designs and Limestone were put back in place exactly as they were before with attention to every detail. Roofing and flashing and caulking were installed insuring that everything was sealed and water tight. He took the time to make sure to match perfectly the new mortar to the existing original mortar. This is truly an art, since all I have to do is walk around my neighborhood to see many, many houses with bad lentil jobs, where you can easily tell lousy work has been done. He also was able to replace the Lintels of three very large 13 foot windows. This was particularly challenging and required adhering to Architect plans and welding.

I was so pleased with Job, I had Dariusz do an even bigger job on my other building this year. It had a very large and ornate parapet wall along the side of the building overlooking the side walk. Safe installation of scaffolding with Canopy was required due to the sidewalk. The Job required Removal of an existing Copper Cornice was due to its condition. Dariusz took it upon himself to find the perfect matching brick to place where the cornice had been. The entire side parapet wall was completely rebuilt to match the original brick detail. Of course once again he matched the new mortar to the existing mortar perfectly. He capped the wall with New Limestone. Roofing material and flashing were placed just right.

Dariusz works well with his crew, and it is clear that they respect him. He participates and supervises the Jobs that he does from beginning to end. I recommend Dariusz highly. He is at the top in terms of expertise in his field. He's simply the best.

Thanks Sincerely,

Patrick Michel, MD

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