

Grand Lodge of Croatia

of Ancient, Free and Acceted Masons



Information on Glina* Town Earthquake Relief Project

Zagreb, 2021.

* The first Masonic lodge in Croatia, and also in the Balkans, was established on the territory of the Military Frontier in the town of Glina in 1764 by Croatian Count Ivan Drašković VIII under the name *War Friendship* (Croatian: *Ratno prijateljstvo*, French: *L'amitié de guerre*, German: Zur *Kriegsfreundschaft*) (*Wikipedia*)



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Dear brethren around the world, thank you!

A brother in need is a brother in deed. A brother is always first to help in times of trouble. Our brethren Freemasons around the world are always among the first when someone is in need, whether he is known or not, near, or far, needs to be given a word of comfort, help get through difficult moments, offer a roof over someone's head and uplift faith in a better tomorrow.

A catastrophic earthquake on the 29th of December 2020 hit Banovina, an area not far from the Croatian capital Zagreb, which also experienced a very serious earthquake just a few months earlier. Unfortunately, several lives were extinguished under the rubble of houses, and a large number of people were left in the cold without a safe home, which due to the massive number of damaged residential and commercial buildings still represents a major problem for reconstruction.

Following the first news of the earthquake and its consequences came the reactions of our brothers Freemasons. Phone calls and emails contained messages of sympathy for the victims, but also questions - what is needed, how can we help? The next day, several brothers from the neighbouring country came to Zagreb with the first financial donation. Very soon funds began to arrive from friendly Grand Lodges from all over the world, both from the Lodges and individual brothers.

As you know, the Grand Lodge of Croatia has launched a targeted action to add funds from all over the world to the funds of the Grand Lodge of Croatia and the Scottish Rite for Croatia in a single fund intended for the purchase of two prefabricated houses for two families with small children in Glina, a small town in Banovina, which, along with Petrinja, Sisak and surrounding towns, suffered the most. Glina, in addition, has great symbolic significance in the history of Freemasonry in this area. In that city, in the then Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, the first Lodge on Croatian soil was established back in 1759.

With the desire to provide two families with a safe and warm home to continue living in their town, but also symbolically to strengthen the continuation of the Masonic spirit that has been present in Glina for centuries, by raised funds from the brethren around the world, two houses were bought, fully equipped for comfortable living that will, especially for the youngest members of the family, enable a good upbringing and security in an area whose inhabitants are still occasionally awakened by some aftershocks.

The young Erkalović family has three young girls. Just before the earthquake, they bought a house on a loan, and it was supposed to be their safe and warm home. Unfortunately, the earthquake destroyed it. The uncertainty of their life and what will happen next, was solved by the donation of a new prefabricated house of people with big hearts, unknown to them.

The Stula family's apartment was destroyed by the earthquake too. With two children, one of them with special needs, they were displaced moving the members of the family to different friends. The gift of the Freemason brethren gave them back hope that their lives have a better future, and the faith that true and sincere love among people, even when they do not know each other, has the power to overcome every adversity.

Dear brethren, known and unknown, you who firmly hold the chain of our communion, thank you for joining us, that we could together make those people to believe that their future has hope, and that their children have a safe family home for a peaceful and playful childhood. May the feeling that you have done a great job warm your hearts and strengthen your faith in the power of true brotherly love of the Freemasons of the whole world. By our examples we show that togetherness is a force stronger than any adversity.

On behalf of these families and the victims, we thank all the donors of the Grand Lodges, and the individuals who in this action sent over 100,000 EUR to a special account. Since the total cost of procurement and installation of houses amounted to 136,250 EUR, the Grand Lodge of Croatia together with the Scottish Rite for Croatia, supported by donations from individual Croatian brethren, added the difference to the funds raised from abroad. It is to be noted that just the share of tax duties was 25% of the total. We owe special thanks to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Slovenia for their help in establishing friendly relations with the house manufacturer Marles from Slovenia, who participated in the donation, production, and assembly of the houses with a constructive business approach.

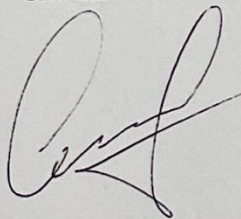
We also thank all the brothers of foreign and our domestic Lodges who, independently of this feat, with their direct donations for this stricken area have contributed to at least partially repair the tragic consequences of the earthquake.

Link for foto Glina:

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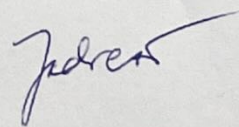
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In appreciation of your generous donation to the
Glina Earthquake Relief Project

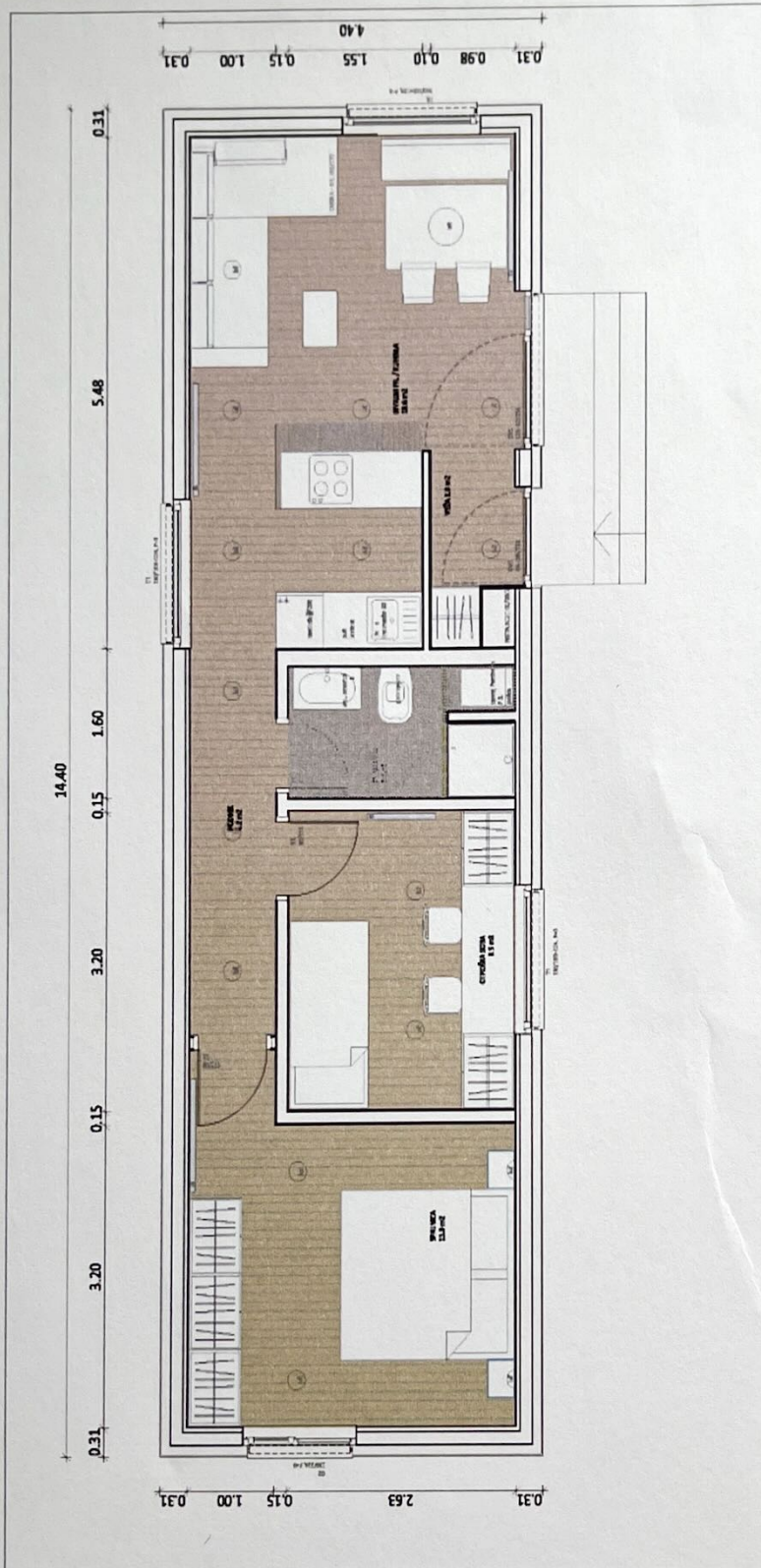
We express our sincere gratitude for your contribution in support of the Glina Earthquake Relief Project, where all proceeds were used to assist families in need of housing following the devastating earthquake of December 29, 2020 in central Croatia.

We thank you for your brotherly love and support!









Modularni objekt 14,40x4,40 m		MARLES	
tip	oznaka	dimenzije (L x Š)	opis
podloga	1	14,40 x 4,40	podloga
zidovi	2	14,40 x 4,40	zidovi
strop	3	14,40 x 4,40	strop
okna	4	14,40 x 4,40	okna
drugi	5	14,40 x 4,40	drugi
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tip	opis	površina BRUTO	površina NETTO
podloga	podloga	63,4 m ²	50,9 m ²
zidovi	zidovi		
strop	strop		
okna	okna		
drugi	drugi		
fasada	fasada		
fasada	fasada		
stopnice	stopnice		



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GLINA DONATION

Technical specification of houses

Preparatory works for the installation of the mobile home were performed in accordance with the technical instructions of the manufacturer Marles and the detailed construction project documentation (donation from GLC).

Mobile homes are 14.40 x 4.40 m, gross area 63.4 m², net area 50.9 m².

Technical characteristics of mobile homes:

- Exterior walls are made according to the MARLES MEGA system with thermal insulation facade (rock wool), finished with larch wood cladding;
- Exterior wall construction: Total thickness 38.4 cm, heat transfer coefficient $U = 0.19 \text{ W / m}^2\text{K}$, fire resistance F60, net height from the finished floor 2.50 m;
- built-in wooden windows MARLES NATUR 78 - (profile 78 mm) from the production program MARLES PSP standard dimensions, made of quality glued spruce wood with double sealing and drip profile on the window sill and window sash.
- Window glazing with triple glazing, thermal conductivity $U_g = 0.6 \text{ W / m}^2\text{K}$, thermal conductivity of windows as a whole $U_w = 0.89 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$;
- Entrance door ALU INOTHERM type AK 401 Profile Exclusiv $0.9 \text{ W / m}^2\text{K}$,
- External aluminium window sills;
- Interior wall construction: Total wall thickness 13 cm, height from the finished floor 2.50 m;
- Floor ceramics and wall ceramics;
- Electrical installations;
- Water supply and waste installations;
- High quality PVC floor covering;
- Heating with IR panels;
- Installation of air conditioning installation;
- Domestic hot water heating with 80 liter Gorenje electric water heater;
- Equipped bathroom;
- Equipped kitchen.