



The chisel, in the Mark Master degree, is one of the working tools and symbolizes the effects of education on the human mind.

William Preston (Illustrations of Masonry, 1812, page 86)



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A letter of thanks penned by a bright young MEF beneficiary By: Chloe Steenkamp

My name is Chloe Steenkamp and I am a recipient of a sponsorship from the Masonic Education Fund.

I am now in Grade 8. I am the daughter of a single mother. My mother and grandparents have always had a concern about my success at school, and education for the future. Being a single parent, my mother has struggled with the burden of school fees.

My early years at school with the large classes were difficult. In the end, my mother decided that in spite of the extra costs, that I attend the Durbanville Curro School. The change has been dramatic. The reduced numbers in each class have led to my improved results.

My favourite subjects are Technology and English. I am able to practice my first love, athletics, assisted by dedicated coaches, and I am very happy.

I listen to all forms of music and my hobby is dancing and making Tik-

Toks. After matric I intend to study to become a marine biologist.

All of this would not have been possible without the freemasons and the financial support of the Masonic Education Fund. It has also eased a lot of pressure off my mother and me. Now I am a very enthusiastic teenager with aims and possibilities in sight.



Chloe Steenkamp

**You too
can wear
a MEF
Jewel
with
pride!**

**See page 3 for
application form**



Deadline for MEF applications is 31 August of each year.

Application forms can be obtained via email request to pegged@iafrica.com



Message From The

CHAIRMAN'S DESK

The Education Fund year is rapidly coming to an end, our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday the 12th of July 2023 at the Masonic Centre in Pinelands starting at 18:00. Hopefully there will be new members of the Fund wanting to actively participate and will be willing to prepared to serve on the various committees.

But what a year it's been with the growth of life memberships with the total current number now standing at 93!

Our investments continue to grow steadily which is most pleasing as the cash withdrawn has helped tremendously to assist with the partial grants toward the scholars and students of those masons and widows in need. I personally feel very proud that we could be of some assistance to those masons and their widows in need. This assistance is only made possible through the ongoing donations and support of masons and their lodges and districts across the four Constitutions. I hope that at some time in the future the Fund will be able to cover the annual costs in full for all successful applicants.

As always there are constant annual applications for financial support from masons and widows in financial need, so the General Committee must once again appeal to all those masons, lodges and the districts and Constitutions to consider making donations to this worthy fund. The cost of education is rising all the time – as is the demand for help.

I must express the grateful thanks of the Fund to the English Constitution for once again supporting us. At their recent General Meeting, the District Grand Lodge, Western Division once again allocated R5 000,00 to the Fund. Fantastic contributions were also received with R500 From Harmony Lodge and Ceres Lodge of R40 000,00. Yes – Forty Thousand!

A very big thank you to them. Sadly, nothing, as yet, forthcoming from any others, despite some of their lodge members applying for and having been granted assistance.

Once again, we had a welcoming to all our new life members in the form of a cheese and wine social held at the Masonic Centre Pinelands. Our sincere thanks to the District for the use of their facilities and also to those who made donations of snacks etc. A good time was enjoyed by all and we had the pleasure of Most Wor Bro . John Smith, Grand Master of the South African Constitution, addressing us and who has now also become a life member of the Fund.

A general reminder to those lodges who have members in need and who would benefit from some support from the MEF for the education of their children – applications are now available and the closing date remains as 31st August....so please get it done timeously.

It is with the utmost sadness that I have to report the passing on to higher service in the Grand Lodge above two stalwart supporters of the Fund – Harold Archer and Peter Duckworth. The families and friends are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Bro. Jock Wood

Chairman: Masonic Education Fund



Masonic Education Fund Annual General Meeting 2023

Date: 12 July 2023 (Wednesday)

Time: 18h00

Venue: Masonic Centre, Masonic Centre, The Refectory, 37 Ringwood Dr, Pinelands, Cape Town





MASONIC EDUCATION FUND
**Membership Application
 Form**

I/ We (with details below) hereby apply for Membership of the Masonic Education Fund.

Name of Brother/ Name of Lodge: _____

Name of lodge secretary in the case of lodge application/ Name of district secretary in the case of District application: _____

Address: _____

 Postal Code: _____

Tel (h): _____

Tel (w): _____

Cell: _____

Pledge Amount (Rands): _____

Amount in words: _____

Membership application category:
 (please tick appropriate box)

- Subscribing (Individual) R.....
- Life (Individual) R1 750,00
- Masonic Lodge R.....
- District/ Provincial Grand Lodge representation R.....



MASONIC EDUCATION FUND
PLEDGE FORM

I (with my personal details below) hereby pledge the amount stated below, with the conditions stated below, to the Masonic Education Fund of South Africa.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Postal Code: _____

Tel (h): _____

Tel (w): _____

Cell: _____

Pledge Amount (Rands): _____

Amount in words: _____

This pledge is:
 (please tick appropriate box)

- Once-off
- Monthly debit order
- Annual debit order

Account details

Bank
Nedbank

Account Name
Masonic Education Fund

Account Number
103 134 9316

Account Branch
101 709

Reference
Insert your name and name of your lodge

Masonic Education Fund
 Hon. Secretary: Bro.Ed Chantler
 1 Blackheath Road, Kenilworth, 7708:
 Tel: 021-671 7525:
 Cell: 076 1636 986:
 E-mail: pegned@iafrica.com



MASONIC EDUCATION FUND OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEBIT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Tel (h): _____

Tel (w): _____

Cell: _____

Type of Account:
(please tick appropriate box)

Savings

Cheque

Transmission

Amount (Rands): _____

Amount in words: _____

First Debit Date: _____

Last Debit Date: _____

Date of monthly Debit Order: _____ of the month.

On-going Debit order:

Yes

No

Name of account holder: _____

Name of Bank: _____

Branch Name: _____ Branch Code: _____

Account number: _____

Reference (Insert your surname and name of your lodge): _____

I the undersigned hereby authorize the Masonic Education Fun to action this debit order as per the details stated above; into Nedbank Account 103 134 9316, Branch 101709.

Signature: _____

Date: _____