



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)



Official Newsletter of the Masonic Education Fund of South Africa

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Out and back to Africa in a 1929 Morris Minor

RW Bro Peter W. Hills, the Provincial Assistant Grand Master of the Irish Constitution and an active member of the Masonic Education Fund has been raising money to educate AIDS orphans in Zambia. This was one of his objectives including a tour of Zimbabwe and Zambia in his 1929 Morris Minor to visit the addresses of all past 10 owners.



Peter discovered and recovered the Morris in the jungle outside Kitwe in 1970, aged 26 and in the same year he became a freemason. As can be seen, the car was a terrible wreck but after being recruited to England, the running chassis accompanied him as personal effects.

22 years later the Morris was in concours condition winning many awards.

In 2019 he shipped the Morris to Cape Town and planned the 'Back to Africa' tour in 2020 but like us all, Covid-19 changed most plans.

On 23rd March 2023 Peter with his back up team of three trailered the Morris to Mutare Zimbabwe from where a 2423km tour took him to many iconic places: Leopard Rock Hotel, Mutare, Birchenough Bridge, Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Matopos (where Rhodes is buried), Bulawayo, Harare, Kariba, Lusaka, Kitwe the finally Itimpe where the car was found in 1970. Then to Livingstone for a drive across Victoria Falls Bridge. The tour took 49 days to and from Cape Town covering a total of 9767km There were many challenges along the way but Peter and his determined team overcame all along with fantastic support in the many towns they visited.

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

See page 3 for
application form



Don't miss the deadline!

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

I once again gives me much pleasure to report on the activities of the MEF over the past year, and how quickly the year seems to have passed. In the year under review, we lost to higher service, two stalwart supporters of the Fund in Harold Archer and Peter Duckworth. Our sincere condolences to each of their families.

Finance

Our finances are sound with our investments doing well and some kind donations, particularly R40 000 received from Ceres Lodge. Once again, I must thank all our donors especially the English Constitution who have again at their GM very generously pledged R5 000,00 and to the Mark for the donation of R4 000,00 at its AGM. All these donations assist the General Committee in improving its financial position tremendously in growing the Fund which is used to help those less fortunate masons or their widows who find themselves in necessitous circumstances by ensuring the education of their children can continue. Please refer to the approved financials included in the Proceedings for the detailed financial position.

Life membership.

The number is on the increase and currently stands at 93. Remember, it is the aim of the MEF to have every Mason becoming a Life Member. To this end, we once again held a social to welcome new members and will shortly be holding another. So, let's get the numbers up to over 100. To go with the fantastic life membership jewels, the MEF now also has lapel pin badges which will soon be distributed to current Life Members.

AGM

It is once again time for our Annual General Meeting on July 12th at Pinelands Masonic Centre, to elect the various

committees such as the Enquiry Committee which investigates and recommends applications, the Finance and General Committees to which all masons are welcome.

General

All that is left is for me to say a BIG thank you to all who so generously have their time to serve this very worthy charity. To our hard-working secretary, Ed Chantler, Vice-Chairman Corné Burger, Treasurer Anthony van Dijk, and members of the committees, be assured your efforts are much appreciated.

Conclusion

I look forward to labouring with you all as in the past. I also have a special thank you to my wife, Gill for supporting me in all my masonic endeavors. It would be impossible to do without her.

Fraternal Greetings,

Bro. Jock Wood

Chairman: Masonic Education Fund

Editor's Note: This column of *Message from the Chairman's Desk* is the Chairman's Report tabled at the MEF AGM.



Join us when the latest Masonic Education Fund Life members will be officially recognised and welcomed.

Date: 4 October 2023
(Wednesday)

Time: 18h00

Venue: Masonic Centre,
Refectory, Howard Drive,
Pinelands, Cape Town



Thanks to the MEF, a beneficiary has become a successful business woman

By: Megan von Secca

It feels like a lifetime ago that my father belonged to the Koffiefontein Masonic Lodge, yet it has had a huge impact on my life. It still amazes me what people’s perception is of this ancient society. For me, it’s only good and what sticks out the most to me is that the Freemasons don’t expect or even want recognition and fame for all the good things they do in society at large, even if they are persecuted and misunderstood, it does not stop them.

When I left school, I worked 3 jobs to make enough money to travel to the Netherlands to Au pair. While there, I saved as much money as I could to bring home to start my tertiary education, but it was not enough. My mother suggested I applied for an education bursary through the Masonic Education Fund, which I was granted (in 1996). This enabled me to study “Travel and Tourism” at Buffalo City College while I worked in the evenings and on weekends to pay for my accommodation.

Without this bursary I would not have managed to pay for everything I needed. Although I did not enter into the Tourism field, this course gave me the confidence and experience to pursue other careers.

Currently I am the National Sales Manager for a Textile Manufacturer in Cape Town and can honestly say, if it wasn’t for the Freemasons financial assistance through the Masonic Education Fund, I might not have gotten as far as I have in life.

I will be forever grateful and respect all Freemasons immensely.



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Peter also managed to attend Lodge meetings in Zambia especially Failte No 805, his mother lodge where he was made a life member in 1984.



The Cecily’s Charity fund has attracted some R45 000, 00 so far and we hope will exceed R50 000,00.



**EDUCATION IS ONE
THING NO ONE CAN
TAKE AWAY FROM YOU.**

—Elin Nordegren



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: _____