



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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Masonic Education Fund updates its logo

The Masonic Education Fund (MEF) strives to not only fulfill its mandate that has provided hundreds of beneficiaries to education opportunities to better themselves, but it also endeavours to be relevant and modern.

As a result, the MEF is proud to announce that we have updated and modernized our logo. We hope you enjoy our more colourful and dynamic “new look” logo!



You too can wear a MEF Jewel with pride!
See page 3 for application form



A letter of gratitude RW Bro Etienne H Bester

I am beyond grateful to express my heartfelt thanks for the financial assistance you have bestowed upon the Bester Boy's education. Your unwavering support has been a true blessing, making the boys anticipation of quality education a tangible reality.

Before the assistance from the Masonic Education Fund, I found it very hard to meet my financial commitments to the boys schooling and extracurricular activities, but your assistance has

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(from left to right) Bro Etienne H Bester, Liam Palmer, Blayne Bester, Kayden Bester

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

Once again we approach the closure of another year in the life of the MEF, the 138th year in fact.

This has been another exciting year. Our life memberships have grown and the MEF investments have shown a moderate improvement. On the downside donations made from the four Constitutions, the Lodges and Chapters and individual members has been disappointing compared to previous years. The Fund is reliant on these regular contributions to increase its capital growth as well as provide some financial support to those masons or their widows who are in need. I must thank those who have generously donated, particularly the English Constitution and the Ceres lodge which donated R40 000 on the closing of the lodge. Donations are extremely important. In fact, grants of assistance in support of children's educational needs for those in need, and the amounts allocated, are restricted and governed by donations and investment income. And the need is increasing.

Whilst on the subject of applications, I must appeal to all those applicants when filling out the forms, please make sure the forms are completed in full and correctly. Those applications not completed in every respect will unfortunately have to be rejected. Every year the Fund receives more applications than it can possibly assist. The Enquiry Committee has the unenviable task of evaluating each application. There is also a set procedure to be followed before submitting the completed set of forms. It takes time, so begin early. The closure date remains as the 31st of August of each year. Also, the committee will only consider applications from those really in need and not from those trying to improve their lifestyles with increased spend. These grants are not hand-outs but should be considered as hand-ups.

Once again we appeal to past recipients that when your child's studies are completed to consider possibly making a contribution back to the Fund and assisting the MEF in the provision of support for those in need. Also, please will recipients let us know how you are getting along with regards employment etc. I am sure our editor of *The Chisel* Manny de Freitas would appreciate any news of interest.

To all the sponsored students and scholars writing, the General Committee wishes you every success and it has been an absolute pleasure to be able to support and assist in some small way.

On behalf of our committees, we wish you all well for the festive season, keep well, safe and if on our roads, safe travelling.

Till next year many Blessings,

Fraternally,

Bro. Jock Wood
Chairman: Masonic Education Fund

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allowed me to focus on their education and personal growth.

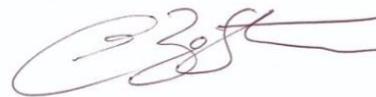
Your generosity has not only opened doors of opportunity for the boys, but have instilled a sense of hope and determination in their hearts. The confidence they now carry as a result of your support has been invaluable in facing the challenges that come their way.

Beyond the financial assistance to my family, I know that the financial assistance given to other families in need is really something that cannot be put into words, but must be felt for someone to truly understand it. The Masonic Education Fund's involvement in the assistance to families in need are not only to be applauded, but should be instilled in the annals of Freemasonry.

I am now in a better financial position and giving back is what I will endeavour to do to assist other families that need the assistance I have received. I am a life member of the fund and now also part of the Masonic Education Fund Committee to assist in the managing and allocation of funding for those in need.

Thank you once again for being who you are and doing what you do for those that are in need. Your contribution does not only shape the future of these kids and adults, but also inspire them to pay it forward and uplift others in their communities.

With sincerest gratitude,



RW Bro Etienne H Bester





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: _____