



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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The Masonic Education Fund's new venture

Until recently the Masonic Education Fund (MEF) had regularly organised a cocktail function for the purpose of handing over to the new Life Members, with their significant other in attendance, their certificates, jewel and lapel badges. Because of the very busy lives most of the active Masons lead, the attendance by invitees was often disappointing.

The General Committee decided to change

tack and try something different.

To this end, these handovers would in future be arranged during the recipients' regular Lodge meetings. It would provide an opportunity for the Fund to explain the work it does and the function it performs as well as giving some recognition to the recipient within his Lodge.

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Above: The first MEF Life Membership handover, recipients are from left to right: Winston Schultz; Pieter Pienaar (WM); Ian Friedlander; Cornelis Burger (MEF vice-chairman); Desmond Erasmus; Michael Kahn and Keith Fraser.



Left: The second MEF hand-over held at the de Goede Hoop temple; from left to right: Kelvin Irvine; Jock Wood (MEF Chairman) and Cyril Engelke.

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

Masonic Education Fund Annual General Meeting 2024

Date: 12 July 2023 (Wednesday)
Time: 18h00
Venue: Masonic Centre, The Refectory, 37 Ringwood Dr, Pinelands, Cape Town





Message From The
CHAIRMAN'S DESK

The year is moving on so fast, but the Masonic Education Fund (MEF) is as active as ever. All the grants to scholar and student education institutions have been paid and in doing so has provided some assistance to the education of those children of masons who have found themselves to be in less fortunate circumstances. It is hoped that many of those the MEF supports and serves to educate will realize their full potential, as well as some becoming masons and even the future leaders of our great fraternity.

We have been very fortunate to receive two very handsome donations from Ceres Lodge and the Charles Harding Charitable Trust for which the Fund is extremely grateful. These additional funds will be carefully invested and will go a long way in helping promote the Fund's endeavours.

While the Fund's investments are continuing to perform, donations from lodges/ chapters districts / provinces and members are still very few and far between and mainly due to the tough economic times confronting everyone. The Fund once again appeals to every mason who can, to contribute and, in so doing, assist those brethren in distress by enabling the MEF to provide some financial support for the education of their children and more especially the widows of masons.

Life Memberships, are, I am pleased to report on the increase, but do remind all masons across the Constitutions that the Fund's aim is to have every Mason become a contributing Life Member. A special appeal goes out to those masons who have been assisted by the MEF in the past to either become Life Members, or to make a donation back to the Fund so that the MEF remains in the financial position where it has the necessary withal to assist and help others.

The Fund does not often seem to hear from the young beneficiaries or their parents, when they have completed their studies and are now in the workplace and earning a salary. ***The MEF would like to hear from them and know how they are getting on.***

RW Bro. Cobis Wilson has been appointed as the roving ambassador/ PRO of the Fund and will be visiting lodges to promote the work of the Fund as well as encouraging masons

to become Life Members.

Thank you Cobis, in advance, for your time and energy in promoting and assisting the Fund.

Rather than having one large reception for all new Life Members, the General Committee has embarked on doing hand-overs at the regular Lodge meetings of recipients. Read the full report elsewhere in this copy of the Chisel.

The next General Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday the 10th of April. Our AGM is to be held on Wednesday 12th of June 2024. Your attendance will be most welcome. Come along and bring a fellow mason.

It is with great regret that the Fund has very recently lost a stalwart Trevor Hay to the everlasting care of the Great Architect of the Universe. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family right now.

Thank you one and all for your support.

Bro. Jock Wood
Chairman: Masonic Education Fund

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An initial handover was arranged and done at the Wynberg Lodge No: 2577 EC on the 13th of February this year. Life Membership Certificates, jewels and lapel badges were handed over to 6 members of the Lodge. By the vice-chairman of the MEF, Cornelis Burger.

This change of tack has proven very effective and will be repeated when the situation requires it. The meeting was followed by a very convivial and enjoyable festive board.

Due to the success of the first Life Membership handover, a second event took place. This was done during the Lodge Marina No: 25 of the GSLA regular meeting held on the 19th of March this year in the De Goede Hoop temple. The presentations were done by the chairman of the Fund, Jock Wood. In his delivery, Jock highlighted the ideals of the Fund, what it stands for and congratulated the two on their taking this step for charity and helping provide for the education of the children of those Masons or their widows who have found themselves in necessitous financial circumstances. The meeting was also followed by a most enjoyable festive board.



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: _____