



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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Meet the MEF's Roving Ambassador

Having been initiated into the Order on the 12th of February 2006 at Losie Simon van der Stel, No 101, on the register of the Grand Lodge of South Africa (GLSA), I can guarantee you, I have a full term in Freemasonry in this very short and jampacked time I've had with like-minded individuals. I served Losie Simon van der Stel as her Master for 3 years. I was asked to join Lodge de Goede Hoop, where I was a member for 9 years and served as Master there for 2 years, and now Lodge de Goede Verwachting as their Master for 2 years. Having been a Provincial Grand Lodge (PGL) member for on 14 years, I must confess being PGL Master of Ceremonies stood out as fun and Provincial Grand Master Almoner as a highlight in my career as a Freemason.

As Almoner I learnt that we as Masons had dropped the ball, so to speak in the Brotherly Love part we obligated to uphold. As Assistant Provincial Grand Master and then Deputy Provincial Grand Master, did add that star on the Christmas tree and time to step down from Provincial Grand Duties and serve the Order in humility, leaving a void for

younger and newer BB to grab the opportunity with renewed enthusiasm to serve the Order.

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



Don't miss the deadline!
The 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: 10 July 2023 (Wednesday)
Time: 18h00
Venue: Masonic Centre, The Refectory, 37 Ringwood Dr, Pinelands, Cape Town



Message From The
CHAIRMAN'S DESK

The AGM is fast approaching and will be held on the 10th of July 2024. Once again, and for the last time for this past year, it is my pleasure to provide some reflections and a few observations on the happenings during the year under review.

Grants: The Fund was again able to assist both scholars and tertiary students with some financial support and assistance. The MEF has been fortunate to have received a few donations which were a great help with the grants, but on the negative side; donations from Districts/ Provincial Districts, lodges and individual members were very much lower than have been in past years. To date, the only Constitution which once again donated considerably was the English Constitution, for which the Fund indirectly and the recipients directly were the beneficiaries and most grateful. Sadly, it is also been noted that most of the needy masons that submitted requests for financial support came from those Constitutions that have contributed the least! So Brethren, I strongly appeal to all masons to please consider helping those fellow masons that are so much less fortunate than themselves by making a donation, however small, and to assist in promoting a worthy masonic charity. As things become more difficult, we expect to receive more applications appealing for assistance.

Life Memberships: The increase in the numbers of new Life Members has been pleasing as you will note also on the financial report to be presented at the AGM. One of the ideals of the MEF is to have every mason across all the Constitutions to become Life Members. To this, end Cobis Wilson has been appointed as the Roving Ambassador (RA) of the Fund to help promote interests in MEF Life Memberships.

AGM: This will be on Wednesday the 10th of July 2024 at the Masonic Centre Pinelands at 18.30. We appeal to all, and especially Life Members and Patrons to attend. The Bar will be open to provide for refreshments. Please RSVP so as to organize arrangements to Ed Chantler on

pegged@iafrica.com.

On a sad note two stalwarts of the MEF have passed to higher service, namely past chairman Brian Fell and committee member Peter Man. Both played major roles, and made worthy contributions in ensuring the continued success of the Fund in its efforts to support the educational needs of the children of needy masons or their widows.

Now a special appeal to Lodge secretaries: Please Brethren, make sure that these newsletters are circulated to all your Lodge members. It's most disheartening to hear that this is not always done and, in fact, some brethren have said they did not even know that this fund exists! Hence the appointment of Cobis Wilson as RA. Cobis will be visiting lodges to spread the word.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM.

Bro. Jock Wood
Chairman: Masonic Education Fund

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I could say the 10 years as Master of Ceremony (MC) at the yearly Spring Ball, my passion for visitation at Lodges, in all the Constitutions and as representative of the GLSA, has allowed me to learn to know many BB forming great alliances in the Brotherhood, for which I am very grateful. As far as side degrees go, I am part of the Supreme Grand Council of the Royal Arch Grand Lodge South Africa, a member and District Officer of the English Mark, Past Most Wise Sovereign of the English Constitution Rose Croix, and recently joined the Royal Cross of Constantine.

My interest varies with dabbling in art, practicing as an architect and interior designer. I am interested and love music and singing. I run a restaurant part-time, I love cooking, writing poetry, acting as MC at functions, and am people's person, constantly living and caring as a concerned mason with brotherly love, charity and caring, adding to the positive approach I have to life.



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: _____