



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
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A MEF bursary beneficiary writes to us expressing gratitude to the fund

The support that has been gifted to me in pursuing my studies in Sustainable Development has been a key contributor to my success.

I was able to confidently walk around my University grounds with a clear cut focus on my academics rather than worrying about financial accounts. Through your support I have been able to grow in a variety of spheres, shifting my academic perspective into the working world with my Internship.

Your support has indirectly fuelled my sustainability projects which I pursued- turning scrap yards into art exhibitions (job creation), re-distribution of warehouse waste (Damaged Greenhouse plastics) into underprivileged communities introducing food-systems for community gardens.

My internship project was aimed at working with an existing business to incorporate accessible sustainability projects they could pursue. This project could be advertised for their

brand image in return for contributing to infrastructure.

You have supported a life changing academic career which I will continue to pursue in attempt of further improving the quality of life of our fellow communities for a South Africa.

Sincerely, your support will be remembered and I thank you for the God within you. I wish you all a year of good health and wealth for you and your loved ones.

Kinds Regards,
Luan Henlou Van Heerden



You too can wear a MEF Jewel with pride!
See 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 pegned@iafrica.com

AGM Notice:
Date: 9 July 2025
Time: 18h30
Venue: Masonic Centre, Pinelands, Cape Town

You can complete the MEF forms on pages 3 and 4, and mail them to pegned@iafrica.com.



Message From The
CHAIRMAN'S DESK

As always it is always a pleasure to write this piece. Well, half the year is gone and the children and young people the Fund supports are all in the various stages of their mid-year examinations and assessments. We sincerely hope they all do well. It is a quiet time for the MEF (Masonic Education Fund), before it gears itself up for the AGM and then the process of vetting applications for financial support.

The MEF is currently preparing for the AGM which takes place on Wednesday the 9th of July 2025 starting at 18:30 and at the Masonic Centre in Pinelands, Cape Town. It would be great to see as many of you as possible attending and helping in the proposals, voting and the selection of members to the various committees.

Once the election of office bearers has been completed, the various committees of the Fund will then begin the long process of vetting applications. These applications are for those masons, or their widows, who have, through no fault of their own, fallen on extremely difficult financial times. MEF support is provide to the most desperate cases with support towards the educational costs of their children attending primary, secondary or tertiary institutions.

This financial support should never be considered a hand-out, but rather be seen as a hand-up. The final date for acceptance of completed applications remains, as in every year, the 31st of August 2025.

The AGM also provides an occasion for the General Committee, especially the Executive Committee, to pause, reflect and consider the challenging conditions for a prudent investment approach. Such an approach is to navigate through the geopolitical uncertainties and volatility in the current investment market. In addition, the committee ensures viable returns using the shrinking donations from the

Masonic BB. The two core investment mainstays for the MEF are the importance of diversification of investment portfolios and to ensure capital preservation.

The General Committee ensures that, through the Finance Committee, the Fund's investment philosophy and mandate is focused on delivering consistent and stable income whilst still offering compelling risk-adjusted returns.

It ensures the MEF is able to continue to provide financial support to the most-needy and deserving masonic families. It has led to regular review and discussions with each of the Funds that the MEF currently uses. The General Committee remains confident that the current strategies of the various Funders will continue to deliver on their core mandate. Please read and consider the current set of financials to be presented at the AGM against this background.

A decision was taken last year to change the format of the handing over of Life Memberships Certificates and jewels at a social gathering each year, to where the new Life member receives it during a regular meeting of his lodge, by arrangement. These hand-overs are either done by Cobus Wilson, the Fund's Roving Ambassador, or one of the members of the Executive. Bear in mind that the aim of the MEF is for every mason, regardless of Constitution, to be a MEF member. Thus united in this masonic charity providing the support to the education of the children and young people of less fortunate brethren who have fallen into desperate times through illness, retrenchments and worse.

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

Bro. Jock Wood
Chairman: Masonic Education Fund



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: _____