



*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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## Ed Chantler is awarded honorary Life membership at the MEF AGM

The Masonic Education Fund (MEF) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 9 July 2025 proved to be a great success and was executed without a hitch.



MEF Chairman, Jock Wood (right) presents Ed Chantler (left) with a MEF Honorary Life Membership

Wezley Ferreira being voted onto the General Committee as well as to serve on the Enquiry Committee.

Manny de Freitas was unanimously re-appointment as editor of *The Chisel*. Ed Chantler, the MEF secretary for many years, was rewarded with an Honorary Life Membership by the MEF Chairman, Jock Wood, for services rendered to the Fund for over the past 20 years. Ed Chantler expressed words of appreciation at the receipt of this award.

The current General Committee, Finance Committee and Enquiry Committee were re-elected as is, with an additional new member in

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

**See application  
form on page 3**



**You can complete the MEF forms on  
pages 3 and 4, and email them to  
[pegned@iafrica.com](mailto:pegned@iafrica.com).**



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is 31 August of each year.  
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Message From The  
**CHAIRMAN'S DESK**

Chairman's annual report tabled  
at the MEF AGM

**B**rethren, it is once again my extreme pleasure, as Chairman of the Fund, to submit my report for the activities of the Masonic Education Fund (MEF) of SA during the past year.

It has been another successful year for the MEF. Our Life Membership continues to grow in numbers. Thank you to these new members who have made the effort to join and share in the charitable commitment. A charitable toward those masonic families, who through no fault of their own, have fallen into financial distress. Also, a thank you to our roving ambassador, Cobus Wilson for doing regular visits to Lodges across all the Constitutions; providing information and promoting the ideals and intentions of the Fund. As well as encouraging masons to become Life Members. Once again I wish to stress that it is the intended aim of the MEF for every Mason across all the Constitutions to become a Life Member which will directly help to fund needy students and scholars.

This past year the Fund has once again been able to assist learners and students across the four Constitutions and as far afield as the Eastern Cape. The General Committee has this past year been able to provide each successful applicant with an increased grant due to our improving financial situation. A clear warning; the final amount of any grant each year is fully dependent on donations received and is the success of the carefully managed investment portfolio.

Our financial situation is currently improving, not only due to our investments doing well, but also due to some recent bequests and donations. A bequest from the late Rt Wor, Bro. Peter Duckworth will only reflect in the next set of financials.

A fund in the name of Peter and Herlene Duckworth has been established where the bequest will be invested. It is hoped that this fund will soon begin to add to the current income streams for distribution to the needy.

Our General Committee has met on regular occasions to oversee the administration and the smooth running of the fund. It receives regular reports-back from the Finance Committee to review the Fund's financial progress. Next month the Enquiry Committee will again spring into action to consider the applications requesting financial assistance in the provision of education at school and at tertiary level. It is an extremely important task to check the content of each application, to ensure the information of each applicant is accurate and factually correct. ALL applications are considered and the information contained remains confidential.

To all Lodges, Provinces, Districts and Chapters who have donated to this worthy charity our sincere thanks. Without your fantastic donations our grants would have to be greatly curtailed. Education is no longer cheap!

To all our committee members, a very big thank you for all your assistance over the past year. A special mention must be made of the contribution of Manny de Freitas for producing *The Chisel* newsletter on a regular basis and also to our hardworking secretary, Ed Chantler about whom more will be said.

Once again it is always a pleasure to serve this worthy fund.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_