



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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Children of a deceased Mason continues to receive MEF support

Minke and Pienaar are both recipients of Masonic Education Fund (MEF) bursaries. They are both the children of a late Past Worshipful Master of Worcester Lodge No 1603 (EC). Both of the children have been supported in their schooling over the past several years since the passing of their masonic father to higher service.

The MEF support has made the financial burden of continuing and completing their schooling less stressful and manageable to them and their family.

In addition, Minke is being supported in her artistic efforts by providing the finances for her to complete two additional subjects for her matric qualification at an Art School close by.



Minke (currently in grade 12) and Pienaar (currently in grade 6) the children of the widow of a past Worshipful Master in Worcester who have been supported by the Fund for several years.

You too can wear a MEF Jewel with pride!

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



You may now complete the MEF forms directly without printing the pages, save the completed document and mail it to pegned@iafrica.com.



Message From The
CHAIRMAN'S DESK

The General Committee recently held its first meeting of the year – and a very successful one at that I might add. It was a very refreshing beginning to the new year. The very generous grants decided on and allocated for this year were confirmed and the treasurer will process the payments to the various schools and universities which will be paid by month end.

The finances were discussed, and all agreed that the MEF (Masonic Education Fund) investments have done well and are currently being well-managed. The meeting agreed to leave these be as they are. Another pleasing thing is that our life memberships have now reached 100.

To all those who have generously donated and continue to do so; the General Committee's heartfelt thanks. The aim of the General Committee remains for every Mason from all four Constitutions to become a Life Member and for which the application form is attached to this copy of *The Chisel* for those wanting to become Life Members.

All the supported scholars are back at their desks and we wish them well for the year ahead especially for those in Grade Twelve and those finalizing their tertiary studies.

Once again, it was brought to our attention the disconcerting fact that some lodge secretaries are not forwarding *The Chisel* to their lodge members. So, please Brother Secretaries do the right thing, as we would like to keep all masons up to date on this worthy charity and the work it is currently doing.

I was recently shocked when a Worshipful Master told me that he did not even know about this fund!

Also, sadly we never hear from past students and scholars who we have assisted to get their education. It would be great also to maybe get a donation in lieu of a thank you once they are independent and contributing members of society.

The MEF did, however this year, receive some very nice letters of thanks and appreciation from parents and scholars for their grants. Some of the grants were considerable amounts.

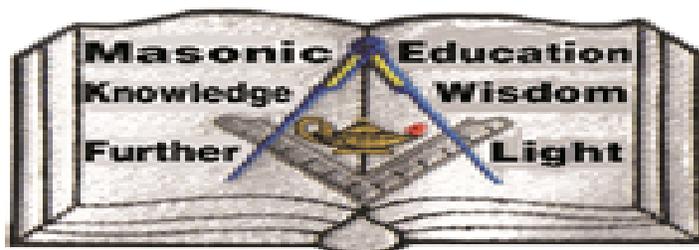
If you do come across, or know of, a brother in your lodge who is struggling to meet the payments of his child's education please encourage them to approach the Lodge Almoner with a view to putting in an application for some form of financial relief.

Our AGM is set down for the 29th of July 2026 to which all are invited. A reminder will be sent closer to the date.

May I wish you all a prosperous and happy new year going forward.

Fraternally,

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) R.....
- 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: _____