

Masonic Hall, Uddingston, 23rd November 2004.

A meeting of Lodge Adelpi Bluebell No.4 of Free Gardeners took place here on the above date, Bro. James L. Jack, Worthy Master in the Chair.

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2. Apologies. Apologies were read on behalf of Bros. A. Mulholland & A. Chalmers

3. Presentations. The Worthy Master welcomed, Bro. James Clow-Nichol WM No.1, Alan McLeod, WM No.2 and Bro. Archie Hoey a St. Andrew`s Order Free Gardener from Greenock

4. Degrees The Lodge was adjourned and thereafter ten Candidates, Raymond Steele, Wayne Price, George Kelly, Donald Mathieson, Andrew McNeice, John Nisbet, David Greenshields, David MacLean, James Weir, James Gold were admitted into the Order.

5. Bro. William Perry presented the Diplomas and Bro. Ronnie McCarney presented Lodge Aprons.
6. Balance Sheet. W.M. presented the Balance Sheet which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Funds of the Lodge were very healthy and the Accounts were unanimously adopted.
7. Election of Worthy Master Bro. James L. Jack was re-elected as Worthy Master for the 2004/05 session.
8. Collection The collection amounted to £139.74
9. New Lodge Bro. James L. Jack, Worthy Master asked the Members of No. 4 if there were members present who wished to form another Lodge. Two Brethren were upstanding. Bro. Jack asked if they had chosen a Worthy Master from their number. Bro. Wayne Price said that he had been nominated as Worthy Master and Bro. Raymond Steele as Depute. Bro. Jack asked if the proposed new Lodge had a name, the two Brethren replied Virginia Bluebell. Lodge No. 4 was then closed.
10. New Lodge opened. The new Lodge Virginia Bluebell No.8 was opened with Bro. James L. Jack Worthy Master No. 4 in the chair, Bro. Ronald McCarney, Depute and Bro. William Perry, Secretary. Bro. Wayne Price was presented to the assembled Brethren. Bro. Jack then Installed Bro. Wayne Price as Worthy Master and placed him in the chair of Virginia Bluebell

No.8. Bro. James Clow-Nichol Worthy Master of Caledonian Thistle Lodge No. 1 then Installed Bro. Raymond Steele as Depute and placed him in the chair. Bro. Price and Bro. Steele were invested with original Free Gardeners jewels of Office.

11. Bro. Price, Worthy Master then addressed the Brethren and Bro. James Jack made suitable reply.

12. Bro. Jack then invited Bro. Archie Hoey to address the Brethren. Bro. Hoey was a member of a St. Andrew`s Order, Heatherbell Lodge which met in Greenock. He had been Initiated in 1952, but his Lodge, like many others closed in 1954. Brother Hoey said that he was impressed with the ceremonial which was not unlike the Ritual used in his own Lodge.

13. Lodge Closed Bro. Wayne Price, Worthy Master then closed Virginia Bluebell Lodge No. 8.

James L. Jack, Worthy Master.

William Perry, Worthy Secretary.

