

Adelphi Bluebell Lodge of Free Gardeners No. 4.

The Regular Meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday 29th. November 2011 in the Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston. Bro. Douglas Welsh, Worthy Master presiding.

1. **Lodge Opened.** Bro. Douglas Welsh, Worthy Master opened the Lodge in due form.
2. **Visitors Welcomed.** Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. welcomed Bro. Stuart Jack, of Virginia Bluebell Lodge No. 8 and Bro. Archie Hoey, Honorary Member to the East.
3. **Apologies.** Apologies were read on behalf of, Bro. R. Dow, A. McGregor, H. Sanders, J. Gold, W. Ross, A. Hannah, A. Wamsley, G. Field, K. Millar, J. Brash, R. McGeogh, M. Henderson, J. Manderson, J. McKee, D. Mathieson, D. Nelson & son.
4. **Death.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary reported on the death of two members since our last meeting. Bro. David Aikman (118) died on 19th. May 2011 and Bro. John Brice (102) died on 19th. June 2011. Both Brethren were relatively new members but were very enthusiastic Free Gardeners. Infact Bro. Brice was actively involved in trying to establish a Lodge in Aberdeenshire. The Brethren were upstanding in silent tribute.
5. **Initiates.** Seven Candidates received their Free Gardeners Degrees at the hands of Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. Bros. Lindsay McDade, James Stott, Frederick Stibbs, Samuel Kidd, Ian Burley, Steven Campbell and John Southworth.
6. **Diplomas.** Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. Invested the new Brethren with their Aprons and presented their diplomas.
7. **Minutes.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary, read the minute of the Regular Meeting of 31st. March 2011 which was approved by the Brethren.
8. **Collection.** £80. 72p.
9. **Accounts.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary presented his Annual Report and Financial statement to the Brethren. Although the finances were down on last year the adverse weather had affected attendances at two meetings during the year and two Past Worthy Masters jewels had been purchased. The Lodge was still very healthy and the Brethren unanimously adopted the report.
10. **New Lodge.** Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. asked if any Brethren wished to form a New Lodge. Bro. Joseph Brice stated that it was the wish of his late Brother John Brice that a Lodge be established in Aberdeenshire. Two members from that area supported Bro. Joseph Brice. Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. asked if the proposed Lodge had a name, Bro. Brice replied that the name of the new Lodge would be, Mormond Hill Bluebell and would meet in Strichen in Aberdeenshire. Bro. Welsh stated that the Lodge was the tenth known to have been established since the revival. Bro. Welsh asked Bro. Brice if a Worthy Master had been Elected and Bro. Brice replied that he had been Elected to the Office. The Proposal to establish a new Lodge was unanimously supported by the Members of No. 4.

11. **Installation.** Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. proceed to Install Bro. Joseph Brice as Worthy Master of Mormond Hill Bluebell Lodge No. 10. Bro. Brice stated that he was delighted to have formed a new Lodge and would endeavour to promote the Order in Aberdeenshire.

12. **A.O.C.B.**

- a) Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary informed the Brethren that 2012 would be the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Lodge and that the occasion should be marked. The Brethren agreed that a Special Meeting or possibly an exhibition be organised in 2012.
- b) Bro. Jack also informed the Brethren that a Free Gardeners Jug had been bought from California. The Jug was on display in the 579 Masonic Hall display cabinet and was important in that it was dated 1832.
- c) Two sashes and an Apron were presented by Bros. William Craig and Alasdair Dunlop. One of the sashes was the first item seen from The Scottish Order of Free Gardeners.
- d) Bro. Stuart Jack of Virginia Bluebell Lodge No. 8 intimated to the Brethren that his Mother Lodge had Installed Bro. Mickey Moats as Worthy Master at the Autumn Meeting of the Lodge in Strasburg, Virginia. Bro. Moats was Installed by the retiring Worthy Master Bro. Raymond Steele a Member of Adelpi Bluebell No. 4.
- e) Bro. William Perry advised the Brethren that a Bible Free Gardeners Square and Compass & pruning knife was on sale on the internet and that the Lodge should try to secure it for the Lodge collection. This was agreed by the Brethren.

13. **Closed.** The Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

14. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting would be notified to the Brethren by letter.

15. **Attendance** – 38.