

Masonic Hall, Uddingston, Tuesday 30th. March 2010.

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

Opening. The Lodge was opened by the Worthy Master.

1. Apologies. Apologies were read on behalf of Bros. Andrew Jack, Stuart Jack (No. 8), Gerry Furlong, Donald Mathieson, Charles Curle, Mark Henderson, Pat Clarke, John McLeod, Charles Richmond, Robert Kennedy, Alistair MacGregor, James Weir, Robert McGeoch, David McCormack, Russell Steel.

2. Sick Report. Bro. Ronnie McCarney, W.M. reported that Bro. William Orr had been very unwell, but was making a slow recovery and was awaiting to be admitted to Udston Care Home.

3. Death Bro. Ronnie McCarney, Worthy Master intimated the death of Bro. James McClair . Bro. McClair had been Initiated into the Lodge on 31st. October 2007 (Roll No. 89) and was a well respected Brother and Regular attender. The Brethren were upstanding in silent tribute to our departed Brother.

4. Visitors welcomed. W.M. Bro. Ronnie McCarney, welcomed Bro. Archie Hoey into the Lodge.

5. Installation. Bro. James L. Jack, P.W.M. , Secretary Installed Bro. Alasdair Dunlop as Depute Master and Bro. Arthur Burns as Chaplain. Bro. Jack explained the important roll of both these Offices. Worthy Master. Bro. Jack explained to the Brethren that the Worthy Master Designate, Bro. Douglas Welsh was working away from home and could not be present at the meeting. Bro. Welsh would be Installed at the next meeting of the Lodge.

6. Degrees. The Lodge was adjourned and thereafter 7 candidates, Samuel Hodgson, Alan Walmsley, Keith Millar, John Brash, Robert McGee, Iain Charlton and David Aitchison were admitted into the Order.

7. Diplomas. Bro. Ronnie McCarney W.M. presented the Diplomas and the Aprons to the new Members.
8. Minutes. Minutes of the meeting of 30th. November 2010 were read and approved.
9. Collection The collection amounted to £79.72p.
10. Exhibition. Bro. James Jack, Worthy Secretary thanked those who had assisted in preparing the Lodge for the exhibition of paraphernalia which was on display. Many Brethren had not seen the items which the Lodge had collected and had shown a great interest in them.
11. New Homepage A new Homepage was proposed and early work on its construction was underway. It was estimated that this would be a great benefit to not only the Members of our Lodge but those interested in Free Gardeners in general. It was estimated that a cost of £200 would be required to develop the Homepage, this was approved. The address would be www.adelphibluebell4.co.uk
12. Lecture. Bro. James Jack and William Craig had attended a meeting of Motherwell Heritage Society at which Bro. Jack had given a Powerpoint Lecture on the history of Free Gardeners. This lecture had been well received by the members of the Society.
13. Closing. The Lodge was closed in due form.

The attendance at this meeting was 51.

