

Adelphi Bluebell Lodge of Free Gardeners No. 4.

The Regular Meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday 30th. October 2012 in the Masonic Hall, Gardenside Street , 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 visitors from Ayrshire Bluebell Lodge No. 7 and Virginia Bluebell No. 8 into the Lodge, visiting Brethren was invited to the East as was Bro. Archie Hoey, Honorary Member.
3. **Apologies.** Apologies were read on behalf of, Bro. D. Mathieson, A. Chambers, A. Jack, N. Telfer, I. Lothian, J. Nisbet, W. Ross, J. McArthur, M. Sweeten, M. Campbell.
4. **Sick Report.** Reports were given on the health of Bro. James Vasey who had undergone heart surgery earlier in the week. Bro. Vasey was now out of hospital and progressing well. Bro. Robert Edgar was present at this meeting after his major surgery and the Brethren expressed their delight at his return. The best wishes of the Brethren were extended to all our sick Brethren.
5. **Death.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary reported on the death of Bro. Leonard Moss (Roll No. 21) in January 2012. Bro. Moss was Initiated in 30th. August 2003 and was a Founder Member of Cheshire Bluebell Lodge No. 5. The Brethren were upstanding in silent tribute.
6. **Report.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary reported that he had phoned Bro. Wayne Price in Virginia just prior to our meeting regarding the Hurricane Sandy which was crossing the East Coast of America. Bro. Price reported that the area had five inches of rain in twenty four hours followed by two feet of snow. But there had been no major damage in his area of Virginia. He extended his best wishes to the Worthy Master and Brethren on his Mother Lodge on this tenth Anniversary.
7. **Initiates.** Five Candidates received their Free Gardeners Degrees at the hands of Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. Bros. Ronald Murdoch, Edward Gray, Andrew D. Millar, George Cuthbertson, Neil Cameron were admitted and welcomed by the Brethren of the Lodge.
8. **Diplomas.** Bro. Douglas Welsh, W.M. Invested the new Brethren with their Aprons and presented their diplomas.
9. **Minutes.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary, read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 16th. April 2012 which was approved by the Brethren.
10. **Annual Report.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary gave the Annual Report which was extended to cover the progress of the Lodge over the last ten years. He explained that the Lodge had now 149 members and had held 24 meetings over the period. The Lodge had purchased various Free Gardeners items for the Lodge collection and had recently produced jewels, tokens and key rings to mark the Anniversary. Financially the Lodge was very healthy.

11. **Balance Sheet.** Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary outlined the Balance Sheet which was very healthy although a deficit of £249.69 was incurred mainly due to the purchase of Aprons and the dies for the jewels etc. The Balance in the Fund stood at £1,170.37 at 30th. September 2012. The Brethren unanimously adopted the accounts as presented.
12. **Collection.** £137.30p.
13. **Presentations.** Founder Members, Bros. James L. Jack, Ronald McCarney, William Perry and Patrick Clarke were presented at the edge of the carpet and addressed by the Worthy Master. The Worthy Master complemented the Founders on the manner in which they had guided the Lodge over the last ten years from the foundation of the Lodge on the 27th. October 2002. He presented enamelled tokens which had been produced to mark the tenth anniversary of the Lodge to the Founders. Bro. Ronald McCarney, Past Worthy Master thanked the Brethren for the presentation and gave a brief outline of how the Lodge had been formed. The four Founders having been Initiated into The Countess of Elgin Lodge in Kirkcaldy by Bro. Ian Vincent, Worthy Master of the Lodge. The Brethren had chosen to revive the names of old Free Gardeners Lodges in Baillieston (Adelphi) and in Uddingston (Bluebell). Bro. James L. Jack, Past Worthy Master, Secretary, read the first minute of the Lodge dated 27th. October 2002 for the information of the Brethren.
14. **Donations.** A silver watch fob had been presented to the Lodge by a lady from Edinburgh. This was a valuable addition to our collection. A postcard depicting the Roll of Honour of Mugdock Castle Lodge No. 43 of the St. Andrews Order was also presented , the postcard listed 46 members who had served in the first world war. 8 killed in action and 2 lost at sea.
15. **Honorary Membership.** Bro. Douglas Welsh, Worthy Master, presented Bro. Stuart Jack of Virginia Bluebell Lodge No. 8 to the Brethren. He expressed his delight that Bro. Stuart Jack had visited our Lodge regularly and kept the Virginian Brethren up to date with our proceedings. Bro. Welsh invited Bro. Jack to accept Honorary Membership of the Lodge to mark the Tenth Anniversary. Bro. Jack readily accepted and expressed his thanks to the Brethren for the Honour conferred on him and indeed his Mother Lodge Virginia Bluebell.
16. **A.O.C.B.**
 - a) Members Jewels, tokens and key rings were available for purchase at the end of the meeting.
 - b) An exhibition of Free Gardeners items was on display in the Hall and Brethren could view the items after the meeting.
 - c) It was agreed that a new Lodge tie be manufactured for our Lodge. The tie would incorporate the Lodge colours which were on the jewel and the Lodge crest.
17. **Closed.** The Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.
18. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting would held in Baillieston in the Spring of 2013.
19. **Attendance** – 52.