

Masonic Temple, Uddingston. Wednesday 31st. March 2004.

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

1. The Lodge was opened by the Worthy Master.
2. Apologies. An apology was read on behalf of Bro. Wallace McGow.
3. A Deputation from Ayrshire Bluebell Lodge No. 7 was received and Bro. Robert Laird, Worthy Master invited to the East.
4. Minute of Meeting of 20th. November 2003 was read and approved.
5. The Lodge was adjourned and thereafter six Candidates, Charles Richmond, Douglas Welsh, Arthur Burns, William Craig, Alex Hamilton, James Vasey, were admitted to the Order.

6. Bro. William Perry, Secretary presented the Diplomas.
7. Collection. The collection amounted to £41.88p
8. The Secretary intimated that he hoped that ties and aprons would be on sale at the next meeting.
9. Bro. James L. Jack, Worthy Master gave a report on a recent lecture at Lodge Darvel No. 971 and the presentation to the Lodge of a Banner from Lily of the Valley No. 121, British Order of Free Gardeners.
10. Bro. Archie Chalmers, Secretary of No. 7 reported on a recent discovery of three aprons and a Banner from Joppa Thistle Lodge No. 45, Western Grand Lodge. (Joppa is a small village near Coylton in Ayrshire) Bro. Chalmers explained that the discovery of what may have been a Free Gardeners meeting place in the attic of a cottage near Coylton. The contents of a large box had been destroyed but the aprons and banner saved.
11. Bro. James L. Jack, Worthy Master suggested that an exhibition of Free Gardeners paraphernalia may be considered by the Brethren.
12. Bro. Robert Laird, Worthy Master of Ayrshire Bluebell No. 7 spoke on behalf of the visiting Brethren.
13. The Worthy Master suggested that future meetings this year be held in July and November. Brethren would be notified by letter.