

Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston Wednesday 29th. October 2008.

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

1. Opening. The Lodge was opened by the Worthy Master.
2. Apologies. Apologies were read on behalf of Bros. Archie Chalmers, Donald Mathieson, Norman Telfer, Billy Boe, John Manderson, John Furlong, Gerry Furlong, Archie Hoey, Ronnie McKibbon
3. Sick Report. There were no new reports, but Bro. Ronnie McCarney, W.M. commented on Bro. John McLeod being present at the meeting after illness.
4. Visitors welcomed. W.M. Bro. Ronnie McCarney, welcomed Brethren from Ayrshire Bluebell No. 7 and Bro. Stuart Jack from Virginia Bluebell Lodge No. 8 in Strasburg, Virginia was also welcomed into our Lodge.
5. Degrees. The Lodge was adjourned and thereafter 6 candidates, William Ross, William Bryce, David Russell, Peter Murphy, Walter Houston, William Rodmant were admitted were admitted into the Order.
6. Diplomas. Bro. Ronnie McCarney W.M. presented the Diplomas and the Aprons.
7. Minutes. Minutes of the meeting of 19th. June 2008 were read and approved.
8. Annual Report. Bro. James L. Jack, W. Secretary gave an Annual Report on the Lodge's progress over the last year. Highlighting that we now has over 100 members and the generous Donations that the Lodge had made. He also reported on the Lodges in Ayrshire and Virginia.
9. Annual Accounts. Bro. James L. Jack, W. Secretary presented an excellent balance sheet which was adopted by the Brethren. (copy attached)
10. Donations. Bro. Ronnie McCarney, W.M. proposed that the following donations be made, £300 to The Provincial Grand Lodge Caravan Appeal, £200 to Lodge St. Bryde No. 579, £200 to Lodge Robert Burns No. 440. The Donations were unanimously approved by the Brethren.
11. Collection. The collection amounted to £82.20p.

- C. Bro. Wayne Price, P.W.M. of Virginia Bluebell No.8 thanked the Brethren for the welcome that he and Bro. Stuart Jack had received into the Lodge. He gave a report on the progress of the Lodge under the guidance of Bro. Raymond Steele, Worthy Master. At the last meeting of the Lodge eight candidates had been admitted and this would augment the healthy membership. Bro. Price explained the difficulty that the Lodge had in obtaining original items of Free Gardeners regalia.
- D. Bro. Hugh Sanders, intimated that the next meeting of Ayrshire Bluebell Lodge would take place on 1st. June in Girvan, Brethren were welcome to attend.
- E. Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary indicated that Bro. Jimmy Gibson from Ayrshire was wearing an apron which had belonged to his Grandfather for the first time. Bro. Gibson replied that it was indeed an honour to wear such a beautiful apron. A photo can be found on the Homepage.
- F. Bro. James L. Jack, Secretary proposed that the old Worthy Masters collar and an apron should be donated to Virginia Bluebell No. 8 for the Worthy Master to wear, this was agreed by the Brethren.
Bro. Price thanked the Brethren of the Lodge for the generous donation.

- 11. The Lodge was closed in due form.
- 12. The next meeting would be notified to the Brethren by letter.
- 13. Attendance – 47.