Ezekiel Bates Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

71 North Main Street

Attleboro, MA 02703

The regular communication of Ezekiel Bates Lodge, A.F. & A.M. was held on Wednesday, 15th June\_ 2016 at the Masonic Hall, at 71 North Main Street, Attleboro, MA.

The Lodge was organized at \_6:28\_\_\_\_ P.M. and opened at \_\_6:30\_\_\_ P.M, on the\_\_1st\_\_Degree in form with Bro Keith Gobin as Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Vreeland as Senior Warden, and Bro. Bryan Simmons as Junior Warden.

Attendance: 20 members, 2 guests

OFFICERS PRESENT

Worshipful Master Wor. Keith Gobin

Senior Warden Bro. David Thompson

Junior Warden Bro. Bryan Simmons

Treasurer Bro. Anthony Scherma

Secretary Bro. John Campbell

Chaplain Bro. Matt Roais

Marshall Wor. Bill Richards

Senior Deacon Bro. Robert Vreeland

Junior Deacon Bro. Adam Perrault

Senior Steward Bro. Bill Swenson

Junior Steward Bro. Justin Alves

Tyler Bro. Vacant

Inside Sentinel Bro. Vacant

Organist Bro. Stanley Studley

Secretary Report:

Section 7-11 of Grand Constitution read by Junior Warden

In memoriam read for Wor. Bro. Burton Stanley Cole

* + Initiated : 4/25/1961 Alfred Bayless Lodge
  + Passed : 5/23/1961 Alfred Bayless Lodge
  + Raised : 6/27/1961 Alfred Bayless Lodge
  + Master: 1966 Alfred Bayless Lodge
  + Affiliated : 5/19/1982 Ezekiel Bates Lodge
  + Called to the Celestial Lodge : 5/23/2016

Names of suspensions for Non-Payment of dues read:

* + Charbel George Abou-Slaybi
  + Thomas James Holt Jr
  + Daniel Sean Miller
  + Mark Samuel Stanley

Bro. James George/Robert Vreeland make motion to suspend. Motion passes.

Balloting on Candidates for degrees opened

* + Paul Gerard Hogan
  + Steven Linnell

Ballot found to be clear and favorable

Balloting on Brothers for affiliation opened

* + Bro Scott Gregory Jones – Recommended by Wor Keith Gobin
  + Bro John Russell Giza – Recommended by Bro John Demirs
  + Bro Roberto Manuel Oliveira – Recommended by Bro Bump Studley

Ballot found to be clear and favorable

Applications for Affiliations read:

Gregg Edward Bates, member of Sautucket Lodge, recommended by Bro. Studley

Bro. William Richards/Bryan Simmons motion to take the usual Masonic path. Motion passed

Bills

Grand lodge $208 – Brother’s liability insurance

Grand Lodge $2001 – Building insurance

Motion made to pay bills by Bro. Jim George/William Richards. Motion passes.

Upcoming events read

Chicken wing challenge

Habitat for Humanity Volunteering with Excelsior lodge

3rd Annual Cigar dinner

Announcement of special July communication for voting on affiliates.

Election of officers for coming year

Names read by Wor. David Thompson

* + - Worshipful Master - KEITH DOUGLAS GOBIN
    - Secretary – FRANCIS JOHN CAMPBELL
    - Assistant Secretary - KEVIN MICHAEL DOYLE
    - Treasurer - ANTHONY JOHN SCHERMA
    - Assistant Treasurer - MITCHEL DAVID SHAIR
    - Senior Warden - DAVID WILLIAM THOMPSON
    - Junior Warden - BRYAN EDWARD SIMMONS
    - Lodge Trustees
      * JUSTIN JAMES ALVES
      * MICHAEL JOSEPH DUMAS
      * WILLIAM BENARD SWENSON III

Motion made to have the secretary vote by slate made by Bro. William Richards/Jason French. Motion passes.

Favorable vote cast by Bro. John Campbell.

Announcement of committee heads

Bylaws committee – Michael Joseph Korona

Services Committee – Aaron Joseph Chauncy

Treasurer’s report: $4,420.59 in operating account

Lodge was closed in form at 8:25pm.

This is the history of Ezekiel Bates Lodge

As Attest:

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Bro. Kevin M. Doyle Secretary