

St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter No. 6

Date of Warrant: 21st March, 1852

The Chapter was consecrated 25th October, 1853, by William Tucker and Lt. Col. George Norman, members of Supreme Council. Charles John Vigne was placed in the Chair as the first MWS, the ceremony recorded by Supreme Council as being "in the presence of many distinguished Brethren from distant parts of England". The Chapter was named after the Patron Saints of the City of Bath.

Having been one of the first to be warranted, the status of the Chapter within the framework of the Order was assured at the highest level, a position that was further enhanced by its association with a City regarded by society as the finest spa centre in the West, and a City wherein Masonry had flourished for well over a hundred years.

That oft quoted remark "*of no fixed abode*", could easily have been ascribed to the Chapter in its early years. Until 1866 when it moved to the Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street meetings were held in a variety of venues; York House Hotel, Castle Hotel, No. 42 Milsom Street, No. 3 Westgate Buildings, and the Assembly Rooms to name but a few.

Over the years many "Heads of Orders", were associated with the Chapter, including five Inspectors General, three of whom were linked to Somerset, two with adjoining Districts. The Chapter has been privileged to host three Installations of Inspectors General.

1954 George Travers Biggs D.S. O. T.D.

1965 Leslie Charles Hill M.D.F.R.C.P.

1973 Rev. Preb. Dr. Henry Laurence Franklin, O.ST.J. M.A.

Members came from a wide area, meeting twice yearly until 1949 when the present arrangement of three meetings was introduced. The Centenary of the Chapter was commemorated at a Meeting on 24th October, 1953. The Chapter received a new Warrant in 1956 to replace the original which had been damaged as a result of WW2 enemy action during an air raid.

Current membership numbers 29.

The Chapter meets at the Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath on the third Wednesday in April, the Wednesday following the third Tuesday in September and the Wednesday before Advent Sunday in November.