

ganized in Turkey, and the majority of its members being Mahomedans, insisted, after its organization, that all its members must receive their OB.'s on the Koran, or be suspended. What a howl of righteous indignation would go up from these Christian (?) Grand Lodges. Yet, we are acting in an equally shameful manner, by depriving a man of the "rights of membership," who declares on his Masonic honor, and on his Masonic OB., that his views are the same as when he became a member, and that he can conscientiously renew his pledges given before his entrance into Freemasonry.

We ask the craft, then, Is the action of Grand Lodge just, right, or Masonic?

THE SUPREME RITE OF MEMPHIS.

The opponents of the Supreme Rite of Memphis, having maliciously circulated a statement, to the effect that the Sovereign Sanctuary of Royal and Oriental Freemasonry, for the Dominion of Canada and Province of Newfoundland, had permitted members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, to be initiated into its Rose Croix Chapter, the M. W. the Grand Master General, M. Ill. Bro. Daniel Rose, requests us to state that according to their O.B. no Mason, unless under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, or some Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, can be received into any Chapter of the Rite under the authority of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada.

This settles the question at once and for ever. If a brother has gain-

ed admission, who belongs to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, he must have done so by fraud and perjury, and would, on being found out, be at once expelled by the Executive from the Order. Already one brother, who associated in a so-called Masonic body in which Ontario Masons were admitted, after refusing to heed admonition tendered, has been struck off the roll. The principal officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, are, most of them, brethren of high rank and standing in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and would regard themselves as perjurers, if they associated masonically with clandestine Masons. The rumor, therefore, is false and malicious in every particular.

THE LATEST TEMPLAR INNOVATION.

We have never particularly favored the American Templar parade system, with its semi-military tactics, waving plumes, cocked hats, flashing swords, brass bands, &c. We always thought they rather took away from the dignity and prestige of the Order; but, if certain youngsters liked the display, well and good. Now, however, our American Sir Knights have gone a step farther. Their competitive drills, with admission fee at the gate was bad enough, but when they desecrate the holy character of their Symbolism by becoming the teachers of drill to an Oddfellows' organization, it is time for the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States to put a stop to it.

The Christian Soldier of the Cross is taught on what occasions he is to draw his sword. Alas! now the