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spectacle for public recreation and amusement, under the pretence that they are following and representing the usages of Chivalry. We do not now fight against infidels, but contend against infidelity, and endeavor to inculcate high moral and Christian principles.

##### OF THE RITUAL.

The most marked feature of our *Present Ritual*, supposes the Conclave or Meeting to be a Chapter of the Preceptory, and *not* an "Encampment" of Knights Templar, and to take place within the Chapels of their Preceptory Houses, hence the place of meeting is fitted up as a Chapel. The installation of the Ancient Templars, as well as the Knights of Malta, took place in their Chapels. The Knights were *never* received in the Field but in the Church of the "Holy Sepulchre," at Jerusalem, or its *representative*, the Chapels of their Order, —Jerusalem being the "Home" —[head-quarters,] where the famous Orders of the "Hospitallers" of St. John and the Knights Templar were founded.

The Templars were *already* Knights on their reception into the Order, and were only *consecrated*; for this reason, the modern term "Encampment" is rejected as incorrect, and unwarranted by *any* authority. That of "Commandery" was only applied to the "*Malta*" Order, *never* to that of the Templar.

Formerly, military leaders for distinguished valour were made "Knights Bannerets" in the open Field, under the Royal Banner, in battle displayed, and in Ancient times Secular Knights, known as Knights Errant, had the power under certain restrictions to make, other Knights by their own authority alone, when and where they pleased, but this had *no* reference to the Monastic "Military Fraternities."

##### TEMPLARY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Templary of the British Empire, must *not* be confounded with that *now* practiced in the U. S. of America, to which it has

only calculated to draw upon the fraternity the merited derision of general society.

Our Representative, near the Grand Encampment of the United States, Fra. Theodore Parvin, of Iowa, has in a very able article, "*What Is It?*" published three years ago in the "*Voice of Masonry*," clearly shown that Masonic Templary in the U. S. of America, never attempted or had the slightest claim to be considered a Military organization, until very recent years.