

Canada, being derived from the ancient Templars, founded upon the "Benedictine" canons.

XV. In Ireland, the Templar degrees have been always more or less connected with those of Great Britain, and are now presided over by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, and follow more to the "Masonic" element of "Black" Masonry, in preference to the reformed Modern Templar system.

XVI. On the Continent of Europe, Templary is clearly traced to the high grade system of Masonry, and there is *no* evidence in any country of its being a direct continuance of the ancient order. The claims of "France" rest upon a charter given to "Larmenius" by "De Molai," which has been proved a forgery. The "Swedish" Templars assert it was introduced there by a nephew of De Molai, who was a member of the new "Order of Christ" in Portugal—after the dissolution of the Templars, and they now, with Denmark and other nationalities in Germany, conform to the reformed system of the obsolete Templar rite of "Strict Observance."

XVII. With respect to the Templar system of our fratres of the "United States," after the purely chivalric degrees were first introduced into the St. Andrews R. A. Chapter at Boston in 1769, had died out, they chose to adopt a ritual that resembles no other in any country: it therefore seems doubtful if the Masons who introduced the degrees and "set up" what is called "Templar Masonry" in the New England States, ever had the degrees conferred upon them. If so, how came they to make a ritual for themselves unlike anything else in the world? From this it would seem they could not have been in possession of any ritual of the degrees of the Motherland, or had altogether forgotten the OB by which they received them, for if they had *regularly* received them, how came they to abandon or even tamper with the ceremonies and their fundamental principles, communicated only under solemn obligations, but it is more than probable that not having the authorized ritual they concocted one to suit their own ideas of the Masonic Templar alliance, totally changing the meaning and object, importing into it the elements of equality that prevailed at the time in Europe, with latitudinarian views of the Christian religion,—for if anything in the world resembles another *less* than all others do, American Templary is as far removed and resembles as little the real Templary of the middle ages or that of its modern Masonic revival in England.

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