

cross to the signature of all members when *signing* as Templars, with the addition of the contraction F. Fr. for Frater or Fratres.

The ceremonial and system of Templary in the Dominion of Canada, following that of the Parent Body of England and the British Empire, is eminently *orthodox* Christian—to which none are admitted but members of the Masonic Body, who have attained the degree of the "Royal Arch," and who profess themselves to be *Trinitarian Christians*.

The great mistake which has led to so much confusion, as to the true character of Templary, is mainly owing to not distinguishing between the "Free Masonry" of to-day, and that from which it is derived.

The Templar degrees refer to, and represent the connection that existed between the old Templar Order and the early Ecclesiastical Christian Builders, who, on separating from the Cloisters became associated with the building "Guilds" or "Sodalites" of the Western World, which found an outcome in the Non-sectarian Modern Speculative Masonry, introduced by Anderson in the last century.

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