

examined it and made such alterations as they considered necessary for the requirements of the Canadian Templar body, it was confirmed and adopted unanimously by Great Priory, at its Annual Convention, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, on the 11th October, 1878, and continues the Authorized Ritual for the Sovereign Great Priory of the Dominion.

The conclave or meeting is supposed to be a Chapter of the Preceptory, and *not* an "Encampment" of Knights Templar, hence the place of meeting is fitted up as a Chapel. The installation of the ancient Knights Templar, as also of 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 the Order. The modern term "Encampment" is rejected as incorrect and unwarranted by any authority. The ancient Templars were already Knights on their reception into The Order and were only consecrated, but the Knights of St. John or Malta conferred on the candidate at his admission, the honor of Knighthood.

The title "Sir Knight" commonly used in addressing members, instead of "*Brother* or *Frater*," is but a quaint Poetical license of the olden time, to distinguish the occupation, such as "Sir Monk," "Sir Page," &c., and should *not* be used; it is equally incorrect to prefix "Sir" to the Christian name, which implies a rank in the prerogative of the Sovereign alone; and is but a *ridiculous* assumption of National dignities.

When denoting a Member, as distinguishing the Templar *Frater* from that of other societies, it was formerly the practice, and should be continued, to *affix a*