

ciples and rules they are supposed to imitate by engaging in a spiritual warfare for the protection and promulgation of the Christian faith, which it is not reasonable to believe would be accomplished if they reverted to its original Military character.

As a purely Christian society allied to Freemasonry, military evolutions and displays are quite out of place, of no benefit, and questionable both in policy and utility.

The title "Sir" prefixed to the names of members is another inconsistency, assuming a title of the British aristocracy, frequently making the great mistake of leaving out the baptismal name altogether, to which it applies, as the "title" can only be properly used with the Christian name, or when combined with it and the surname. The term "frater" has been incorrectly objected to, as giving the idea that it refers to the "Roman Catholic Priesthood." This is a mistake, the word was always used in the mediæval military religious fraternities, being merely the Latin for Brother.

IV. There is no such thing as *Masonic* Knighthood, any such claim or usage is but an idle fable;—the honour of Knighthood can only be conferred by the Sovereign of the Realm, or the representative of the Sovereign duly authorized.

V. The term "Allocution"—a speaking to,—and that of "Military," added to the title "Religious," merely follows the ancient order to show from whence it is derived. "Allocution" refers to the mandates of the ancient Grand Masters, but is not, with the title "Military," strictly applicable to our modern system, which *does not* pretend to establish a new Knightly Military order, but to represent and perpetuate in a Christian society, the principles and usages of the old obsolete, religious and military fraternities of the middle ages.

VI. It is believed the term "Encampment" was first used by "Dunckerly" when Grand Master, taken from the military character of the old order, to represent the temporary assemblies at stated periods of the Masonic Templars, who for the time being are supposed to be in camp.

VII. The reformed degree of the "Kadosh"—Holy—which gave rise to the modern Templar degrees, was originally one of vengeance and hatred against the oppressors of the Templar Order, viz.: The Papacy and the Royal House of France, now changed to preserve the recollection of the persecution and dispersion of the Templars and the sufferings of its members;—but it must be recollected that all those Templar degrees, under the mask of Freemasonry, are but fabrications of the last century.