

imagined, to give this degree in the full perfection of its ceremonies, large chambers, and many accessories are required.

The Kadosh, or Knight of the Black and White Eagle, is found in many Rites. As now given in this country it is purely a philosophical degree and no reference is made to the death of Jaques de Molay. By the Antient Constitutions of the Order, no Chapter of Knights Kadosh can be held, except under the immediate authority of the Supreme Grand Council, three of whose members must be present.

The French Rite, (a modification of which "the Antient Reformed" is practised in Belgium,) was established by the Grand Orient of France about the year 1786 to preserve the high degrees; for the purpose of simplyfying the system the number was reduced to seven, viz., E. A., F. C. (*compagnon*), M. M., elect, or first Order of Rose Croix Scotch, or second Order of Rose Croix Knight of the East, or third Order of Rose Croix. And the Rose Croix, the third degree, is conferred in a special chamber and in a very solemn and awe inspiring manner. The fourth, fifth and sixth have all reference to old testament history, and require several chambers for their illustrations. The seventh is identical with the eighteenth of the Antient and Accepted Rite.

The Swedish Rite consists of twelve Degrees. In 1811 the King of Sweden established the *Order of Charles XII.*, an Order of Knighthood to be conferred only on the principal dignitaries of the Masonic Institution in his dominions. The number of knights is twenty-seven, and the King is the perpetual Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin for a long time practised only the three primitive degrees of Craft Masonry; it afterwards adopted seven higher ones, which are governed by an Inner Orient, elected by the Grand Lodge.

The *Gross landes loege von Deutschland* adopts the Swedish system, whilst the *Grosse Loge des Eklektischen Freimaurier bundes* of Frankfort on the Maine, acknowledges only the three Antient degrees; although tolerated, this Grand Lodge has no legal *status*, as a decree of 1798 prohibits all secret societies in Prussia, except Masonic lodges hailing from either of the three Grand Lodges, "The Three Globes," "Germany," or "Royal York."

In 1864 was established the *Verein Deutscher Freimaurier* the sole (but unrecognised) central Masonic body of Germany. Its aims are to re-establish Freemasonry in its original purity, to form a united Grand Lodge of Germany, and to promote the creation of a central Masonic authority for the Universe.

The Royal Order of Scotland is perhaps the only genuine Order of knighthood in connection with Freemasonry. It is said to have been founded by King Robert the Bruce in 1314 to reward the Masons who fought for him at Bannockburn. It was revived at Edinburgh