

fitting associate in any Preceptory, and he should no longer be permitted to remain as a member, but "cast out from amongst us as having proved false and unfaithful to his vows."

9. I have been asked to decide which is the most correct term to address a member of the Order, "Sir Knight," "Brother" or "Frater." I have long held that we have no right to the title of Knight, a rank in civil life, which the "Crown" only can confer. "Brother" or "Frater" is the correct term, the latter being the same word in Latin, commonly used in medieval times in the Religious and Military Orders, but does not, nor is it intended, to convey any connection with the Roman Catholic Priesthood. To my mind, where Masonry is concerned, the term "Knight" is ridiculous, and what appellation can be more appropriate, or better express the Christian character of modern Templary, than the endearing word, "Brother," or "Frater."

10. Fratres, suspended for non-payment of dues, are *not* required to refund subscriptions accrued between their suspension and reinstatement.

The remark has been made to me why I still continue to sign myself, in addition to Supreme Grand Master, as "Great Prior." My answer is, that although by your flattering preference raised to that dignity in the "Canadian" branch, I am but a "Great Prior" in the Order, proud of the title as showing my connection with the English Parent Body, and thus acknowledging that all my honors emanated from the Grand Master, our future Sovereign, the only (in my eyes) Supreme Grand Master of the Christian Trinitarian system of Templary in the world.

It is with pleasure I state that our Grand Chancellor reports the Chancery out of debt, and provided with nearly everything necessary to work the Body properly, but in consequence of the expenses attending the issue of the warrants, the printing of the statutes and reprinting of the Proceedings of 1878 had to be postponed.

For the future, no innovations whatever can be permitted in the prescribed laws and rules issued by Great Priory. It appears that in some of the notices of meetings of Preceptories, the name of an additional officer appears, that of "Drill Instructor." There being no such officer on the roll of officers constituting a Preceptory, it must be discontinued. Numerous officers were formerly attached to Preceptories, which were expunged by the Committee on Statutes, and confirmed by vote of Great Priory. Members of the Order can, of course, privately perfect themselves in military drill, music, dancing, or any other accomplishment they may desire, but such

are not recognized, nor officers provided for their instruction, by Great Priory.

It will be advisable, and I would suggest to Great Priory, that in future the Chancery issue three copies of the Proceedings to each Preceptory, one for the use of the Presiding Preceptor, another for the Registrar, and the third for the members.

On lately referring a Registrar to the Proceedings, he informed me that he had not seen them, from which I infer that in many cases the Presiding Preceptor retains them in his own possession and does not comply with the printed instructions on the cover, to have them "read and made known in all Preceptories."

#### OF IMITATION MILITARY DRILL, PROCESSIONS, AND UNIFORMS.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt from the U. S. some months back, of a little book, by H. B. Grant, entitled: "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," intended for the Templar Body of the Republic. As an old military man, I have read it with much interest, and consider it a most ingenious code of fanciful military exercises, well adapted for the purpose intended: that of public processions and quasi-military display, so much in vogue by the various benefit and secret societies of all denominations in the United States.

Any allusion irrelevant to the Order, in an address to the Templars of Canada, appears out of place, and I should not now do so, were it not for the apparent growing desire to imitate many of the features of the American Templars.

I cannot understand on what grounds military drills, &c., can be introduced into our *Speculative* Templar System, for, although continuing and preserving the name "Religious and Military," from the Ancient Orders of the Crusades, it has no more to do with a *Military* organization, than *Speculative* Masonry has with *Operative*, and however harmless it may be in itself, has, unfortunately, become the chief attraction, to the prejudice of the true object and interests of the Order, which surely does not require to be brought into notoriety by its members becoming amateur soldiers, any more than Masonic periodicals are enhanced by extraneous sensational tales and ridiculous anecdotes to make them saleable; unless, indeed, it is considered necessary to follow the example of those fanatical societies, like the "Salvation" and "Saved" army corps, who, by their mimicry of military customs, parades and uniform, court popularity to recruit their ranks; but which more frequently entail public contempt, by appearing and conducting themselves, as that old satirist, Dean Swift expresses it: "More like mountebanks than Christian men."

I do not, by these remarks, intend to