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Labor Day this year falls on Monday, September 6, 2021. It is celebrated to pay tribute to the achievements and contributions of the American worker. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed the legislation into law, making Labor Day a legal holiday. As summer ends, the vacations are over, and students return to school. As we celebrate Labor Day, we also mark the return of our Commanderies to labor.

As I am writing this (which is in July), we have still not been cleared to resume our full ritual Orders. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we shall be able to do so. Our Commanderies should be resuming in-person monthly stated conclaves as we enter September. If we have not been cleared to resume ritual, I encourage the Eminent Commanders to rehearse the ritual so as to be ready as soon as resumption takes place.

On September 11, 2021, the annual Northeast Department Conference will take place. It will take place in Albany, New York, this year and representatives from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts/Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Pennsylvania will be present. Your Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder will be attending this conference. It my honor to represent you, and at its conclusion, I shall communicate any pertinent information that I shall have received.

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer months and have had the opportunity to get some rest and relaxation. I also hope that you are as anxious as I am to resume our Templary activities.

Stay safe, be well, and God bless.

Courteously, SK Craig R. Nelson, Sr. Grand Commander