

WASHINGTON SUPPLEMENT

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SUCCESS IS NOT BEING THE BEST, BUT DOING YOUR BEST

Editorial Note:

The Grand Encampment officers have asked us to get the magazine into the hands of the readers by the first day of each month. In order to accomplish this, we need to advance the deadline to the 5th of the month beginning with the October issue. We received this information from the managing editor, John L. Palmer.

This will require the Washington supplement editor to set a deadline of September 1st in order to prepare and forward the material by September 5th for the October issue. I appreciate hearing from the Sir Knights with news to be included in the Supplement.

From The Editor

Labor Day September 2008, is a signal that our summer vacation which started with Memorial Day is coming to an end. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, was a creation of the labor movement and was dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. Labor Day is over 100 years old. Over the years, it has evolved from a purely union celebration into a general “last fling of summer” festival. It grew out of a celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in 1882 in New York. In 1884, the Knights held a large parade in New York City celebrating the working

The Knights passed a resolution to hold all future parades on the same day designated by them as Labor Day. In the late 1880’s, labor organizations began to lobby various state legislators for recognition of Labor Day as an official holiday

Through the years, the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From this developed the movement to secure state legislation.

The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During that year, four more states; Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York; created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade, Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, twenty-three other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28th of that year, Congress passed an act, signed by President Grover Cleveland, making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

We read in 1 Corinthians chapter 3 verses 7-8 that the one who plants is not important, and that the one who waters is not important. Only God, who makes things grow, is important. The one who plants and the one who waters have the same purpose, and each will be rewarded for his work. Working together; you are like God’s farm; God’s house. As we celebrate this Labor Day, let us continue working together as Sir Knights of the Knights Templar.

I appreciate any items of interest that I might pass along.