



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3909



Introduced by Representative Lordan G. Suan

AN ACT
DECLARING DECEMBER 19 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL
WORKING HOLIDAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Freemasonry is a civic movement that has significantly contributed to building a better nation in the Philippines for many years. It is an important part of our country's history, with its presence dating back as early as 1856. Many of our national heroes were notable Freemasons, whose ideals and actions played a vital role in shaping our nation.

For over a century, Freemasonry has consistently demonstrated its commitment to nation-building, promoting values of integrity, brotherhood, and public service. While its presence in the country predates the 20th century, a milestone in Philippine Masonic history occurred on December 19, 1912, with the formal establishment of *The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines*, also known as the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

In commemoration of this historic foundation, and in recognition of the valuable role of Filipino Masons in our nation's history, as well as their continuing contributions to its present progress and future development, this bill seeks to declare December 19 of every year as a special working holiday in the Philippines.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** December 19 of every year is hereby declared as a special
2 working holiday in the entire country referred to as the “National Masonic Day”
3 to commemorate the establishment of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
4 Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines on December 19, 1912, in Manila,
5 and to continuously inspire and instill a sense of charity and nationalism for the
6 rich and noble history of the Filipino nation.

7 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
8 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

9 Approved,