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In behalf of the members of the Lowell council, we extend a hearty welcome and sincere greetings to the delegates and guests of the Nineteenth annual convention of the Portuguese American Civic League of Massachusetts.

We are honored that you have chosen our city this year for our state convention and wish that your stay here will be a happy and memorable one.

Our city officials and local groups have cooperated with us in planning this convention program and we hope that our efforts will please you.

It is our earnest desire that this our nineteenth convention will be a great success and will result in furthering the purpose for which it was organized, namely, "to promote the civic, educational and social welfare of the Portuguese Americans in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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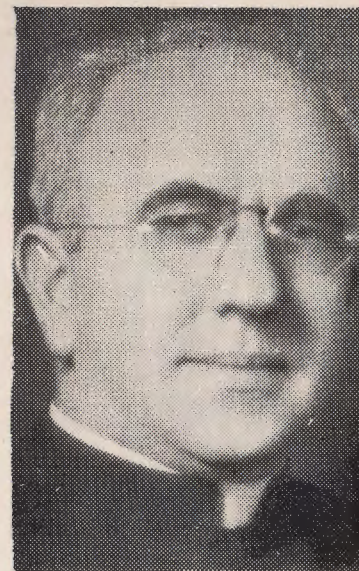
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**In Memoriam**

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Rev. Joseph T. Grillo,

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There must be great rejoicing on the golden streets today  
For God has called a loved one Home, from life's tempestuous way;  
While here on earth we're grieving for a dearly beloved friend,  
Who taught us all a lesson by his courage, 'til the end.

If these things make a man a Saint, patience, kindness, love,  
Then we know there is a special place awaiting him, above;  
If filling our every hour of life complete with deeds worthwhile  
Will gain for us eternal rest, then he'll know Mary's smile.

Descendant of a Christian race who've kept God in their soul,  
His was a hard and a weary task to attain a priestly goal;  
Yet ne'er once did he falter or weaken 'neath the load,  
For he knew God walked beside him as he traveled o'er life's road.

All the souls that by his guidance have arrived at heavenly shores  
Will rejoice to see him coming into their midst, once more;  
While babies that he christened, now with the Cherubim  
Will join the heavenly chorus in a welcoming song to him.

But saddened little children of Saint Anthony's today  
Are asking God to bless this friend, who taught them how to pray  
And the flowers in his garden that knew his gentle touch  
Will never bloom as brightly, as for him, they loved so much.

Pastor, Father, beloved friend, we bid farewell to thee  
The saintly lessons you have taught, will live in our memory  
May the Lord you loved so dearly, clasp you fondly to His breast  
And whisper, "Beloved Joseph, you have gained eternal rest."

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