

# FESTAS DO ESPÍRITO SANTO

**Império de São Pedro da Banda de Nossa Senhora da Luz**, Fall River, Massachusetts

## BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood	Autonomous
Year founded	1960s
Azorean origin of members	São Miguel Island.
Year round activities	Dinners.
Hall	Belongs to the <i>Banda</i> .

## THE FESTA: GENERAL INFORMATION

Year founded	1960s
Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> weekend of July
Azorean Festa ritual model	<i>Ilha de São Miguel</i>
Festa organization	The Festa is organized by the <i>direção</i> and the <i>mordomo</i> .
Mordomo	The <i>mordomo</i> is chosen by the <i>direção</i> .
Number of workers	7 (seven)
Number of crowns	6 (six)
Origin of the crowns	Offered.
Queens	Sometimes – depends on <i>mordomo</i>

## THE FESTA: RITUAL COMPOSITION

Domingas	There are <i>domingas</i>
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Other rituals before the day of the Week of prayers, livestock auction.  
Festa

Pensões	There are <i>pensões</i> , each costs \$40
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Distribution of the pensões *Porta-a-porta*

Musical accompaniment during the Festa      The *Banda Filarmónica* of this *Império*.

Parades and processions	With national flags, participation of local authority and politicians, and other brotherhoods.
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Holy Ghost soup

The *sopas* are open and offered for free to the public. The origin of the *sopas* style is São Miguel Island.

Number of people who participate in the open distribution of sopas 300-400

Other                      There is sweet bread handed out.

Number of people who attend the Festa 3.000

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