

# FESTAS DO ESPÍRITO SANTO

## **Irmandade do Divino Espírito Santo da Banda de Santo António de Fall River, Fall River, Massachusetts**

### BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood	Linked to the Church.
Year founded	1960s
Year round activities	Dinners to raise funds
Hall	Belongs to the Church

### THE FESTA: GENERAL INFORMATION

Year founded	1960s
Date	First weekend in June.
Azorean Festa ritual model	São Miguel Island
Festa organization	The mordomo organizes the Festa.
Mordomo	The mordomo is chosen by the <i>direção</i>
Number of crowns	6 (six)
Origins of the crowns	Offered by members of irmandade & band.

### THE FESTA: RITUAL COMPOSITION

Domingas	There are <i>domingas</i> and crownings of the <i>domingas</i> .
Other rituals before the day of the Festa	Dinners, auction.
Pensões	There are <i>pensões</i> .
Distribution of the pensões	Both <i>porta-a-porta</i> and takeaway.
Musical accompaniment during	Folia and filarmónica.

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the Festa

Parades and processions

The *cortejo* includes national flags and folklore groups from other organizations.

Holy Ghost soup

The *sopas* are open and offered for free to the public.

Number of people who participate in the open distribution of sopas 400-500

Other

There is sweet bread handed out.

Number of people who attend the Festa 500

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