

# FESTAS DO ESPÍRITO SANTO

**Irmandade do Espirito Santo da Sociedade de São João**, Fall River, Massachusetts

## BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood	Autonomous
Year founded	1962
Azorean origin of members	São Miguel Island.
Year round activities	Only related to the Festa.
Hall	Rented.

## THE FESTA: GENERAL INFORMATION

Year founded	1962
Azorean Festa ritual model	São Miguel
Organização da festa	The <i>direção</i> and the <i>mordomo</i> organize the Festa.
Mordomo	Chosen through <i>sorteio</i> .
Number of workers	21
Number of crowns	2 (two)
Origin of crowns	Offered.

## THE FESTA: RITUAL COMPOSITION

Domingas	There are <i>domingas</i> .
Other rituals before the day of the Dinners, livestock auction Festa	
Pensões	There are 300 <i>pensões</i> . Each pension costs \$30
Composition of the pensões	Meat, sweet bread, wine, bread.

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Distribution of the pensões	Both <i>porta-a-porta</i> and takeaway.
Musical accompaniment during the Festa	<i>Filarmonica</i>
Parades and processions	The <i>cortejo</i> includes national flags and has the participation of other brotherhoods.
Holy Ghost soup	The <i>sopas</i> are open and offered for free to the public. The origin of the <i>sopas</i> style is from São Miguel.
Other	There is massa sovada handed out.

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