

# FESTAS DO ESPÍRITO SANTO

**Irmandade do Espírito Santo do Liberal Club**, Fall River, Massachusetts

## BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood	Autonomous
Year founded	Mid-1950s
Azorean origin of the members	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> generation
Year round activities	Dinners
Hall	Belongs to the Irmandade

## THE FESTA: GENERAL INFORMATION

Year founded	Mid-1950s
Date	Last weekend in August
Azorean Festa ritual model	Not clear - mixed
Festa organization	The <i>mordomo</i> organizes the Festa.
Mordomo	Chosen by the <i>direção</i> .
Number of crowns	6 (six)
Origin of the crowns	Offered.

## THE FESTA: RITUAL COMPOSITION

Domingas	There are <i>domingas</i> and crownings of the <i>domingas</i> .
Other rituals before the day of the Week or prayers. Festa	
Pensões	There are 600+ <i>pensões</i> . Each <i>pensão</i> costs \$40
Composition of the pensões	Wine, bread, meat, cabbage, carrots.

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Distribution of the pensões	Both <i>porta-a-porta</i> and takeaway.
Musical accompaniment during the Festa	<i>Filarmonica</i> .
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 mixed.
Number of people who participate in the open distribution of sopas	200-300
Number of people who attend the Festa	200-300

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