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Happy
VALENTINE'S
Day

PFSA Newsletter

February
2026

Executive Corner

Bernice Armas-Martinez, CEO

Miriam Ramos, Interim CFMO

Jerry Escobar, CMO



All in One 2026 Directory– We have mailed out the 2026 All in One Directory.

Membership Pins- 25 year & 50 year membership pins were mailed out to recipients. Co. Secretaries be sure to acknowledge your pin recipient members at your next official visit.

Scholarships– The 2026 scholarship applications are now open and available on the PFSA website at www.mypfsa.org. If you're a member age 16-18, be sure to check it out and don't miss this opportunity!

Membership Roster– Attention Council Secretaries! 2026 Membership Rosters have been mailed out.

Official Visits– 2025-2026 Official Visit Response Form. THANK YOU to all Council Secretaries who have submitted your Official Visit invitation to the Home Office. Councils with upcoming official visits please email your invitation to publishing@mypfsa.org and Supreme Presidents at least one month in advance.

Newsletter Publications - PFSA is excited to include birthday and flyers in the newsletter. Please submit your **NEW** 2026 pictures, documents and information by the 15th of each month. Email them to publishing@mypfsa.org.

2026 Festa Schedule- Please fill out the Festa Schedule Form located in this publication or find the easy, fillable version, on our website mypfsa.org under publications. We would like to include as many festas as possible in our upcoming Festa Schedule this Spring.

Payments- Any checks that remain outstanding for more than 180 days (6mo) will be voided. If you have an outstanding check, please deposit or cash it as soon as possible.

Award Nominations- Fraternalists of the Year and Portuguese Community Service Award Nominations are open for 2026. Please see forms at the end of this newsletter.



Don't forget to spread the word

About PFSA Scholarships and Education Savings plans



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New Members

Co. 5/36 Hayward	1
Co. 7 Gustine/Newman	2
Co. 12 Oakland	1
Co. 13 Tracy	1
Co. 26 Stevinson/Turlock/Hilmar	5
Co. 31 El Nido	1
Co. 44 San Jose	6
Co. 69 Manteca	2
Co. 76 Artesia	2
Co. 90 Salinas	2
Co. 98 Ferndale	1
Co. 100 Oakdale/Escalon/Riverbank	17
Co. 118 Elk Grove	1
Co. 140 Cayucos	1

Upcoming Events

February

- 2/7– Hayward Matanca do Porco dinner
- 2/7– Co. 100 Casino Bus Trip
- 2/22– Hayward 5/36 OV
- 2/28– Co. 13 & YC 25 Casino Bus Trip

March

- 3/7– Wreath Ceremony
- 3/7– SJ Sharks Portuguese Game
- 3/7– Noite De Conjuntos
- 3/14– Co. 200 Casino Bus Trip
- 3/15– Co. 13 Tracy, Co. 18 Stockton OV
- 3/21– Co. 1 San Diego OV
- 3/28– Co. 90 Salinas OV
- 3/29– Co. 100 Bingo

April

- 4/11– Merced Golf Tournament
- 4/18– PFSA Picnic
- 4/19– Co. 14 Mountain View, Co. 44 San Jose OV
- 4/25– Love Cities Community Projects

Monthly Challenges

February

Host a Valentine Party, Wear red and bring Valentine's cookies, and do a cookie exchange.

Take a picture with your sweetheart and post to Facebook.

March

Celebrate Portuguese Immigrant Week, by sharing photos and stories of your forefathers.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green and posting your pictures and tag @myPFSA

April

Volunteer in your community for National Volunteer Month.

Host an Easter Party for youth.

Donate to the Race for Autism for Autism Awareness Month.

Congratulations To The Newly sworn in Board Of Directors for the 2026 Term



Congratulations Joseph Pinheiro for being sworn in as Director of the Board.



Congratulations Angela Seamas and Suzie Lourenco
for being sworn in as Ex-officio Directors of the Board.

Happy Birthday to our Members born in February!



Billy Gonzales
Feb 2nd
Agent/Accounting Clerk



Joe Peterson



Christopher Geston
Feb 12th



Nancy Cunha
Feb 15th



Leeanna Gerhart
Feb 18th



Jorgelina Inacio
Feb 22nd



Olivia Duffek
Feb 22nd



Leonardo Xavier
Feb 23rd
Agent



Mathew Gonzales
Feb 25th



Ted Pedrozo

Chairman of the Board



Dear Members of the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America,

It is a great honor to accept the duty of Chairman of the Board of Directors. I extend my congratulations to our newly installed officers: Donald J. Costa, Supreme President; Miriam Work, Supreme 20-30's President; and Joseph Reyes Jr., Supreme Youth President. With your long history of Fraternalism and determination, I am confident you will represent our great society with grace. I wish you the very best during your year of travel.

I would like to congratulate Monique Vallance, newly elected Director of the Board, and Angela Seamas and Suzie Lourenco, newly appointed 20-30's Ex-Officio Members of the Board. Your knowledge and strong foundation in fraternalism will greatly benefit our society as you serve on the Board of Directors.

I want to thank Al Furtado and Stephanie Koch for their dedication and support to our society. They have brought us many years of knowledge. Their efforts ensure we continue to grow financially and fraternally. I can't thank them enough for their mentoring and continued support. I wish them both the very best as they begin the next step in their journey.

I want to take this time to thank John Camara for his dedication and support as past Chairman of the Board of Directors. He has done an amazing job guiding our team for the past two years. John's passion and support was demonstrated during many hours of discussion regarding the improvement of our society. I know that he will continue to support us all as we move forward to build financial security and fraternalism.

I feel it is important that we support our youth and our 20s and 30s members. We need to build the foundation of our society and help it grow financially and fraternally. I believe family is especially important. We must continue to teach youth the significance of family and heritage. My parents instilled in me faith and determination that will help me grow in knowledge and respect for our fraternal society.

It is important that I share with you that the board, in its effort to continue to be fiscally responsible, has decided that starting with the 2027 Supreme Presidents' year that all PFSA Conventions will be centralized and held in Modesto at the Double Tree. We feel that this decision is in the best interest of our fraternal society.

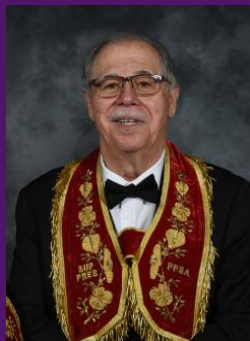
Your Board of Directors is committed to assuring fiscal success. I want to assure you that, as your board, we take our responsibility seriously to ensure that our Society continues to grow. I am excited to work with the Fraternal Committee as they begin providing support to councils, reactivating inactive ones, and working closely with the Supreme Line Officers. This very dedicated committee is confident that we will continue to grow with the commitment of both the Board of Directors and the Fraternal Committee.

Members of PFSA, I assure you I have been mentored, supported, and guided by this responsibility. There will be times when I won't have all the answers. Still, I am willing to learn. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns. I am here to support all members of the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America. Safe travels to you all.

Fraternally Yours,

Ted A Pedrozo

Chairman of the Board of Directors



PFSA Supreme President

Donald Costa



Northern California

PFSA members, officers, and friends,

It is with extreme happiness and delight to continue being your supreme president for the term 2025-2026.

My month of January was much enjoyable and ended with a "bang" (literally).

On the 9th of January, I attended the "kick-off" sales meeting for 2026 held at the PFSA home office. We had many new things to learn and especially excited about our new interest rates on our policies we offer to the protentional members. 6.50% on our new annuities, IRA roll-overs (401k. etc.), Roth IRAs, traditional IRAs, over \$10,000 deposit guaranteed for 1 year. Many other policies were discussed so we totally understand the limits. I was truly appreciated the meeting and clarity. Also, \$100 to \$9,999 interest rate is guaranteed the first year at 6%. Contact your favorite agent to help explain and update your policy needs. Remember when you don't have your beneficiary information updated, lot more details will need to be researched. Thank you sales staff leaded by Bernice and Susan for your direction and expertise.

On the 10th of January, past supreme president, Gene Santos, attended the annual Cabrillo Civic Club convention in San Diego. Due to my official visit on the next day, I couldn't attend and thank Gene for presenting our plaque to their state president, Brian Sampson. Congratulation to the newly installed state president, Sharon May, hope to see you on our travels. I truly wished I could have attended.

On the 11th of January, I had the honor of attending the official visit of council #21 Los Banos/Dos Palos. Accompanied by past supreme president, Richard Castro. We arrived to Espana Mexican restaurant in Los Banos. We were welcomed by so many friends. The food was delicious and tasty. We had so many supreme officers, past and present in attendance. Board of director, Bob Bertao did an outstanding job as master of ceremonies for the afternoon. The supreme 20/30s and youth presidents gave an outstanding speeches. Mrs. Fatima Teixeira gave such a touching comment, which brought tears to our eyes after we heard our PFSA official hymn. Her comments included the importance of continue Portuguese traditions and culture at our official visits. Thank you Mrs. Teixeira for your personal comments. We learned of the illness of past supreme president Joe I Silva and wish him a quick recovery. We also learned the passing of our honorary supreme officer, Jack Perry. Our love and prayers go to their families.

Now the "bang"

On the 12th of January, Richard and I was going to Santa Maria for the rosary of past supreme president, George Teixeira, when we were in a 9 car accident, 5 miles out of Santa Maria. I think the car was totaled. We were then transferred to an ambulance and taken to a beautiful hospital, Marion Catholic Hospital in Santa Maria, which I had 5 stiches over my eye and Richard needed to stay overnight. We were lucky to have our saints guide us as it could have been much worse. However, we didn't make any services both days, but thank our CEO Bernice and Susan, board member Joseph Pinheiro, grandson of George Teixeira, and wife Madi for the visit, help and support. We said our prayers for George,

Please update your policies: PFSA, former societies, IDES, SES, UPEC, and UPPEC.

Fraternally yours,

Donald J. Costa

PFSA supreme president 2025-2026

559-972-4693

Cabrillo Civic Club Convention 1/10/26



PFSA Past Supreme President, Gene Santos, attended the annual Cabrillo Civic Club convention in San Diego. Gene pictured here presenting the PFSA plaque to their State President Brian Sampson on behalf of Supreme President Don Costa. Congratulation to the newly installed State President, Sharon May



Welcome Fraternal Committee



**They will help Reactivate Councils
Increase Council Meeting Attendance
Oversee Supreme Lines
Among other duties.
Stay tuned for more details.**

PFSA Youth

Happy New Year from the PFSA Youth Group! As everyone began contemplating New Year resolutions, we presented the youth with a challenge, to turn their resolutions into a GOAL! SMART goals are a framework for setting objectives that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound, creating clear, attainable goals by providing a structure that eliminates ambiguity, making it easier to track progress. We wish you all many successful goals in 2026!



The beginning of January continued with Youth Supreme President Joey Reyes traveling to the official visit for PFSA Council 21 Los Banos/Dos Palos. Joey was also joined by youth officers Claire and Xavier as they enjoyed a social hour and delicious lunch at Espana's Restaurant.

The youth were also presented with information about the Heritage Portugal Program by PALCUS (Portuguese-American Leadership Council of the United States) with an upcoming January 31 application deadline.

2026 is off to a great start and we are looking forward to a fun-filled year!

Be sure to scan the QR code or head over to [instagram.com/pfsa_youth](https://www.instagram.com/pfsa_youth) to explore the fun activities and events.



Past Presidents and Spouses Association



Happy Valentine's Day
From the Pedrozo Family

Ingredients

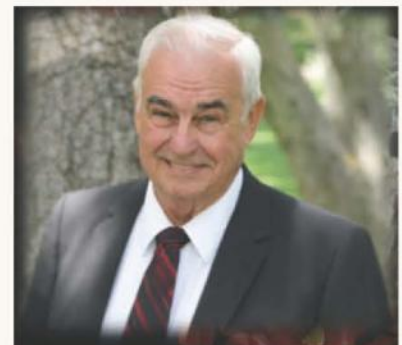
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 large fresh eggs
- 4 tablespoons whole milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon lemon zest *or 1 teaspoon of lemon extract



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper, and lightly flour a clean cutting board or work surface.
 2. In the bowl of a stand mixer, add the butter, and sugar. Cream until light and fluffy.
 3. Whisk the flour, salt, and baking powder; set aside. Add the eggs, extracts, and milk and mix until combined.
 4. Turn down the mixer speed and slowly add the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients. The dough should form a ball on the paddle. If it is too dry add 1 tablespoon of additional milk. If it is overly stick add one tablespoon of flour until it is workable.
 5. Remove the dough from the stand mixer and knead on the floured workspace. The dough should be the consistency of play dough.
 6. I used a tablespoon-sized cookie scoop to scoop out tablespoon-sized balls.
 7. On the floured work space, roll on dough with the palms of your hand to create a 5 inch "snake". Bring together the ends to form a ring. Place cookies 1 inch apart of the baking sheet.
- These cookies bake for 18-20 minutes to get toasty deep golden-brown bottoms and tan golden-brown top surfaces. Cool cookies for ten minutes before removing and baking the next batch. Repeat the process until all cookies are done. Cooled cookies can be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks time.

Feliz Carnaval



Our sincere condolences to the family of
Past Supreme President
George Antonio Teixeira

PFSA Named one of the Best Organizations of 2025!



Portuguese Tribune

SERVING THE PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES SINCE 1974

THE BEST OF 2025

The Portuguese Tribune has been distinguishing the Best of the Year since 2004 and this represents our 21st edition. With our constant focus on being the "mirror" of our Portuguese-American communities, each year seems that it becomes harder to select the true "Best of the Year." While some names may have surfaced in previous editions, there are many new names, businesses, and organizations being recognized in this edition.

PERSONS OF THE YEAR

José Ávila, owner and publisher of The Portuguese Tribune, was inducted as a Cavaleiro da Confraria do Vinho do Porto (Knight of the Port Wine Society) for his dedication to all things Portuguese in California in 2024 and received the prestigious PFSA Portuguese Community Service Award for his contributions to the Portuguese-American communities of the United States.

Fernanda Pereira, owner and Chief Financial Officer of Southern Custom Brokerage Inc.,



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Lifetime Achievement Award.

Manuel "Idalmiro" da Rosa, honorary consul of Portugal in San Diego, was the recipient of the Portuguese Historical Lifetime Award at the Tunaman's Memorial Ball.

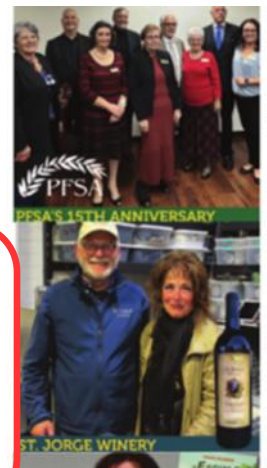
Kenny Alameda was the recipient of the Tunaman Lifetime Achievement Award at the San Diego Tunaman's Memorial Ball.

Batista Vieira, entrepreneur and owner of KLBS and KSQQ radio stations, received the Golden Key to the Town of Velas in his native island of São Jorge in the Azores.

ORGANIZATIONS OF THE YEAR

Portuguese Fraternal Society of America (PFSA) celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2025. The merger of four historical Portuguese fraternal societies in January 2010 created a much stronger organization headquartered in Modesto and possessing one of the most impressive Portuguese libraries in the country, the J.A. Freitas Library.

Casa dos Açores da Califórnia placed the first stone for the constructions of its new headquarters in Hilmar, to be completed in...



Thank you to the Portuguese Tribune for this great honor and we thank Jose Avila and Miguel Avila for their commitment to the Portuguese Community!

Council Secretaries: Please also email Official Visit Flyers at least one month in advance to our Supreme Presidents and publishing:

S. President, Donald Costa,
20-30s S. President, Miriam Work,
Youth S. President, Joseph Reyes,

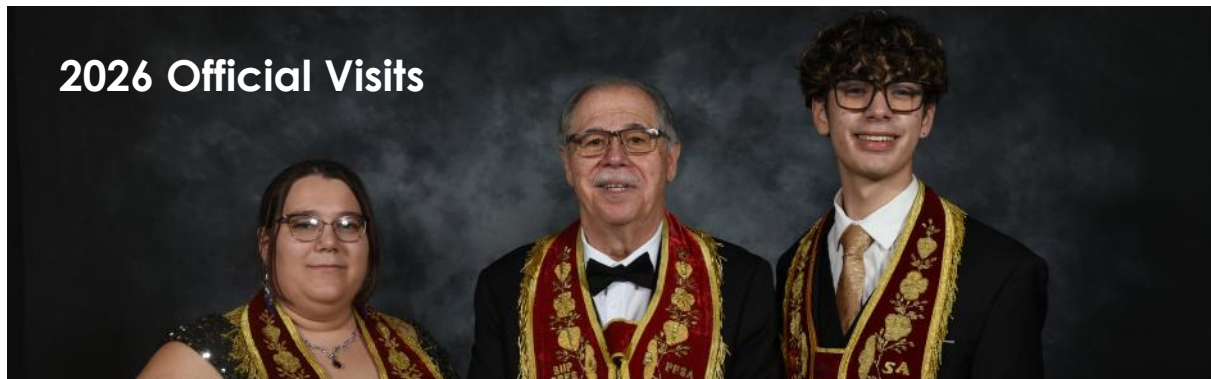
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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



2026 Official Visits



Council	City	Dates	
21	Los Banos/Dos Palos	1/11/2026	
118	Elk Grove	1/25/2026	
34	Freeport/Clarksburg		
51	Sacramento		
5/36	Hayward	2/22/2026	
13	Tracy	3/15/2026	
18	Stockton		
1	San Diego	3/21/2026	
90	Salinas	3/28/2026	
14	Mountain View	4/19/2026	
44	San Jose		
8	Santa Maria	4/26/2026	
84	San Luis Obispo		
99	Lompoc		
140	Cayucos		
2	Bakersfield	5/30/2026	
200	Lathrop	7/12/2026	
3	Eureka	7/25/2026	
4	Arcata		
98	Ferndale		
11	Turlock	8/9/2026	
20	Merced	8/23/2026	
108	Madera		
46	Tulare	9/12/2026	Testimonial
66	Visalia		
138	Stratford		
54	Benicia/Vallejo	9/20/2026	
7	Gustine/Newman	9/25/2026	
100	Oakdale/Escalon/Riverbank	9/26/2026	
26	Stevenson/Turlock/Hilmar	9/27/2026	
44	Youth President	10/18/2026	Testimonial

P.F.S.A 5/36 HAYWARD PRESENTS

MATANCA **DO PORCO**



SATURDAY
FEB. 7

1105 C STREET
HAYWARD, CA 94541

**MARINATED PORK DINNER INCLUDES SIDES
(TORRESMOS, MORCELA, LINGUIÇA, FEIJÃO GUIADO,
INHAMES, BATATA DOCE) AND DESSERT**

DOORS OPEN/ NO HOST COCKTAILS AT 6:00PM

DINNER AT 6:30PM

DANCE WITH VICTOR SILVA

**TICKET
DONATION:
\$40**

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS

JOE ROSA: 510-552-0026

HELENA FERREIRA: 510-703-5304

PFSA #100

Casino Bus Trip

Saturday, February 7, 2026



Pick Up Locations:

Oakdale Savemart Parking Lot at 9:00am

Escalon D'bioni's Pizza @ 9:25am

On Bus: Bingo, Raffle, Auction,
Beverages, and Sack Lunch provided.

\$35 for current card holders

FOR SEAT RESERVATIONS:

Susan (209) 840-0749 or

Richard (209) 499-3111

\$45
PER PERSON



PFSA 5/36 OF HAYWARD

OFFICIAL VISIT

HONORING:

Supreme President:

Donald Costa

Supreme 20 – 30's President:

Miriam Work

Supreme Youth President:

Joseph Reyes Jr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

LUNCH AT 2PM

1105 C STREET
HAYWARD, CA 94541

DONATION:

MEMBERS:\$25 / NON-MEMBERS: \$35

PLEASE RSVP BY

FEB. 15TH

(510).552.0026

**PFSA COUNCIL #13 & LUSO YOUTH COUNCIL #25
CASINO BUS TRIP
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
8:00 AM ~ 6:00 PM**

**\$45 PER
PERSON**

**\$35 IN GAME
PLAY**



**DEPARTING: 3320 N TRACY BLD, TRACY, CA 95376
RESERVATIONS: DEOLINDA ~ 209-814-7716
BERNADETE ~ 209-666-0192**



Portuguese Immigrant Week

March
7—14

Honoring our
Portuguese
Immigrants

Join us in
San Leandro
San Jose &
Newark

Portuguese Immigrant Week 2026 Kickoff Saturday, March 7.

**Wreath Ceremony
& Reception, San Leandro**

11am Wreath Ceremony
Root Park, San Leandro

12 pm Reception
San Leandro Band Hall,
San Leandro

**Sharks Portuguese
Heritage Group Night**

7 pm Shark Tank
San Jose

Noite de Conjuntos

7 pm Newark
Pavilion, Newark

PORTUGUESE HERITAGE

Group Night



VS



SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH | 7:00PM

Join us as we celebrate Portuguese Heritage
Group Night at the Shark Tank! Each ticket
includes a special themed lanyard.

Contact lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com or
925-726-9543 for tickets

Join
Us



**TAILGATE
CREW**

March
7

NEWARK PAVILION MARCH NOITE DE CONJUNTOS 7TH



ALMA

SEM DUVIDA

ZODIAC

6430 THORNTON AVE NEWARK, CA • FULL BAR • FOOD • MUSIC

7PM

FREE ENTRY



PFSA CO. 200 LATHROP FUNDRAISER

CASINO TRIP

Try your luck of the Irish



March 14

8:30am (Modesto)

9:15am (Manteca)

\$45 Per Person



Ticket includes \$20 free play for casino.
On the bus food, refreshments, snacks,
pull tabs, games and raffle.

RED HAWK CASINO

Bus picks up in Modesto at
3522 Sisk Rd, and Manteca at
1391 E Yosemite Ave

To purchase tickets contact
Niecy Hogan 530-701-0638 or Danae
Underwood 209-402-7493





YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED...

*The Officers and Members of Fraternal Council #13 of Tracy and
Fraternal Council #18 of Stockton Joined Together for the Official Visit!*

Welcomes

P.F.S.A. Supreme President ~ Donald Costa

P.F.S.A. 20-30's Supreme President ~ Miriam Work

P.F.S.A. Youth Supreme President ~ Joseph Reys Jr.

Sunday, March 15, 2026

11:30 A.M. ~ Social Hour

12:30 P.M. ~ Luncheon

Stockton Ballroom

9650 Thornton Road

Stockton, CA 95209

Please RSVP: By March 7, 2026

Deolinda Faria-Pauley ~ Secretary/Treasurer ~ (209) 814-7716

Mary Medeiros ~ Past Supreme President ~ (209) 814-3502

Cost per Person - \$15.00 ~ Ages 12 to Age 8 ~ \$8.00 ~ 7 and Under ~ Free

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Make checks Payable to P.F.S.A Co. #13 Tracy

Deolinda Faria-Pauley ~ 270 W. Whittier Ave, Tracy, CA 95376 - 2605

Name: _____ **Title:** _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ **Number of Persons:** _____
Amount Enclosed: _____

Raffle Prizes are Welcome!

Please bring a desert if you would love to share it with us!

Council 90
Salinas



SATURDAY
MARCH 28
1 PM

Official Visit

Council 90 Salinas

cordially invites you to welcome

PFSA Supreme President Don Costa

Supreme 20-30s President Miriam Work

& Supreme Youth President Joseph Reyes

Come enjoy an afternoon with PFSA friends and family.

Don't forget to wear your green!

Please RSVP by March 21

Lucy Dutra: 831-345-7648

Marie Rosa: 831-210-4506

Jerry Escobar: 408-813-1310

Black Bear Diner

1391 N Davis Rd

Salinas, CA 93907



**SAINT
PATRICK'S
DAY**
Theme

PFSA COUNCIL 100
OAKDALE, ESCALON, RIVERBANK

BINGO *extravaganza*



SUNDAY, MARCH 29th @ 11:30 AM

OAKDALE EVENT CENTER
335 N 8TH AVE OAKDALE CA 95361

Venmo:
@Nelly-Mendes1

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN (209) 840-0749
OR JUDY OLIVER (209) 505-1865

**\$30 DONATION INCLUDES GAME CARDS &
LUNCH, & DESSERT.**

**RESERVED TABLES OF 8 CAN BE PURCHASED
FOR \$240. ALL OTHER SEATING IS FIRST
COME, FIRST SIT!**

50/50 RAFFLE AVAILABLE DURING EVENT

Join us for a
great day of
golf!



SATURDAY
APRIL 11

Check-in: 8:30 am
Shotgun starts 9:00 am

GOLF
TOURNAMENT
2026

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE

Cart and lunch provided with fee
Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers

.....
\$125 - Per Player
.....

Player Registration

Player 1:
Player 2:
Player 3:
Player 4:
Contact name and number:

Please email this form to:
Juanita Pedrozo
jcpedrozo8@gmail.com or
call 209.769.9031

Mail checks payable to:
PFSA Council 20
3642 Thrift Rd.
Merced, CA 95351

PLEASE RSVP
FOURSOME
BY 4/4

Rancho Del Rey Golf Club
5250 Green Sands Ave, Atwater, CA



PFSA Home Office Wishes Everyone A Happy New Year!!!





Councils in Action
#Fraternalism
#Traditions

COUNCILS



Council Challenges

Co. 44 San Jose enjoyed a wonderful start to the new year.



Co. 21 Los Banos/Dos Palos Official Visit 1/11/26



Co. 5/36 Hayward Crab feed 1/17/26



Councils 34 Freeport/Clarksburg, 51 Sacramento, 118 Elk Grove Official Visit, 1/25/26



#TRADITIONS



#FRATERNALISM



#GIVEBACK



PFSA Council 26 Stevinson, Turlock, Hilmar Filhos Fundraiser. 1/25/26



Councils in Action

#Culture
#Fundraising
#HaveFun





Celebrate Heritage and traditions with PFSA

#Culture #HaveFun

Warriors Portuguese Heritage Game: 1/19/26

CULTURE



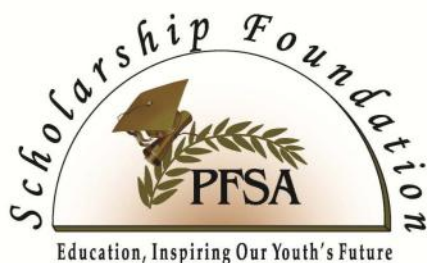
Warriors Portuguese Heritage Game 1/19/26





Important Information

INFO &
FORMS



Scholarships & Grant Applications Available Dec. 1st

PFSA members graduating from High School throughout the United States, who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for the Junior College & University scholarships.

DEADLINE IS MARCH 2, 2026

Continued Education & Fellowship Grants

PFSA Members that are enrolled at an accredited University,
College or Vocational/Trade School Program

For more information Call
209-702-6364

Visit our Website at
www.mypfsa.org





Fraternalist of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominations for the "FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD" are now open and **must be received by August 31, 2026.**

Description

The Fraternalist of the Year Award is an honor presented by PFSA to recognize individuals within our society who, through example and accomplishment, provided outstanding volunteer service to his or her Fraternal Council, and to their community during the past year. Although past activities and contributions are important, information listed on the nomination form **must focus on activities for the past calendar year.**

Only one winner will be selected from all who are nominated. The winner and nominator will be contacted approximately one month prior to convention.

The Review Committee will select an honoree from among those nominated. The honoree will be recognized during the PFSA Annual Convention.

Deadline for all nominations is August 31, 2026. The nomination form and supporting information **MUST BE EMAILED** to jerry.escobar@mypfsa.org.

Please include "**2026 FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION**" in the subject. . If after two days you do not receive an email confirming receipt, please contact jerry.escobar@mypfsa.org 408.813.1310

A \$250.00 donation will be made to the charity of choice of the recipient.

Nominee qualifications:

- A. The nominee must be a member of good standing of PFSA.
- B. The nominee must be of good moral character and a valued member of his or her Fraternal Council.
- C. The nominee must have rendered outstanding service to further enhance the cultural, social, educational, and charitable activities of the PFSA.
- D. Society home office staff and other individuals compensated by the society as employees are not eligible to receive the award.
- E. There may be more than one nominee per Fraternal Council.
- F. The PFSA Fraternalist of the Year award can be won only once.



Portuguese Community Service Award Nomination Form



Nominations for the "PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD" are now open and **must be received by August 31, 2026**.

Description

The Portuguese Community Service Award is an honor presented by PFSA to recognize individuals who, have contributed to the betterment of the Portuguese people and/or their culture, traditions, or language.

Nominees need not be members of PFSA and will be judged on their merits and accomplishments in the current year. Only one winner will be selected from all who are nominated. The winner and nominator will be contacted approximately one month prior to convention. The nominee need not be of Portuguese descent, as long as he/she has contributed to the well-being of the Portuguese in PFSA licensed states. A select committee will determine a winner from among those nominated. The honoree will be recognized during the PFSA Annual Convention.

Deadline for all nominations is August 31, 2026. The nomination form and supporting information **MUST BE EMAILED** to jerry.escobar@mypfsa.org.

Please include **"2026 PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION"** in the subject. If after two days you do not receive an email confirming receipt, please contact jerry.escobar@mypfsa.org 408.813.1310

A \$500.00 donation will be made to the charity of choice of the recipient.

Nominee qualifications:

- A. Have contributed to the betterment of the Portuguese people.
- B. Rendered services to enhance the knowledge and/or understanding of the Portuguese in PFSA licensed states.
- C. Respected and held in high esteem in their community.
- D. Be a member of organized Portuguese groups formed to promote Portuguese culture and traditions in PFSA licensed states.
- E. Be active in civic projects (chairman or participant) promoting Portuguese/American relations.
- F. Society home office staff and other individuals compensated by the society as employees are not eligible to receive the award.



2026 Festa Schedule Form

Information submitted will be published and distributed to the communities

Name of Organization

Mailing Address

Hall Address

Contact Person Name

Phone Number

President Name

Phone Number

Vice President Name

Phone Number

Email

Website or Facebook link

NOTE: If you have a schedule of events, please submit with this form

**DEADLINE March 18, 2026, email to mypfsa@mypfsa.org or Mail
to 1100 14th Street, Suite E, Modesto, CA 95354**

Festa/Parade Date

Parade Information

Other Festa Events

In Memoriam

Though they may be gone, their light continues to guide us, their love remains in our hearts, and their memory becomes the treasure we carry forward.



Jack Perry,
Honorary Supreme Officer
Co. 18 Stockton

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Co. 8 Santa Maria
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Co. 13 Tracy
Co. 13 Tracy
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Co. 19 Chino
Co. 23 Antioch
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Co. 44 San Jose
Co. 46 Tulare
Co. 108 Madera
Co. 108 Madera

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