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Portuguese Immigrant
Week

March 7-14

Portuguese Immigrant Week

PFSA Newsletter

March
2026

Statue of the Portuguese Immigrant
Root Park, San Leandro, CA



@MYPFSA

Executive Corner

Bernice Armas-Martinez, CEO

Miriam Ramos, Interim CFMO

Jerry Escobar, CMO



Attention Council Secretaries— Annual Reports have been mailed and are due by March 31, 2026. In consideration of Secretaries Workloads and in alignment with the America Fraternal Alliance, the 2026 Council Annual Reports have been streamlined and reduced by two pages to make completion easier and more efficient.

Council Subsidy Dues: Council Subsidy Dues were distributed in January. If your Council has not received its check, please contact the Home Office as soon as possible.

Annuity Contributions: Please be reminded that all 2025 Annuity year Contributions are due at the PFSA Home Office by April 11, 2026. Timely submission ensures accurate processing and reporting. If you have any questions regarding 2025 year contributions, please contact the Home Office.

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.

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.

Scholarships— Applications for the 2026 PFSA Scholarship Program are now open and available on the PFSA website at www.mypfsa.org. Members ages 16–18 are encouraged to apply and take advantage of this valuable opportunity. For questions, please email pfsa.scholarships@gmail.com.

Official Visits— 2025-2026 Official Visit Response Form. THANK YOU to all Council Secretaries who have submitted their 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 birthdays 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.



Don't forget to spread the word

About PFSA Scholarships and Education Savings Plans

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE: March 2nd



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New Members

Co. 5/36– Hayward	1
Co. 7– Gustine/Newman	3
Co. 12– Oakland	2
Co. 13– Tracy	3
Co. 16– Newark	2
Co. 26– Stevinson/Turlock/Hilmar	2
Co. 38– Modesto	8
Co. 44– San Jose	4
Co. 46– Tulare	1
Co. 54– Benicia/Vallejo	1
Co. 98– Ferndale	2
Co. 100– Oakdale/Escalon/Riverbank	10
Co. 118– Elk Grove	3
Co. 138– Strafford	1
Co. 200– Lathrop	1

Upcoming Events

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
- 3/21– Co. 3 Eureka Portuguese Day Social
- 3/28– Co. 90 Salinas OV
- 3/29– Co. 100 Bingo

April

- 4/9– PFSA/PBBI Book Presentation
- 4/11– Merced Golf Tournament
- 4/18– PFSA Picnic
- 4/19– Co. 14 Mountain View, Co. 44 San Jose OV
- 4/24– Wine Social Fundraiser, Tulare
- 4/26– Co. 8 Santa Maria, Co. 84 SLO, Co. 99 Lompoc Co. 140 Cayucos OV

Monthly Challenges

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.

Happy Birthday to our Members born in March



Jennifer Melo

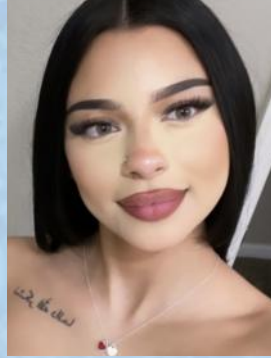
March 3rd



Ashley Incitti

Agent

March 4th



Alyssa Parrales

March 5th



Sydney Escobar

CMO's Daughter

March 9th



Michael Fraga

PSP, Agent

March 10th



Nelly Velazquez

(Daughter) &

Joe Pereira (Dad)

March 17th



Odette Pinheiro

Agent

March 19th



Joe Faria

March 22nd



Desarae Pena

**Supreme Youth
Past President**

March 23rd



Kat Martinez

CEO's Daughter

March 29th



**Maricarmen
Aguilar**

Data Entry

March 26th



Denée Pepe

March 29



Nelson Santos

March 27th

PFSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

MARCH 2, 2026

Scholarships & Grant Applications Available

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

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

www.mypfsa.org



Great to have our
Fraternal Committee join us this month!



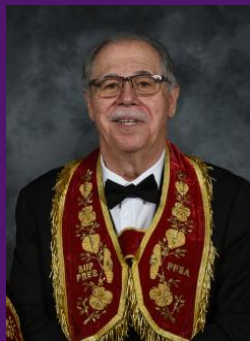
It was wonderful to have Jackie Flynn, the Dean of Past Supreme Presidents stop in to say hello.



**March 31, 2026
Annual Reports Due**

Attention Council Secretaries:

- A friendly reminder that the Annual Reports are due by March 31, 2026.
- The 2025 Council Dues Subsidy checks were mailed in January.



PFSA Supreme President
Donald Costa



Northern California

Monthly Newsletter for March 2026

The month of January 2026, continues with such a great official visit of three councils. On the 25th of January, I attended Clarksburg# 36; Sacramento #51; and Elk Grove #118. As I entered I was welcomed by councils officers and members. The hall was beautifully decorated, which also impressed me with history of the hall with the pictures of the past presidents and a beautifully decorated Crown Room. It was very nice to see the Supreme 20/30s President, Miriam Work and Supreme Youth President, Joey Reyes who did an outstanding job with their speeches. Mistress of Ceremonies was Christy Nix who I have known for several years and enjoy seeing again. Many officers, past and present were in attendance. It is always a joy to see them. Food was deliciously prepared by Past Supreme President, Antoinette Duarte and her crew. Thank you to all the chefs. I am very much thankful of all the work done together by all three councils. It was an extreme pleasure to see James Souza, of Council 36, who attended the former IDES conventions and share with fun times. I suggested the youth continue to appreciate their friends of today which could be their friends of the future, James and I have known each other since we were 14 years old. Many thanks to Agent Joe Seamas who signed up several members. Thanks again for accepting my official visits and gifts for our charities.

On the 26th of January, I attended the funeral service of our honorary Supreme Officer, Jack Perry in Hayward. It was very well attended by PFSA officers, past and present. It was an honor to stand honor guard for our officer. Also, Jack was past Grand President of Brotherhood of St. Anthony. I thought it was nice that we shared the honor guard duty with the Brotherhood of St. Anthony. My heart felt condolences to the family and friends. Thank you for allowing me to read the PFSA eulogy. Being on the fraternal board with Jack as secretary when we first merged, I saw all the hard work he was involved. Jack, you will be missed, especially when in March when I will attend your council official visit.

During the month of February, I have been updating policies for several members. Hope to continue this as the term goes along.

Please update your policies: PFSA, former societies, IDES, SES, UPEC, and UPPEC. Contact any agent or the office or myself.

Fraternally yours,

Donald J. Costa

PFSA Supreme President 2025-2026

559-972-4693

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



2025-2026 SUPREME YOUTH PRESIDENT – JOSEPH REYES
CHAMPIONING PARENTS HELPING PARENTS (PHP)

100% 100% of proceeds support PHP families!

 **BRACELETS AND PINS FOR A CAUSE!**

“Disability is a matter of perception.”

 **Wear it. Share it. Support inclusion.**

 **ONLY \$5**

 **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- ✓ Buy a bracelet
- ✓ Tell a friend
- ✓ Wear it proudly for disability awareness



**Be a part of the change and together we make
inclusion unstoppable!**



DONATE TODAY!



2025 - 2026 SUPREME YOUTH PRESIDENT, JOSEPH REYES' CHOSEN CHARITY



Who We Are & How We Help

Parents Helping Parents provides support, information, and training to help families raise loved ones of any age with any disability or diagnosis.

Information & Resources Receive information based on an individual's needs, and understand community resources.

Education

Learn about your rights and the special education process, applying for public benefits, and more!

Connections

Connect with parents, learn from others, and develop advocacy skills.

Milestones

Understand important transitions in a person's life and how to navigate them.

Assistive Technology Explore assistive technology in the home, school, and community.

Services Provided

Webinars, Videos & downloads, Resource Directory, 1:1 Consultations
Support groups, Neighborhood offices Multilingual support And more!

Anyone can get support at PHP and all services are FREE!

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PFSA Youth



Empowering youth • Building leaders • Serving our community • Join us • Grow with us • Make an impact

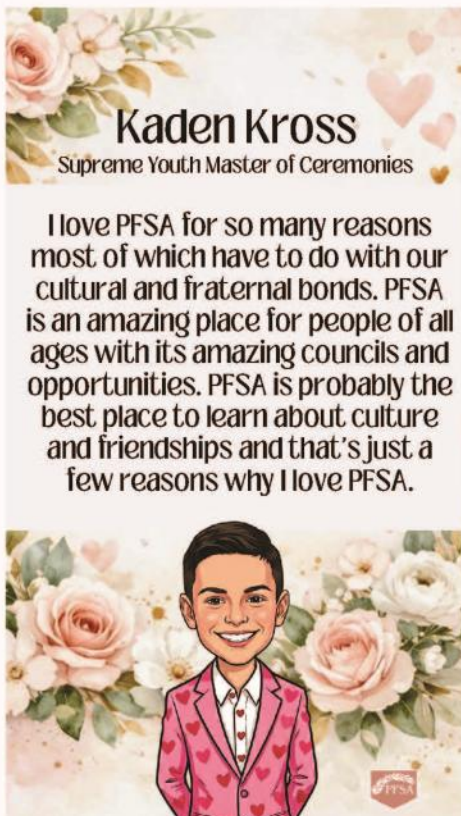
This past Valentine's Day, our incredible youth took part in something truly special, sharing heartfelt messages about why they love PFSA.

From friendships that feel like family, to unforgettable memories, leadership opportunities, community service, faith, culture, and pride in our Portuguese heritage, their words were powerful, genuine, & inspiring.

It was so beautiful to see our young members reflect on how PFSA has shaped their lives, built their confidence, and given them a place where they belong.

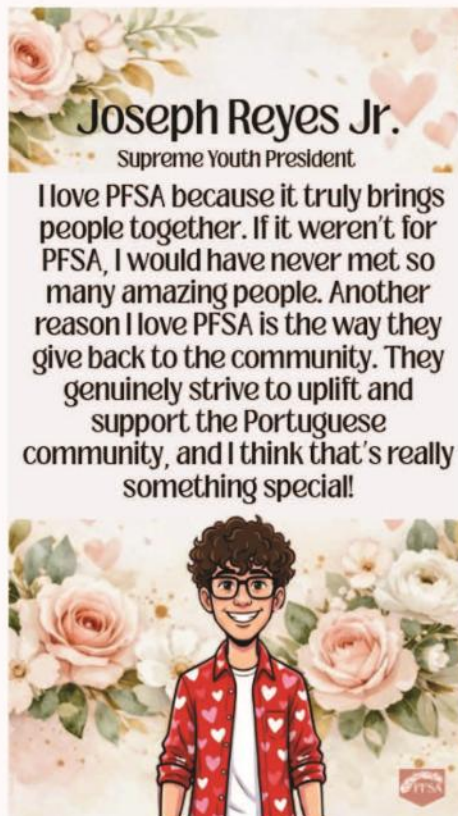
Their love for this organization shines through in everything they do, and this Valentine's Day post was a sweet reminder that PFSA isn't just an association... it's a family.

We are so proud of our youth and grateful for the heart they bring to PFSA every single day!



Kaden Kross
Supreme Youth Master of Ceremonies

I love PFSA for so many reasons most of which have to do with our cultural and fraternal bonds. PFSA is an amazing place for people of all ages with its amazing councils and opportunities. PFSA is probably the best place to learn about culture and friendships and that's just a few reasons why I love PFSA.

A cartoon illustration of Kaden Kross, a young man with short dark hair, wearing a pink suit jacket with a heart pattern over a white shirt and tie. The background of the card features pink roses and hearts.

Joseph Reyes Jr.
Supreme Youth President

I love PFSA because it truly brings people together. If it weren't for PFSA, I would have never met so many amazing people. Another reason I love PFSA is the way they give back to the community. They genuinely strive to uplift and support the Portuguese community, and I think that's really something special!

A cartoon illustration of Joseph Reyes Jr., a young man with curly dark hair and glasses, wearing a red jacket with a heart pattern over a white shirt. The background of the card features pink roses and hearts.

Mia Silva
Supreme Youth Vice President

I love PFSA because of the people and the support it gives. Everyone is kind, welcoming, and always willing to help, which makes it feel like a second family. I've grown up with PFSA, and being part of it has helped shape who I am today. It's a place where I feel supported, encouraged, and proud to belong!

A cartoon illustration of Mia Silva, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a red dress with a heart pattern. The background of the card features pink roses and hearts.

PFSA Youth



Empowering youth • Building leaders • Serving our community • Join us • Grow with us • Make an impact

Rubylove Koch

Supreme Youth Guard

I love PFSA because it truly feels like a family that listens to youth voices and lets us be part of real change. Being on the Youth Board has helped me grow in confidence and leadership while working alongside people who genuinely care about our communities. PFSA gives me a space to serve, be heard, and make an impact and that's something I'm really proud to be part of.



Claire Vallance

Supreme Youth Secretary/Treasurer

I love PFSA because it reminds me of who my family is and where I come from. It's a great close knit community that I love being around, especially since I get to learn about so many different backgrounds and experiences from being Portuguese. Almost everyone in PFSA I know and love, and I couldn't imagine how I would be without any of them. Just seeing so many different personalities and backgrounds all united under one Portuguese culture, it brings me so much joy, and I'm extremely proud to be one of them!



Marisa Geston

Supreme Youth Marshal

PFSA brings back so many good memories from my younger years. I loved going to events like council visits, Casa de Fruta, and conventions, as well as just some regular meetings. I've learned so much from amazing people over the years. Everyone I've met through PFSA has been so warm and welcoming, which is why I love it so much it always brings everyone together in such a positive environment.



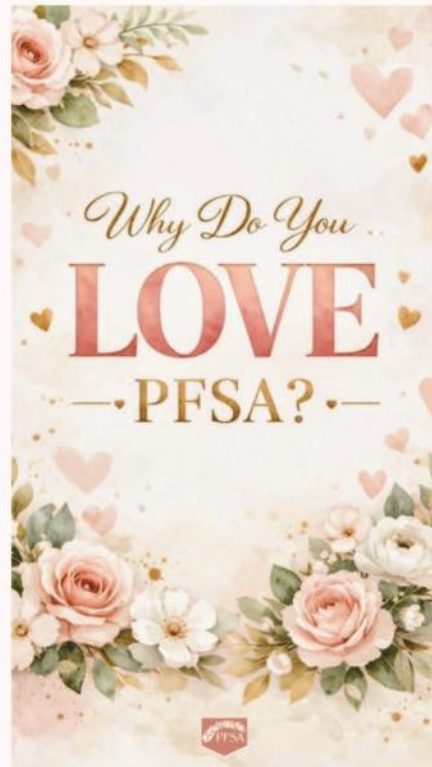
Xavier Vallance

Supreme Youth Director

I love PFSA because I get to meet with so many people. And a lot of people are my family and friends. I get to learn about Portuguese culture. And I love it because I can't imagine my life without PFSA in it.



Why Do You
LOVE
— PFSA? —



Cash Koch

Supreme Youth Director

I love PFSA because it's honestly just a fun place to be. I play football, wrestle, and lacrosse, so I'm always busy, but PFSA gives me something different where I still get to hang out, help out, and be part of something cool. Everyone's chill, they actually listen to what we have to say, and it feels like a team outside of sports. PFSA has been a really good experience for me, and I'm glad I'm part of it.



PFSA Youth



2025 - 2026 PFSA Supreme Youth President

These first three months as your PFSA Supreme Youth President have flown by! It feels like just yesterday I was installed, & already this journey has been filled with service, growth, & unforgettable moments. I've had the honor of attending visits in San Leandro, Oakland, Los Banos/Dos Palos, Freeport/Clarksburg, Sacramento, and Elk Grove, and I'm looking forward to upcoming visits in Hayward, Tracy/Stockton, San Diego, and Salinas. Every council reminds me why I love PFSA, the faith, the culture, the unity, & the pride we share.

In December, I had the pleasure of attending the Grinchmas Christmas Party for Council #20 in Merced, and the Youth Board also participated in a Members in Action event, putting together essential bags for the unhoused. We collected socks and blankets for the D Street Shelter in Merced and Our Father's House Outreach in Rescue, CA. We are also tracking our volunteer hours throughout the year and continuing to collect pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House.

One of the most meaningful moments these past three months was standing Honor Guard at the funeral services for our Honorary Supreme Officer, Jack Perry, alongside fellow Supreme President Don Costa, Past Supreme President and other fraternal organizations. Jack was one of the main reasons I became involved with PFSA, and it was a humbling and inspiring experience to honor his legacy.

Traveling alongside my fellow Supreme Presidents, Don and Miriam, has been an absolute pleasure. The teamwork, laughs, and shared passion we have for PFSA make every visit even more special.

I'm also incredibly proud of the support for my charity, Parents Helping Parents. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised over \$900 so far! This organization provides vital resources and guidance to families, and I'm so grateful to everyone who has donated and supported this cause.

A huge thank you to my Supreme Youth Board for your dedication, participation, and constant support. From attending events to helping with ideas and activities, I truly couldn't do this without you. We are very active on Instagram, so be sure to follow along as we continue sharing our journey! The Youth Board and I are excited for more activities, more charity work, and more adventures ahead. We're just getting started.

And one more thing — Save the Date!!!

My Testimonial will be on Sunday, October 18, 2026. I can't wait to celebrate with all of you! PFSA is more than an organization — it's family. Thank you for allowing me to serve.



Instagram

In fraternity and friendship,

Joseph A. Reyes Jr.



Linktree





Past Presidents and Spouses Association

Word Search Puzzle

Directions:

Find and circle the words listed below. Words may appear horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, forwards or backwards.

Word List

FRIENDSHIP • FRATERNAL • FAMILY • UNITY • LOYALTY • TRUST
SUPPORT • RESPECT • AMITY • HARMONY • BOND • PFSA

Puzzle Grid

F	R	I	E	N	D	S	H	I	P	P	F	S
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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	Stevinson/Turlock/Hilmar	9/27/2026	
44	Youth President	10/18/2026	Testimonial



**Saturday
March 7**

**Wreath Ceremony
& Reception, San Leandro**
11am Wreath Ceremony
 Root Park, San Leandro
12 PM (PT) Reception
 San Leandro Band Hall,
 844 Alvarado St,
 San Leandro

**Sharks Portuguese
Heritage Group Night**
7 PM (PT) Shark Tank
 San Jose

Noite de Conjuntos
7 PM (PT) Newark Pavilion,

Portuguese Immigrant Week Festivities

PBBI/Fresno State Activities

The Immigrant Thread - *Portuguese Voices in California (Past, Presence, and Possibility)*

March 9–13 | 5:00 PM (PT)

Live via Zoom & Facebook Live

Archived on YouTube

What the Islands Carried West

Azorean Poetry and the California Experience

Wednesday, March 9 | 12:00 PM

Fresno State Library | Open to the Public

Untold Stories: Portuguese Americans Along the 99 Corridor

Tuesday, March 10 | 1:00 PM (PT)

Live via Zoom & Facebook Live

Untold Stories: The Portuguese Festa in Central California

Thursday, March 12

1:00 PM (PT)

Live via Zoom & Facebook Live

When the Islands Learned to Govern the Tide

Friday, March 13, 2026 | 12:00 PM (PT)

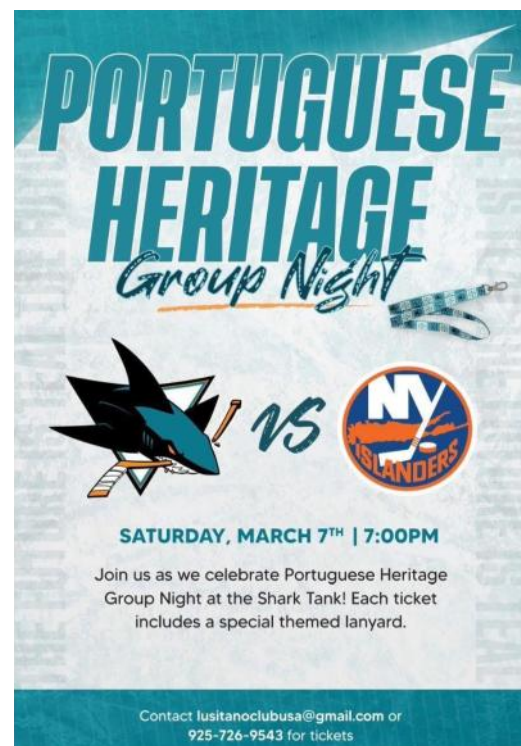
Online Presentation

Live via Zoom & Facebook Live

Presented as part of Portuguese Immigrant Week in California — 2026

Hosted by The Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute

In collaboration with Portuguese Language and Cultural Courses at Fresno State



Portuguese Day Social

Saturday, March 21 | 12:00 PM (PT)

Ferndale Portuguese Hall, Ferndale, California

Hosted by PFSA Council #3

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 Reyes 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!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
PORTUGUESE FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
COUNCIL #1, SAN DIEGO - OFFICIAL VISIT

HONORING:
PFSA SUPREME PRESIDENT - DONALD COSTA
20/30's SUPREME PRESIDENT - MIRIAM WORK
SUPREME YOUTH PRESIDENT - JOSEPH REYES JR.

SATURDAY: MARCH 21, 2026
SOCIAL: 11:30 AM- 12:00 PM

LUNCH: 12:00 PM

PFSA MEMBERS FREE: GUESTS \$10.00



UNITED PORTUGUESE S.E.S.
PORTUGUESE HALL
2818 AVENIDA DE PORTUGAL
SAN DIEGO, CA 92106

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE

DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2026

PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

Donald Valadao • 619-204-1230

"PORTUGUESE DAY SOCIAL"

MARCH 21, 2026

FERNDAL PORTUGUESE HALL

12:00pm - 3:00pm

**SPONSORED BY PFSA COUNCIL #3 EUREKA
WITH OUR PARTNERSHIP OF FRATERNAL COUNCIL #4 ARCATA**

FILHOS AVAILABLE UNTIL SOLD OUT \$20 Dozen

**LUNCH: LINGUICA ON A BUN
WITH CHIPS AND FRUIT (for a charge)**

BINGO

**MEMBERS IN ACTION EVENT
CHARITY FUNDRAISER**

**Benefiting the Society of St. Vincent dePaul
Requesting Donation of Socks, Hats, Gloves**

PFSA SALES REPRESENTATIVE ON SITE

JOIN US AT THIS SOCIAL WITH FOOD AND FUN!

PFSA COUNCIL #3

**PSP Linda Mateus, Council Secretary, lmateus2001@yahoo.com
Stephanie Koch, Council President, StephanieKoch296@gmail.com**

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

BINGO extravaganza



BOOK PRESENTATION

SHADES OF BLACK AND GRAY
Presented by Author, Dr. Joel Ávila
and Professor Diniz Borges of PBBI

APRIL 9
2026

Join us for a wonderful evening with Author Dr. Joel Ávila exploring his new book



Shades of Black and Gray is the first comprehensive history of Pico Island written in English, offering an accessible and engaging exploration of one of the Azores' most storied islands. Joel Silveira Avila combines meticulous archival research with personal insight to illuminate Pico's volcanic origins, its intertwined relationship with Faial and much more.



Location: PFSA Office, 1100 14th St. Suite E.
Modesto, CA, 5 pm

RSVP by April 2: mypfsa@mypfsa.org
209-702-6364

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



Hold the Date: Annual PFSA Picnic – “April 18, 2026”

RV sites must be booked by March 15th, 2026

RV sites available from April 15 – 19, 2026

At Casa de Fruta, Hollister

Rate: 30amp @ \$49.00 + tax per night

Reservation and Payment procedure:

Call direct to Casa deFruta

RV/Inn Office for your reservation.

Call 1-408-842-9316 no later than March 15th

Let (Traci) know you are calling for a PFSA RV site – give them your date of arrival, a site will be booked.

Your reservation will be confirmed through Casa.

Any changes or a cancellation will also need to be done directly.

**If you have any questions please email
Linda Mateus at lmateus2001@yahoo.com**



Hope to see you there!

**P.S. Reservations for the Inn must be made
by March 1, 2026**



PICNIC

AT CASA DE FRUTA

Saturday, April 18
11am

Make your reservation for our PFSA Picnic

\$5.00 per adult & youth 13 and over | Youth 12 and under FREE

Please make your check payable to: PFSA

Name: _____

Telephone No. _____

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Mail Reservation To: PFSA HOME OFFICE

1100 14th Street, Suite E Modesto, CA 95354

Telephone: 866-687-7372 or 209-702-6364

mypfsa@mypfsa.org

of Adults _____ x \$5 = _____

Youth 13 & over _____ x \$5 = _____

Youth 12 & under _____ Free

Amount enclosed: \$ _____



Please RSVP by April 10

Casa de Fruta Grass Area
10021 Pacheco Pass Hwy,
Hollister, CA 95023





WINE SOCIAL Convention Fundraiser

April 24, 2026 5:30 pm

**Join us for an evening of
Wine, Appetizers, and Fellowship
in Support of Our Convention**

*Honoring our Roots
Shaping our Future*

**\$30/person.
Check payable to PFSA Council 46**

Everyone is welcome.
Please RSVP by April 20

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Portuguese Fraternal Society of America
PFSA Council 2, Bakersfield

Cordially invites you and your family to our Official Visit and Luncheon Honoring:

Supreme President – Donald J. Costa
Supreme 20-30's President – Miriam Work
Supreme Youth President – Joseph Reyes

Saturday, May 30, 2026
Hodel's Country Dining Restaurant – Harvest Room
5917 Knudsen Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308

No-host social: 11:30 a.m. Lunch: 12:00 noon No Charge

RSVP by May 1, 2026
President Caron C. Dias @ (661) 201-8140
Or Secretary Trudy Mooney @ 661-428-1428

We will continue collecting for the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House (pop tabs, lap blankets, children's books, small lap games and/or puzzles, laundry supplies, etc.), St. Vincent de Paul Society Bakersfield (clothing, household items, toiletries, non-perishable food items) and/or The Kern Autism Network (Legos).

Directions: Hwy 99 Northbound or Hwy 99 Southbound; exit Olive Drive heading west; Olive Drive to Knudsen Drive; turn right (north) and it is on your left just passed the Shell station.

Thank you to PFSA Council 5/36, Hayward for hosting our Supreme Presidents at their Official Visit on 2/22. We appreciate all who helped organize the event and attended.





The PFSA home office had an amazing time celebrating Valentines Day and decorating cookies





Councils in Action

#Fraternalism

COUNCILS



Co. 66 of Visalia Kicking off the New Year



Council 66 Visalia kicked off the New Year recently at Denny's holding a combo January/February meeting. They wore New Year attire for Red for Valentine's Day. As part of the challenge they discussed their calendar of events for 2026, and enjoyed a great lunch!





PFSA COUNCIL #44 SAN JOSE

Council #44 of San Jose brought the Valentine spirit to their monthly meeting! They wore red, swapped cookies (because meetings are better with treats!), and Supreme Youth President Joey Reyes surprised everyone with a little Valentine. There was lots of laughter, plenty of sweets, and even more love going around.

Council Challenges

Co. 7 Gustine/Newman celebrated Valentine's Day by displaying pictures of our sweethearts, did a cookie exchange, and enjoyed birthday cakes and See's candy for refreshments. Nancy made little candy cups to give to each member to take home.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Council Challenges

Co. 12 Oakland celebrated Valentine's Day



Council Challenges

Co. 24 San Leandro wore red and brought desserts to celebrate Valentines Day as well as collecting pop tops for the Youth Community Giving back project.



Co. 90 Salinas got together wearing pink and red and shared Valentine's Day treats



Council Challenges

Co. 26 Stevinson/Turlock/Hilmar celebrated Valentine's Day
at their game night.



Co. 100 Oakdale, Escalon, Riverbank had two bus loads for a day trip to the casino.





Members in Action

#Giveback #Community

Thank you to the members of Council 12, Oakland for visiting the Fire Department and donating to Toys for Tots!

Members
Give Back



Councils and Members Giving Back

Co. 200 Lathrop visited The Commons at Union Ranch Senior Living and passed out flowers and cards. Thank you for your kindness Council 200!





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

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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.

Council



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Co. 11 Turlock
Co. 13 Tracy
Co. 16 Newark
Co. 18 Stockton
Co. 24 San Leandro
Co. 26 Turlock/Hilmar
Co. 30 Monterey
Co. 31 El Nido
Co. 34 Clarksburg
Co. 44 San Jose
Co. 44 San Jose
Co. 66 Visalia
Co. 66 Visalia
Co. 90 Salinas
Co. 98 Ferndale
Co. 103 Tipton
Co. 132 Maxwell
Co. 138 Stratford
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