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The Holy Ghost Brotherhood Mariense will celebrate its thirty-first Annual Feast of the Holy Ghost on the 29th, 30th and 31st of July, 2016. This three-day event celebrates the Holy Ghost Feast in the tradition of Santa Maria, Azores. The feast activities will be as follows:

Friday, July 29:

The concession stands will open at 6:00 p.m. with a variety of delicious Portuguese and American food including doughboys. There will be an open-air concert by Tony Borges until Midnight.

Saturday, July 30:

The procession to transfer the crown to the St. Maria Cultural Center will commence at 5:00 p.m. from Saint Francis Xavier's Rego Auditorium. The Clube Juventude Lusitana Band will accompany the procession. We welcome all who wish to participate in the procession to meet at the Auditorium by 4:00 p.m.

Upon arrival of the crown, all concession stands will open with a variety of delicious food including doughboys. Grupo Cantares Ilha Do Sol and Marc Dennis will perform an open-air concert until Midnight.

Sunday, July 31:

The all day festivities will commence at 10:45 a.m. with the procession to Saint Francis Xavier Church for the Crowning Mass at 11:45 a.m. The Clube Juventude Lusitana Band and Saint Anthony's Band along with various Holy Ghost organizations from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut will accompany the procession. Following the Mass the procession will proceed back to the St. Maria Cultural Center and the traditional Holy Ghost Meal will be served to all who wish to partake.

Throughout the day all concession stands will be open with a variety of delicious Portuguese and American food. Other activities include entertainment for kids, a brief auction, music by DJ Underground Sound, folkloric dances by Rancho Folclórico Portuguese Social Club from Pawtucket and an open-air concert by Jose Manuel until 10:00 p.m. We welcome all members to participate in the drawing for the "Alumiações" by contacting the committee prior to or during the feast but no later than 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Holy Ghost Brotherhood Mariense organization and the Sousa family take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity and to invite the community at large to participate in the feast activities.

Brian Bairos, President
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