



Luso-American Financial A Fraternal Benefit Society

2026 FRATERNAL CONVENTION REPORT

July 31 – August 2, 2026



LUSO: PARA NÓS E PARA TODOS

GSR Resort & Casino – Reno Nevada



Luso-American Fraternal Convention

*Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, Nevada
Friday, July 31, 2026 - Sunday, August 2, 2026*

Friday, July 31, 2026

	Event	Location
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast Buffet	Grand Salon & Carson 1 - 4
11:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Administration Meeting	Crystal Ballroom 1 & 2
12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Opening of the Convention Meeting Sessions	Tahoe Ballroom
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Youth Convention Meeting Sessions	Crystal Ballroom 1 & 2
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Royal Court Ceremony & Manuel Reis Awards	Reno Ballroom
8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.	20-30's Event & Dance	Summit Pavilion

Saturday, August 1, 2026

	Event	Location
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Convention Meeting Sessions Continued	Tahoe Ballroom
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting Sessions Continued	Crystal Ballroom 1 & 2
5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.	Convention Mass & Memorial Service	Reno Ballroom
6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Officers Pictures	Grand Salon
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Convention Banquet & Installation of Officers	Summit Pavilion
8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Grand March	Summit Pavilion
9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.	Dance with Alma	Summit Pavilion

Sunday, August 2, 2026

	Event	Location
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Secretaries Meeting	Crystal Ballroom 1 & 2
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Past First Club Meeting	Crystal Ballroom 4 & 5
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Past President Meeting w/ Financial Board of Directors	Crystal Ballroom 4 & 5
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Youth Theatrical Program	Grand Sierra Theatre
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Sunday Banquet - Youth Awards & Visitors Presentations	Summit Pavilion

** Room location are subject to change*



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2026 Convention Session Agenda

1.	Call to Order & Presentation of President	Danny Pinto
2.	Formal Opening of Sessions & Welcome	Melanie Silva
3.	Opening Rituals – <i>Pledge of Allegiance & Anthems</i>	Melanie Silva/Danny Silva
4.	Moment of Silence	Melanie Silva
5.	Introduction of a. LUSO-American Fraternal Line Officers and Directors b. 20-30's Associates c. Youth Administration	Melanie Silva Grant Silva Daniela Mendes
6.	Roll Call of Officers & Delegates	Sean Wheeler
7.	"Rules of the Session"	Printed in Report
8.	Appointment of Various Committees	Printed in Report
9.	Reporting of 5 STAR	Melanie Silva
10.	Sales Awards & DSC Awards	Sean Wheeler
11.	Reports of the Presidents & Remarks	All Fraternal Presidents
12.	Report on the Credentials Committee	Chair of Committee
13.	2025 Convention Minutes	In Virtual Convention Program
14.	Report of the Luso-American Nominating Committee Nominations of a. LUSO West Line Officers, Directors & Candidate Speeches b. 20-30's Line Officers, Directors & Candidate Speeches	Melanie Silva
15.	Announcements	
16.	Roll Call of Officers & Delegates	Sean Wheeler
17.	Election of Fraternal Officers & Directors	If Necessary
18.	Election of 20-30's Associates Officers & Directors	If Necessary
19.	Report of Society's Financial Condition & Sales	Nick DePersis and Sean Wheeler
20.	Remarks on Luso-American Financial President	Manuel Vieira
21.	Remarks on Luso-American Financial Chairman	Judy Mottini
22.	Report on the Committee for Resolutions	Chair of Committee
23.	Report of the Committee for Elections & Balloting	Chair of Committee
24.	Presentation of: a. New Fraternal Line officers and Board of Directors – Elect b. New 20-30's Administration Officers & Directors - Elect c. New Youth Administration Officers – Elect	
25.	Discharge of All Committees	
26.	"Good of the Order"	
27.	Announcements	
28.	Adjournment of 2026 Convention Session	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

HINO A PORTUGUESA

Heróis do mar, nobre povo,
Nação valente, imortal,
Levantai hoje de novo
O esplendor de Portugal!
Entre as brumas da memória,
Ó Pátria, sente-se a voz
Dos teus egrégios avós,
Que há-de guiar-te à vitória!

Às armas, às armas!
Sobre a terra, sobre o mar,
Às armas, às armas!
Pela Pátria lutar!
Contra os canhões, marchar, marchar!

HINO DA LUSO-AMERICAN

Enlevo da nossa gente
Euforia em plenitude
Alegria Permanente
Enleio da juventude
Cultura e esperança
Conforto dos necessitados
Uma Carinhosa herança
Dos nossos antepassados

De coração palpitando
Com voz alegre e enérgica
Lado a Lado cantando
Damos vivas a Luso-American.

Luso-American! Luso-American!
Anbencoadado ideal
Luso-American! Luso-American!
Juntos vamos convivendo
Saudando e reconhecendo
Luso-American! Sociedade fraternal.



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PERMANENT RULES OF THE SESSION

(Adopted by order of Annual Session 1963)
(Amended 08-12-91)

1. **No matter will be accepted for debate unless it has been submitted in writing** and received the approval of the Laws and Ritual Committee/ Resolutions Committee.
2. **The debate of any question is limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker,** unless under special privilege granted by the Chair.
3. **Officers and delegates must obey the decisions of the Chair;** however, they may refer to the Appeals and Grievances Committee in any instance, where they do not agree with the decision made.
4. **Permission to speak is granted to the speaker who first makes the request by standing or raising his/her right hand over his/her shoulder and standing.** In case two or more speakers request permission at the same time, the chair will decide which speaker is to speak first.
5. **No speaker is permitted to make reference to any other member unless it is in reply to some matter or argument presented by said speaker.**
6. **Any speaker who is declared out of order and does not obey the decision of the chair will be expelled from the meeting room** for a certain length of time, specified by the Chair, in order to give him/her time accept the necessity of continuing the order of work per the rules established.
7. Any delegate or officer **who does not answer the roll call on the second day** (Sunday) of the Convention and who does not participate in the remaining work of the sessions will not be paid mileage. Exception to this rule will be left to the discretion of the Home Office.
8. Any **unforeseen questions pertaining to parliamentary rules** of the convention must be submitted to the Committee on Rules for a decision.
9. **As a matter of convenience and in accordance with State Law all motions are to be recorded in English,** since the minutes have to be written in English. The motions will be received by the Chair in either English or Portuguese.



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REGRAS PERMANENTES DAS SESSÕES

(Adopted by order of Annual Session 1963)
(Amended 08-12-91)

1. **Não será aceite questão alguma para debate que não tenha sido submetida por escrito** e recebido a aprovação da Junta Legislativa/ Comissão de Resoluções.
2. **O debate é limitado em todas as questões a três (3) minutos para cada orador**, excepto sob privilégio concedido pela mesa da presidência.
3. **Os Oficiais e Delegados devem obedecer às decisões da mesa da presidência**, podendo no entanto recorrer à Junta de Apelos e Agravos, em qualquer ocasião que não concordem com essas decisões.
4. **A palavra será concedida ao orador que a pedir primeiro, levantando-se, ou levantando a mão direita acima do ombro e levantando-se acto contínuo.** No caso de dois (2) ou mais oradores pedirem a palavra ao mesmo tempo, caberá à mesa da presidência decidir qual deverá primeiro usar da palavra.
5. **Orador algum poderá fazer referência a qualquer delegado/a a não ser como resposta a qualquer argumento que tal delegado/a tenha apresentado.**
6. **Qualquer orador que sair fora de ordem e não obedecer a decisão da mesa da presidência, poderá ser expulso da sala das sessões** por tempo determinado pela mesa da presidência, para lhe dar tempo a conformar-se com a necessidade de seguir os trabalhos da ordem segundo as regras impostas.
7. **Não será paga milhagem a qualquer delegado/a ou Oficial que não responda à chamada da manhã do segundo dia** (Domingo) da Convenção e tome parte nos resto dos trabalhos da sessão, ficando qualquer caso excepcional a descrição da mesa da Escritório em Casa.
8. **Questões imprevistas de processos parlamentares dos trabalhos da Convenção devem ser submetidas à Comissão de Regulamentos para sua decisão.**
9. **Como medida de conveniência e de acordo com as Leis Estaduais todas as moções devem ser gravadas em Inglês**, visto as actas terem de ser escritos em Inglês. As moções serão aceites pela mesa da presidência em Inglês ou Português.



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2026 General Session - Committees

Credentials Committee

Manuel Alexandre, Chair	2L, Norco-Corona
Linda Vieira	20B-44C-68B-41C, Mt. View/St. Clara/Redwood City
Gina Barsotti	3C-33B - Sacramento
Sharon Djafaripour	1-43-89-112S, Oakland
Lisa Mendes	5C-66B San Pablo/Walnut Creek

Nominations Committee

Melanie Silva, Chair	49B-55C, Modesto
Nuno Silveira, Past Fraternal President	19B, Newark
Manuel Pimental, Past Fraternal President	37C-78B, San Diego
Roxann Burns Aguilar, Past Fraternal President	5C, San Pablo
Paulo Brito	34B, Manteca
Bebiana Vasconcelos	3C-33B, Sacramento
Brian Martins	49B-55C, Modesto
Barbara Martin	14-15B, Central Valley
Anabela Bettencourt	34B, Manteca
Tony Da Rosa	26-72B, Artesia

Rules, Appeals and Grievances Committee

Paulo Brito, Chair	34B - Manteca
Daniel Alexandre	2L, Norco-Corona
Elizabeth Noguera	20B-44C-68B-41C, Mt. View/St. Clara/Redwood City
Steven Dias	14-15B - Central Valley
Linda Amaral	5C-66B San Pablo/Walnut Creek

Elections and Balloting committee

Lidia Resendes, Chair	20B-44C-68B-41C, Mt. View/St. Clara/Redwood City
Joe Machado	21B, Los Banos
Georganne Galamez	49B-55C, Modesto
Nicholas Vieira	47B, San Jose
Leo Vasconcelos	3C-33B - Sacramento

Resolutions Committee

Linda Brito, Chair	34B - Manteca
Arnold Rodrigues	8L, Monterey Bay
Leonor Pio	87B, Maxwell
Pamela Smith	1-43-89-112 Oakland
Nuno Silveira	19B - Newark



Luso-American Fraternal Convention Officers and Directors

Luso-American Financial Directors and Executive Officers

Judy Mottini	Chairperson	3C-33B	Sacramento
Tina Medeiros	Vice-Chairperson	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mt. View, Santa Clara, Redwood City
Manuel A. Vieira	President	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mt. View, Santa Clara, Redwood City
Sean Wheeler	EVP		
Manuel Alexandre	Director	2L	Norco-Corona
Roxann Burns Aguilar	Director	5C	San Pablo
Mina Da Cunha	Director	48P	Philadelphia
Eric Larson	Director	10P	Peabody
Elizabeth Motta	Director	14-15B	Central Valley
Dan Rocha	Director	26-72B	Artesia

Luso- American Fraternal Line Officers and Board of Directors (West)

Melanie Silva	President	49B-55C	Modesto
Danny Pinto	Vice -President	3C-33B	Sacramento
Patrick Boring	Master of Ceremonies	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mtn. View/Santa Clara/Redwood City
Samantha Reyes	Marshal	19B	Newark
Richard Sousa	Inside Guard	34B	Manteca
Monica Xavier	Outside Guard	49B-55C	Modesto
Melanie Silva	Chairperson	49B-55C	Modesto
Tony DaRosa	Director	26-72B	Artesia
Anabela Bettencourt	Director	34B	Manteca
Paulo Brito	Director	34B	Manteca
Manuel Cardoso	Director	6L	Tulare County
Kelly Corsetti	Director	3C-33B	Sacramento
Barbara Martins	Director	14-15B	Central Valley
Brian Martins	Director	49B-55C	Modesto
Bebiana Vasconcelos	Director	3C-33B	Sacramento

Luso- American Fraternal Advisory Board

Abel Dutra	2L	Norco-Corona
Gina Barsotti	3C-33B	Sacramento
Monica Fischer	3C-33B	Sacramento
Johnny Silva	14-15B	Central Valley
Angela Brito Baldwin	87B	Maxwell
Connie Bettencourt	49B-55C	Modesto

Luso- American Fraternal 20-30's Associates

Grant Silva	President	Region 6	Modesto
Monica Amaral	Vice-President	Region 2	Bay Area
Justin Do Canto	Secretary	Region 8	Tulare
JD Valadão	Treasurer	Region 8	Tulare
Laura Brasil	Master of Ceremonies	Region 6	Modesto
Olivia Ferro	Director	Region 2	Bay Area
Analicia Adao	Director	Region 7	Sacramento
Nicholas Vieira	Imm. Past President	Region 1-14	Silicon Valley
Edgar Nogueira	20-30's Advisory Board	Region 1-14	Silicon Valley
Gavin Silva	20-30's Advisory Board	Region 6	Modesto



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Luso- American Fraternal Youth Administration

Daniela Mendes	President	YC-1	Fremont-Union City
Mia Fernandes	Vice -President	YC-8	Manteca
Michael Medeiros	Secretary	YC-11	Mtn. View/Santa Clara
Maya Colon	Treasurer	YC-2	San Jose
Morgan Gilbert	Master of Ceremonies	YC-13	Artesia
Sofia Crawford	Marshal	YC-2	San Jose
Ava Coelho	Inside Guard	YC-13	Artesia
Tiago Chadinha	Outside Guard	YC-24	Nrthn San Joaquin Valley
Addison Capote	Trustee	YC-10	Tipton-Tulare
Christina Costa	Trustee	YC-1	Fremont-Union City
Krislyn Martins	Trustee	YC-10	Tipton-Tulare
Savannah Murray	Trustee	YC-4	Sacramento
Xavier Gaspar	Imm. Past President	YC-24	Nrthn San Joaquin Valley

Luso- American Fraternal Youth Directors

Lina P. Vieira	Chair of Youth Directors	47B, San Jose
Nancy Cardoso	Director of Youth Programs	6L, Tulare County
Diane Pereira	YC-1	Fremont -Union City
Ana Teresa Maciel	YC-2	San Jose
Andrea Vieira	YC-4	Sacramento
Marlene Sousa	YC-8	Manteca
Marissa Nunes	YC-10	Tipton-Tulare
Lindsey Medeiros	YC-11	Mtn. View/Santa Clara/Redwood City
Angela Lourenco	YC-13	Artesia
Nancy Segura	YC-18	Gustine/Los Banos
Michelle Morris Silva	YC-24	Northern San Joaquin Valley
Bernadete Rocha	YC-25	Tracy
Gerard Batista	YC-28	Norco-Corona
Vivalda Silveira	YC-30	Newark

Luso- American Fraternal Assistant Presidents

Maria Carmel Nunes	6L	Tulare County
Daniel Silva	49B-55C	Modesto
Grace Silva	49B-55C	Modesto
Jose Pio	87B	Maxwell
Melissa Gaspar	49B-55C	Modesto
Lisa Mendes	5C	San Pablo
Leo Vasconcelos	3C-33B	Sacramento
Lesley Valim	3C-33B	Sacramento

Luso- Fraternal Laws and Rituals

Marisa Adao	3C-33B	Sacramento
Daniel Alexandre	2L	Norco-Corona
Steve Dias	14-15B	Central Valley
Elisabeth Vieira	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mt. View/Santa Clara/Redwood City
Elisabeth Melo	34B	Manteca
Melanie Brasil	34B	Manteca
Brianna Daniels	26-72B	Artesia



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Luso-American Fraternal Social Directors

Marie Trovao	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mt. View/Santa Clara/Redwood City
Julia Van Scyoc	6L	Tulare County
Megan Sequeira	47B	San Jose
Savannah Qarqat	49B-55C	Modesto
Mila Alves	49B-55C	Modesto

Luso- American Honorary Officers

Madeline Amaral	Vice President	5C	San Pablo
Lydia Costa	Vice President	5C	San Pablo
Frank Estrela	Vice President	47B	San Jose
John Parreira	Vice President	49B-55C	Modesto
Marilia Pereira	Vice President	5C	San Pablo
John Sequeira	Vice President	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mt. View, St. Clara, Redwood city
Joseph Silva	Vice President	6L	Tulare County
Bernice Pelicas	Vice President	0C-8B	Oakland
Mary F. Coelho	Social Director	2L	Norco-Corona
Deolinda Trovão,	Social Director	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mt. View, St. Clara, Redwood city
Lillian Costa	Youth Director	17B	Gustine
Donalda de Melo	VP Treas. Emeritus	0C-8B	Oakland
Joseph Resendes	VP Emeritus	20B-44C-68B-41C	Mt. View, St. Clara, Redwood city

Luso- American Fraternal Line Officers and Board of Directors (East)

Christine Rei	President	12P	Cumberland, RI
Carina Antonio	Vice -President	10P	Peabody, MA
Jose Guedes	Master of Ceremonies	60P	Somerville, MA
Patricia Larson	Marshal	10P	Peabody, MA
Lisa Afonso Lynes	Inside Guard	49P	Pawtucket, RI
Open	Outside Guard		
Rosa Romano	Chair of the Board	10P	Peabody, MA
Maria Alves	Director	4P	New Bedford, MA
Antonio Barbosa	Director	2P	Cambridge, MA
Edite Furtado	Director	2P	Cambridge, MA
Luciano Homem	Director	10P	Peabody, MA
Maria Irene Silva	Director	48P	Philadelphia, PA
Joseph Tavares	Director	56P	Providence, RI

Luso-American Fraternal Officers (East)

Pedro Teixeira	Assistant President	48P	Philadelphia
Cecila Pinto	Social Director	56P	Providence
David Ramano	Laws & Rituals	10P	Peabody
Miguel Quadros	Advisory Board	12P	Cumberland



Luso-American Fraternal Convention

Luso-American Fraternal Council & Lodge Secretaries

Council No.	Council City	Secretary Name
5C	San Pablo	Linda Amaral
14-15B	Central Valley	Tony Martin
19B	Newark	Esther Mahler
21B	Los Banos	Deolinda Brasil
34B	Manteca	Linda Brito
47B	San Jose	Lucilia Paz
53B	Newcastle	Suzette Vieira
8L	Monterey County	Connie Soares
87B	Maxwell	Leonor Pio
2L	Norco-Corona	Frances Alexandre
3L	Fremont-Union City	Alice Fagundes
5L	Buhl	Bernadette Gomes
6L	Tulare County	Evan Garcia
3C-33B	Sacramento	Idamarie Barsotti
0C-8B	Oakland	Katrina Ferreira
26-72B	Artesia	Debbie Rebolo
37B-46C	Antioch-Oakley	Evangeline Carapinha
42-43C	Martinez	Maria J. Silva
20B-44C-68B	Mt.View-Santa Clara, redwood City	Lina M. Vieira
23-45C	Tracy	Mary L. Silva
49B-55C	Modesto	Carol Silva
37C-78B	San Diego	Dinisa Valdao
2P	Cambridge	Michelle Dias
4P	New Bedford	Maria F. Alves
5P	Hudson	Estrela Paulino
10P	Peabody	Emily Romano
12P	Cumberland	Maria Ester Lopes
32P	Hartford	Maria Fatima Aguiar
48P	Philadelphia	Maria Irene Silva
49P	Pawtucket	Alfredo Mendes
56P	Providence	Deolinda Tavares
60P	Somerville	Jose Marques
2-79S	Pleasanton-Niles	Eunice Langendorf
15S	Santa Clara	Marilynn J. Queen
26S	Newcastle	Marlene Angeli
42S	Hanford	Jasmine Wyatt
59S	Fresno	Dorothy Stetko
1-43-89-112S	Oakland	Sharon M. Djafaripour
98-123S	San Diego-Pt. Loma	Barbara Hosaka
114S	Ceres-Modesto	Sidonia Rosa
118S	Armona-Hanford	Dolores Rocha

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Presidential Report - 1957 to Present

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Joe V. Aguiar (D) Jack
Gonsalves Jr. (D) Avelino
Saraiva (D)
Joe M. Bettencourt (D)
Frank Peters (D)
John A. Nunes (D)
Albert Soares (D)
Sam R. Silva (D)
Albert Gonsalves (D)
John Rapozo (D)
Tony L. Costa (D)
Antonio Saulmell Jr. (D)

Bernadette Ennes-Campagna
Jess Bettencourt
Anthony L.X. Bettencourt
Joe Pierce
Patrick Nunes
Patricia Mattos Costa
Egidio Vieira
Karen Freitas (D)
James Gonsalves
Richard Nunes
Rosemarie Mattos Hunt
David Dias

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(D) John Soares (D)
Antonio Mattos (D)
Manuel Rose (D)
Joseph Gomes (D)
Joe F. Coelho (D)
Joe A. Mattos (D)
Ernest Azevedo (D)
Joe V. Aguiar Jr. (D)
Albert S. Vieira (D)
Eliseu M. Jacinto (D)
Anthony L.X. Bettencourt
Lanny Rodrigues (D)
Manuel A. Martins (D)
Tony Freitas (D)
Batista S. Vieira
Dominic Barroso
Rosa D. Silva
Joe P. Azevedo
Tony Martin (D)
Lino S. Amaral
Dolor Almeida (D)
Frank I. Silva
Frank J. Ferreira
Joe A. Camara (D)
Manuel G. Sousa Jr.
Frank G. Silva
Manuel C. Cabral
Jose L. Da Rosa
Nilza M. Bettencourt
Manuel V. Gonsalves
Carlos A. S. Amaral
Patricia L. Costa
John C. Martins (D)
Tony L. Carrancho
John B. Pires
Joseph B. Vieira
Vangie Carapinha
Joe B. Coelho (D)
Linda M. Vieira
Judy Dias Allen
Liz Rodrigues
Daniel J. Sequeira
John Perdigão
Mize Violante
Tony Sozinho
Paulo Matos
Maria Da Conceição Batista
Lisa Amaral (D)
Manuel Vieira
Judy Mottini
Elizabeth Motta
Suzie DaRosa
Manuel Avila (D)
Manuel Lawrence
Nuno Silveira
Manuel Pimentel
Roxann Burns Aguiar
Melanie Xavier Silva

John Anthony Vieira
Edwin Soares
Jack F. Gonsalves
Elizabeth Motta
Nancy Silveira Schroeder
Fred Pereira
Kinney Tennis
Alyce Machado-Luis
Aida M. Goncalves-Gomes
Danny Martin
Linda Vieira
Julie Silveira
Barbara Borges Martin
John C. Martins (D)
Jeffrey Sa
Manuel A. Vieira
Natalie Jacinto Matos (D)
Patricia Pastor
Lia Camara
Julie Lourenco
Lisa Amaral Mendes
Robert Silva
Manny Amaral
Cynthia Pereira Weekley
Scott Sousa
Angela Costa
John Coelho
Christina Avila
Jennifer Costa
Angela Avila
Jennifer Machado Sanders
Jorge Avila, Jr.
Crystal Rodrigues
Sandy Garcia
Kelli Rodrigues
Filipe M. Furtado
Daniel Rocha
John Peixoto
Kayla Rodrigues
Michael Teixeira
Gary Resendes
Sara Rodrigues
Matthew Teixeira
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Nicholas Vieira
Anthony Machado
Nicole Bettencourt
Ethan Vieira
Grant Silva
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Masen Melo
Gavin Silva
Gianna Vasconcelos
Grace Silva
Xavier Gaspar
Daniela Mendes

Bernadette Campagna Ennes
Bernadette Campagna Ennes
Violet Bettencourt
Frank X. Souza, Jr.
Lanny Rodrigues
Armand Pelicas
Manuel A. Martins (D)
Fernando Carapinha
Manuel L. Oliveira, Jr.
John N. Perdigao
Tony Martin, Jr.
Marie T. Bettencourt
Maria L. Silveira
Frank Pio (D)
Michelle A. Rose
Carl Sousa
Linda Vieira
Barbara Sousa Hamstad
Tony Rodrigues
Tony Carrancho
Diane Johnson
John C. Martins (D)
Danny Martin
Joe L. Pio
Paula Martins Sousa
Narcie J. Ferreira
Liz Rodrigues
Daniel J. Sequeira
Manuel A. Vieira
Joe M. Machado
Lisa M. Amaral (D)
Liz Silva Ferreira
Cynthia Pereira Weekley
Joey Martins
Lanette Dutra
Mark L. Nunes
Lori Costa
Gracie Pimentel
Michelle Stilwell-DaSilva
Brian Martins
Liz Alves
Augusto Correia, Jr.
Anthony Pio
Danny Pinto
Sandy Zucker
Abel Dutra
Nancy Cardoso
Frankie Trovão
Monica Xavier
Michael Teixeira
Natalia Rosa
Kelli Suarez
Kelly Corsetti
Jessica Lawrence
Matthew Teixeira
Elisabeth Vieira Noguera
Nicholas Vieira
Grant Daniel Silva

(D) Denotes deceased

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East Presidential Roster since merger in 2002

SPRSI Presidential Roster since merger in 2008

2002 – 2003	Albert Costa
2003 – 2005	Jose Teixeira (D)
2005 – 2007	M. Belmira Cordeiro (D)
2007 – 2009	Jose Soares
2009 – 2010	João Alberto Tavares
2010 – 2011	Jack Costa
2011 – 2012	Francisco Mendonca
2012 – 2013	Thomas Alves
2013 – 2014	Olguete F B Sousa
2014 – 2015	Serafim Romano
2015 – 2016	Antonio Craveiro
2016 – 2017	Carlo Teixeira
2017 – 2018	Mina Grosso
2018 – 2019	Estrela Paulino
2019 – 2020	Rosa Ventura
2020 – 2022	Virginia Brandao
2022 – 2023	Alice Freitas
2023 – 2024	Avelino Alves
2024 – 2025	Rosa Romano
2025 – 2026	Christine Rei

2008 - 2009	Tisha Cardoza
2009 - 2010	Tisha Cardoza
2010 - 2011	Constance Brasil
2011 - 2012	Angie Brasil
2012 - 2013	Audrey Macedo-Burman
2013 - 2014	Manuela de Borba Cross
2014 - 2015	Mary Jane Silva Warren
2015 - 2016	Arlinda Simoes-Soares
2016 - 2017	Geraldine Thomas
2017 - 2018	Marilyn Preston
2018 - 2019	Maxine Martinez
2019 - 2020	Erika Cardoza
2020 - 2021	Leonor Littlejon
2021 - 2022	Tamy Branstetter
2022 - 2023	Manuela Sousa-Wyatt

(D) Denotes deceased



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Luso-American Financial – A Fraternal Benefit Society Youth Administration Summary Report

Under the leadership of Youth President Daniela Mendes of Youth Council #1 Fremont/Union City, the Youth Administration held various meetings from August 2025 through June 2026 and organized the 2026 Pink Ribbons and Rhythms Fundraiser.

Through the dedication and hard work of the Youth Administration, youth councils, volunteers, and community supporters, the fundraiser raised over \$23,000 for the Washington Hospital Women's Center. All proceeds from Pink Ribbons and Rhythms were donated directly to the Women's Center to support its programs and services, making a meaningful impact on women's health in our community.

The 2026 Convention Royal Court Contest is an annual fundraiser that benefits the Luso-American Education Foundation's Youth Scholarship Program. Thanks to the incredible efforts of the Royal Court contestants and the many youth councils that supported them through ticket sales and fundraising, an outstanding combined total of **\$156,785.00** was raised to provide scholarships for Luso-American youth pursuing higher education.

The 2026 Convention Queen and Royal Court :

Queen	Aliana Maciel Youth Council #2 San Jose
Princess 1	Isabella Seely Youth Council #4 Sacramento
Princess 2	Olivia Pereira Youth Council #1 Fremont/Union City
Princess 3	Melody Lusher Youth Council #30 Newark

The amount of hard work, dedication, and time these Royal Court members, their families, and their sponsoring youth councils invested in this year's scholarship fundraiser is truly commendable. Their efforts will help provide educational opportunities for future generations of Luso-American students.

Sincere gratitude is extended to the parents of the contestants, the Youth Directors, Adult Leaders, sponsoring Youth Councils, and the many members and friends of our Luso-American family who generously gave their time, encouragement, and financial support throughout the year. The continued success of both the Pink Ribbons and Rhythms Fundraiser and the Convention Royal Court Contest is a testament to the strength, generosity, and dedication of our Luso-American community.

Members of the Society wishing to apply for a scholarship for the next scholastic year should request application forms during the months of November and December from the Luso-American Education Foundation, 7080 Donlon Way Suite 200, Dublin, California 94568. You may also visit www.lusoamericanfinancial.org/foundation/scholarships-grants/.



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Luso-American Financial – A Fraternal Benefit Society 20-30's Associates Summary Report

I, Grant Silva, hope this message finds you all well and I am excited to see you all at Convention 2026 in Reno Nevada. I am proud what our 20-30's board has accomplished over the years. Since I started on this board, the 20-30's involvement throughout our organization has only grown stronger. We still have a long way to go, but with the leaders on this board, I know we can continue to grow. Thank you all for your dedication over the last 7 years in helping our regions grow. Thank you for dealing with me over the years and for making our performance at last convention so memorable. Let's keep this thing going.

Our board has been preparing for our Friday night event on July 31st and we are thrilled to announce this year's theme is "Luso With The Stars". All are welcome to attend our fun filled night with music and performances by our 20-30s regions.

The 20-30s is also holding a fundraiser to help support the 20-30's scholarships as well as to our designated charity "UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital". These funds help us to continue supporting the educational opportunities of our fellow members and programs that benefit our organization and community. Sponsorships and Donations are welcome.

LUSO 20-30'S INVITES YOU TO

Luso with the Stars

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FOLLOWING
ROYAL COURT EVENT

Dress Code: Cocktail Attire

JULY 31

Dance + 20-30's
Luso with the Stars Performance

GRAND SIERRA RESORT, RENO

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals
Foundation

SPONSORSHIP FORM: DONATIONS WILL GO TO 20-30'S
SCHOLARSHIPS & UCSF BENIOFF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

BRONZE \$100 | SILVER \$250 | GOLD \$500



LUSO-AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2026 REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIPS



The continued success of our scholarship program is made possible through the dedication and generosity of our members, families, friends, Royal Court contestants, 20–30's Associates, Golf Tournament participants, and local council fundraising committees. Their ongoing support allows our Society to proudly sponsor this program, which is administered by the Luso-American Education Foundation.

~ 2026 Youth Scholarships ~

Top Fraternal Youth Scholarships

Isabella Matos, Daniella Mendes, and Sabrina Sancho Gomes

Fraternal Youth Scholarships

Ava Amaral, Lindsey Amaral, Grace Azevedo, Addison Capote, Tiago Chadinha, Isabella de Mello, Emma Gomes, Ty Ketchum, Cianna Leonardo, Laila Lourenco, Brennan Mann, Mason Mattos, Elena Mendes, Cooper Morandi, Marciano Neves, Josie Nunes, Marco Nunes, John Parreira, Christina Pedreiro, Isabela Piers, Michael Pires, Daneka Rebelo, Joseph Reyes, Kara Santos, Karley Segura, Jonathan Silveira, Olivia Soares, Ethan Sousa, Kaitlin Sousa, Olivia Sousa, Gabriel Tavares, Iyanna Valim, Vincent Zardo, and Blake Youngblood

~ Memorial Scholarships ~

Joaquim Pereira Memorial Scholarship

Addison Capote

António Mattos Memorial Scholarship

Blake Youngblood

Frank Dias Memorial Scholarship

Iyanna Valim

Ryan "Munchie" Taylor Scholarship

Tiago Chadinha and Michael Pires

Shannon Sequeira Memorial Scholarship

Addison Capote, Isabella de Melo, Laila Lourenco, Daneka Rebelo and Sabrina Sancho Gomes

Orlando & Lena Pascoa Memorial Scholarship

Mia Fernandes



LUSO-AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2026 REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIPS

~ Fraternal East Scholarships ~

Joshua Isidro

Olivia Bria

Fraternal 20-30's East Scholarship

Joseph Isidro Ava Noel Marino

~ Luso-American Fraternal 20-30's Scholarships ~

John L. Avila Scholarship:

Marisa Adao

20-30's Graduate Financial Aid Scholarship:

Justine Navarra

20-30's Continuing Education Financial Aid Scholarship:

Devin Alexandre

Mila Alves

Christian Fontes

Adam Toste

Daniel Toste

~ Luso-American Education Foundation Scholarships ~

Nicole Marie Goulart Memorial Scholarship:

Lenda Fagundes

Christina Pedreiro

Amadeu Dos Santos & Helen Picado Memorial Scholarship

Angelica Pinto-Santiago

Anabela Bettencourt

Isabella Vieira

Herbert Fernandez Scholarship:

Rebecca Linford

Luso-American Education Foundation Youth Scholarship:

Brody Bettencourt

Ty Duarte

Madison Dutra

Henry Garcia

Eva Gomes

Mia Gomes

Jackson Lawrence

Joshua Lopes

Samuel Lopez

Katarina Louis

Quinn Lowe

Kylie Mendes

Kelsey Mendes

Avery Oliveira

Briella Pedro

Troy Rodrigues

Lauren Star

Addisyn Tejada

Sebastian Versyckle

Brayden Wolsey

Lifelong Learning Grant:

Ines Lacerda

Alison Segarra

Luso-American Fraternal Youth, 20-30's Scholarships:

\$110,250

Luso-American Education Foundation Scholarships & Grants:

\$ 56,500

Total Scholarships & Grants Awarded for 2026: \$166,750



Luso-American Fraternal Convention

Minutes from 2025 Convention

August 1, 2, and 3, 2025
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, Nevada

Pursuant to notice given its officers and subordinate councils, the Annual Convention of Luso- American Fraternal, a division of Luso-American Financial, was held on August 1, 2, and 3, 2025 at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, Nevada.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

REGISTRATION AND MEETINGS: The 2025 Annual Convention began on Friday, August 1, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. PST with convention registration and brunch. The Youth administration hosted meeting sessions at their dedicated meeting space during the day.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF GENERAL SESSION, Friday, August 1, 2025

Official opening of the sessions began at 12:30 p.m. PST by Fraternal Vice-President Melanie Silva at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada.

OPENING RITUALS: Vice-President Melanie Silva requested the Social Directors escort President Roxann Aguilar into the room.

The gavel was passed, President Roxann Aguilar instructed the Social Directors to escort the flags (Portuguese Flag and American Flag) carried by the Fraternal Inside Guard and Outside Guard, followed by the Fraternal Board of Directors, Fraternal Line Officers, and the 20-30's Board.

President Aguilar led the Pledge of Allegiance. Danny Silva was asked to sing the Hino Da Luso-American Fraternal, A Portuguesa and the Star-Spangled Banner.

INTRODUCTIONS: President Roxann Aguilar introduced the current Fraternal Line Officers & Directors and then asked 20-30's Administration President Nicholas Vieira to introduce the 20-30's Board.

President Aguilar asked Fraternal Advisor Anthony Pio to read a statement from the hotel regarding the tragic incident the staff experienced over the last week, requesting respect and kindness during the difficult time.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES: President Roxann Aguilar asked Corporate Secretary Esther Mahler to proceed with Roll Call of Officers & Delegates.

President Aguilar asked Manuel Alexandre to make an announcement regarding mass. Manuel Alexandre reported a change to mass, due to the scheduled priest's absence, the Bishop of Reno, Daniel Mueggenborg will perform mass Saturday at 5:00pm, he requested all to attend.



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MOMENT OF SILENCE: President Roxann Aguilar requested a moment of silence to honor our members who had passed away.

RULES OF SESSION: President Roxann Aguilar informed all attendees of the distributed 2025 Convention Report and the rules of the session located in the report.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES: President Roxann Aguilar asked Corporate Secretary Esther Mahler to read the names of appointed delegates to the committees located on page 6 of the 2025 Convention Report:

2025 List of Committee Members

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Elizabeth Motta, Chair | 14-15B Central Valley |
| 2. Evan Garcia | 6L Tulare County |
| 3. Arnold Rodrigues | 8L Monterey Bay |
| 4. Tina Medeiros | 20B-44C-68B-41C MtnVw/SCLra |
| 5. Sharon Djafaripour | 1-43-89-112S Oakland |
| 6. Esther Mahler, Corp. Sec. | 19B Newark |

RULES, APPEALS & GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Manuel Alexandre, Chair | 2L-Norco-Corona |
| 2. Erika Cardoza | 42S - Hanford |
| 3. Anne Marie Adao | 0C-8B - Oakland |
| 4. Mark Nunes | 6L Tulare County |
| 5. Joseph Resendes | 20B-44C-68B-41C MtnVw/SCLra |

ELECTIONS AND BALLOTING COMMITTEE

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Joseph Vieira, Chair | 47B San Jose |
| 2. Brian Martins | 49B-55C Modesto |
| 3. Linda Brito | 34B - Manteca |
| 4. Gina Barsotti | 3C-33B Sacramento |
| 5. Teresa Machado | 21B Los Banos |
| 6. David Sasseen | General Council |

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (BY TRADITION THE MEMBERS OF LAWS & RITUALS COMMITTEE AS PER THE FOLLOWING)

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lucy Trinidad, Chair | 2L Norco-Corona |
| 2. Daniel Alexandre | 2L Norco-Corona |
| 3. Olivia Ferro | 3L Fremont/Union City |
| 4. Mason Melo | 3C-33B Sacramento |
| 5. Melanie Brasil | 34B - Manteca |

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Per By-Laws All ELECTED DIRECTORS NOT UP FOR ELECTION, AND THE THREE MOST IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENTS, THE MOST IMMEDIATE WHOM SHALL BE THE CHAIR)

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| 1. Manuel Pimentel, Chair (PP 2023-2024) | 37B-78C San Diego |
| 2. Nuno Silveira (PP 2021-2022) | 19B Newark |
| 3. Manuel Lawrence (PP 2021-2022) | 6L Tulare County |
| 4. Roxann Burns Aguilar | 5C San Pablo |
| 5. Manuel Alexandre | 21 Norco-Corona |
| 6. Paulo Brito | 34B-Manteca |
| 7. Manuel Cardoso | 6L Tulare County |
| 8. Teresa Machado | 21B Los Banos |
| 9. Bebiana Vasconcelos | 3C-33B Sacramento |
| 10. Monica Xavier | 49B-55C Modesto |
| 11. Kelly Corsetti | 3C-33B Sacramento |

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Judy Mottini, Chair | 3C-33B Sacramento |
| 2. Frances Alexandre | 2L Norco-Corona |
| 3. Barbara Martin | 14-15B Central Valley |
| 4. Linda Amaral | 5C San Pablo |
| 5. Sue Nichols, Interim EVP | 0C-8B Oakland |

President Aguilar announced Mason Melo's absence for the day's session and excused the credentials committee to review and verify the Registration of Officers & Delegates.

CONVENTION SUMMARY REPORTS: President Roxann Aguilar encouraged reviewing the 2025 Fraternal Convention Report that details the activities over the past year; this is for information only.



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APPROVAL OF CONVENTION MINUTES: President Roxann Aguilar requested attendees to review the 2024 Convention Minutes on pages 16-32 of the 2025 Convention Report.

***Pamela Smith** made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2024 Convention; the motion was seconded by **Anne Marie Adao**. The floor was open for debate or questions on motion. A statement made by Pamela Smith pertaining to her motion brought questions amongst the delegation. A new motion was requested by President Roxann Aguilar; **Judy Mottini** made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2024 Convention, the motion was seconded by **Diolinda Trovao**. The floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken, one abstained. **Motion carried.** *Refer to Saturday's motion to reinstate, recommended motion by the Rules, Appeals & Grievance committee presented by committee chair Manuel Alexandre.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENTS AND REMARKS: President Roxann Aguilar advised all attendees to review the President Reports, pages 33-35. President Aguilar yielded the gavel to Vice-President Melanie Silva, then proceeded to say a few words about her term as President.

Roxann Aguilar voiced a summary of her report that served as a wrap up and the reason for her serving as the Luso Fraternal President for the past year. She thanked the delegation for the hospitality and kindness that everyone showed her during visits. Her term as president broadened her understand and love for the Portuguese heritage. She recognized that Luso was once a place for fellow Portuguese immigrants to find comfort and camaraderie and today provides a similar place for third, fourth and fifth generations of Portuguese Americans to remember where they came from and to connect and celebrate the heritage.

At the end of the report, Vice-President Melanie Silva shared her appreciation of the report and accomplishments of President Roxann Aguilar, she continued, On behalf of all the officers and delegates present and all those others who you represent, I congratulate you on a successful term as President of Luso-American Fraternal. She then yielded the gavel back to President Aguilar.

President Aguilar asked 20-30's President Nicholas Vieira to present his report.

Nicholas Vieira encouraged everyone to read his penned President's Report, he felt it expressed his thoughts and feelings with accuracy; to summarize he voiced his request to encourage the future 20-30's to engage in the Society, he recognizes that it is hard to be a member of the 20-30's, having to adapt to life quickly. He said that even he was not sure how to fit everything in and be a good Luso member but if one wants to you have to try to find your own way, to fit your culture and Luso into your life. He said that it was a great year and thanked everyone again.

At the end of the report, President Aguilar shared her appreciation of the report and the accomplishments of 20-30's President Nicholas Vieira.

Barbara Martin made a motion to accept the Presidential Reports from Roxann Aguilar and Nicholas Vieira, seconded by **Joe Pio**. Floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**



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LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Nominating Committee Chair Manuel Pimentel was asked to present the state of nominees.

LINE OFFICERS			
Delegate Name	Name	Council No.	Council Name
President	Melanie Silva	49B-55C	Modesto
Vice President	Danny Pinto	3C-33B	Sacramento
Master of Ceremonies	Patrick Boring	20B-44C-68B	Mt View/Sta Clara
Marshal	Samantha Reyes	19B	Newark
Inside Guard	Richard Sousa	34B	Manteca
Outside Guard	Monica Xavier	49B-55C	Modesto

Up for nomination are three director positions; he presented the committee nominations: Barbara Martin (14-15B Central Valley) for a second four-year term; Anabela Bettencourt (34B Manteca) for a four-year term; and to fill the final three years of Monica Xavier's open position, Tony Da Rosa (26-72B Artesia).

Manuel Alexandre made a motion to accept the Nominations Committee Report. Seconded by **Paulo Brito**. Floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

NOMINATIONS: President Roxann Aguilar asked **Barbara Martin** if she would accept the nomination of Fraternal Director, she confirmed with a yes. **Anabela Bettencourt** was asked if she would accept the nomination of Fraternal Director, she confirmed with a yes. **Tony Da Rosa** was asked if he would accept the nomination of Fraternal Director, he confirmed with a yes. President Aguilar then asked if there were any other candidates for Fraternal Director, on the second request, a nomination from the floor, Brian Martins (49B-55C-Modesto) was presented for nomination. President Aguilar asked **Brian Martins** if he would accept the nomination of Fraternal Director, he confirmed with a yes. President Aguilar asked 10 delegates to stand in support of the nominated candidate; the minimum amount was met. President Aguilar then asked three times if there were any further nominations for director, seeing none, floor was closed.

The Fraternal Line Officer nominees as presented all accepted their nomination confirming with a yes, President Aguilar asked the floor three times after each nominees' confirmation if there were any further nominations, seeing none after each third request, floor was closed.

The Director nominees were each given the opportunity to voice a candidate speech.



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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Credentials Committee Chair Elizabeth Motta was asked to present the report of the committee by President Aguilar. She presented; We, the undersigned members of the Credentials Committee in annual session report the following: We have verified the credentials and registration of officers and delegates and find that there are 159 duly elected officers and delegates that are registered and entitled to vote at this convention. We recommend that this report be accepted.

Danny Pinto made a motion to accept the report of the Credentials Committee, seconded by **Arnold Rodrigues**. Floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

President Roxann Aguilar then asked each line officer to address the delegation and say a few words about themselves and report on their upcoming convention.

20-30's NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: President Roxann Aguilar asked 20-30's Administration President Nicholas Vieira to present the nominating committee report. The report was as follows:

20-30's LINE OFFICERS			
Delegate Name	Name	Council No.	Council Name
President	Grant Silva	49B-55C	Modesto
Vice President	Sydney DaSilva	3C-33B	Sacramento
Secretary	Justin DoCanto	6L	Tulare
Treasurer	JD Valadao	6L	Tulare
Master of Ceremonies	Laura Brasil	34B	Manteca
20-30's Director	Analicia Adao	3C-33B	Sacramento
20-30's Director	Isabella Vieira		San Jose
20-30's Director			

Justin DoCanto made a motion to accept the 20-30's Nominating Committee report, seconded by **JD Valadao**. Floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

The 20-30's nominees all accepted the nomination confirming with a yes, President Aguilar asked the floor three times after each nominees' confirmation if there were any further nominations. On the second request for the nomination of 20-30's Director, a nomination from the floor, Olivia Ferro was presented for nomination. President Roxann Aguilar asked **Olivia Ferro** (3L-Fremont/Union City) if she would accept the nomination of 20-30's Director, she confirmed with a yes. President Aguilar asked 10 delegates to stand in support of the nominated candidate; the minimum amount was met. President Aguilar then asked three times if there were any further nominations for 20-30's Director, seeing none, floor was closed.

President Aguilar asked the 20-30's Line Officer nominee(s) to address the room and say a few words about themselves. After nominee speeches, President Aguilar announced a 15-minute break.

Resumed from break: President Roxann Aguilar brought the room to order. She announced a correction to the committee as presented; with Brian Martins nomination for Director, he will not be sitting on the Elections and Balloting committee.



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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE: President Roxann Aguilar announced the National Committee meeting scheduled for April 25, 2026, as per the Society's By-Laws, the National Council Delegates are selected at the prior year Fraternal Convention (current convention). Meetings will now be held every two years as opposed to every three years. President Aguilar asked Financial President Manuel Vieira to present the selection report.

Financial President Manuel Vieira announced the National Council meeting, scheduled via Zoom, April 25, 2026, at 10:00am PST/1:00pm EST. He presented the National Council 32 delegate and 11 alternate selections. All delegates, alternates, and the Financial Board Directors will have a voice at the meeting, with voting being reserved for the delegates and Financial Board of Directors only.

After his report, President Roxann Aguilar asked if any of the named will not be accepting the nomination, all accepted. She then asked for a motion to accept the National Council selection report. **Patrick Boring** made a motion to accept the report of the National Council selection committee, seconded by **Pam Smith**. Floor was open for debate or questions on motion.

A question from the floor requesting confirmation that all selected delegates are registered at this convention. It was confirmed that all selected are registered delegates. A request from the floor to receive a list of selected delegates. Manuel Vieira reminded the room that the final list will be available 30 days prior to the meeting but he believes the Corporate Secretary can provide the preliminary list tomorrow.

President Roxann Aguilar asked the floor for any further delegate nominations to the National Council. She repeated her request three times, seeing no further nominations President Aguilar closed the floor and the named delegates shall serve as the slate of Delegates to the 2026 National Council.

President Aguilar announced the end of the session and asked for a motion to recess until Saturday at 9:00 am PST. **Samantha Reyes** made a motion to recess until Saturday morning, seconded by **Adrian Aguilar**, floor was open for debate on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 2025

MANUEL REIS AWARDS NIGHT AND ROYAL COURT CEREMONY: The evening was opened by host committee chair Monica Xavier, she welcomed everyone and introduced the Master of Ceremonies Lina P. Vieira, Youth Director Chair.

MC Lina P. Vieira requested the social directors escort the Youth Administration and Youth Directors into the room. Once seated, MC Lina P. Vieira asked the social directors to escort the 2024 Convention Queen Isabella Matos, the 2025 Royal Court, Escorts and Crown Bearers into the room.



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MC Vieira introduced the Fraternal Officers, the Youth Administration and the Youth Directors.

Youth Officers

Position

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Master of Ceremonies
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Marshal
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Immediate Past President

Name

Xavier Gaspar
Delaney Da Silva
Daniela Mendes
Lanette Couto
Austin Coelho
Mia Fernandes
Layla Brasil
Taylor Crawford
Makyala Sousa
Julia Van Scyoc
Morgan Gilbert
Cameron Serrado
Grace Silva

Youth Directors

Name

Lina P. Vieira
Nancy Cardoso
Diana Pereira
Ana Teresa Maciel
Andrea Vieira
Marlene Sousa
Marissa Nunes
Linda Vieira
Angela Lourenco
Nancy Segura
Michelle Morris Silva
Bernadete Rocha Tavares
Gerard Batista
Vivalda Silveira

Youth Council No.

Chair of Youth Directors
Director of Youth Programs
1
2
4
8
10
11
13
18
24
25
28
30

LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL OFFICERS

Roxann Aguilar, Fraternal President & husband Adrian
Nicholas Vieira, Fraternal 20-30's President & partner Teresa
Melanie Silva, Fraternal Vice-President & husband Danny
Grant Silva, Fraternal 20-30's Vice President
Manuel Pimentel, Fraternal Chairman, & wife Katia
Manuel Vieira, Financial President & wife Lina
Tony Sozinho, Financial Chairman & wife Susana
John Perdigao, Financial Vice-Chairman & wife Eduardina

MANUEL REIS AWARDS: MC Lina P. Vieira asked Youth President Xavier Gaspar to present the Manuel Reis Awards.

Youth President Xavier Gaspar thanked MC Lina P. Vieira, and the Youth Board for their dedication and commitment. He was very proud of the effort and teamwork to put on this year's Fraternal Day Picnic and the money they raised for a great cause.

He presented the following councils as winners of the Manuel Reis Youth Achievement Award and asked representatives from those councils to come forward for a picture.

2025 Manuel Reis Youth Achievement Recipients:

- Youth Council #1 **Fremont/Union City**
- Youth Council #2 **San Jose**
- Youth Council #4 **Sacramento**
- Youth Council #8 **Manteca**
- Youth Council #13 **Artesia**
- Youth Council #18 **Gustine/Los Banos**
- Youth Council #24 **Northern San Joaquin Valley**



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MC Vieira thanked Xavier for a successful year, and she congratulated all councils who received the Manuel Reis award. She asked for a round of applause for Youth President Xavier Gaspar, the Youth Directors, the Youth Administration, and Youth Councils for a job well done this year.

ROYAL COURT CEREMONY: MC Lina P. Vieira asked the social directors to escort 2024 Convention Queen Isabella Mattos to her final promenade, then she was asked to say a few words.

MC Vieira announced the 2025 Convention Queen Iyanna Valim, crowned by Isabella Mattos and proceeded to promenade around the room. MC Vieira then introduced the 2025 Royal Court, their escorts & crown bearer(s):

QUEEN: Iyanna Valim, Youth Council #4 - Sacramento

PRINCESS: Maya Colon, Youth Council #2 – San Jose

PRINCE: Joseph A Reyes Jr., Youth Council #1 - Fremont-Union City

PRINCESS: Persephone A. Couto, Youth Council #18 – Gustine-Los Banos

MC Vieira thanked the contestants for raising over \$158,500 to go towards the Luso-American Fraternal Youth Scholarships. She thanked the youth members, their families, councils and all who helped them reach this outstanding amount. She went on to recognize Youth Council #8, Manteca, Youth Council 24, N. San Joaquin Valley and Youth Council #13 Artesia for raising \$1000 each to help their council achieve the Manuel Reis Award.

Each member of the Royal Court was asked to speak about their experiences during the contest and other personal remarks to the assembly. MC Lina P. Vieira and the 2025 Convention Queen Iyanna Valim pulled the winning tickets for the 50/50 Youth Scholarship Raffle.

Youth President Xavier Gaspar, 20-30's President Nicholas Vieira and Fraternal President Roxann Aguilar were asked to say a few words.

MC Lina P. Vieira ended the evening by asking the social directors to escort the 2025 Convention Queen, the members of the Royal Court, escorts, and crown bearer(s) out of the Ballroom and she reminded everyone to support the 20-30's Associates by attending The Hot Luso Nights and 20-30's Got Talent at the hotel Summit Pavilion.

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RECONVENING THE SESSIONS: President Roxann Aguilar opened the session and asked the delegation to come to order. Youth Sessions also reconvened at their designated location.



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ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES: President Roxann Aguilar asked Convention Parliamentarian Manuel Alexandre to present the rules of roll call.

Manuel Alexandre announced that there are 234 delegates on record for this convention. Of that number, there are 171 non-ex-officio members and 106 are present. This is a 62% delegate attendance rate which meets the qualification of a quorum. He then reported that there are 59 ex-officio delegates on record for this convention, they are either appointed or assigned by the Fraternal Board.

President Roxann Aguilar asked Corporate Secretary Esther Mahler to proceed with the Roll Call of Officers & Delegates.

Following roll call, it was announced that a grievance had been filed with the Rules, Appeals and Grievance Committee. Committee Chair Manuel Alexandre explained the grievance and explained the decision confirming Robert's Rule of Order. ***Manuel Alexandre** made a motion to reinstate the original motion made by Pamela Smith to accept the minutes from the 2024 Convention with a second by Anne Marie Adao. Manuel Alexandre's motion was seconded by Anne Marie Adao, floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

President Roxann Aguilar excused the Credentials Committee to verify the registration and credentials of the Officers and Delegates to the 2025 Fraternal Convention.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP AND 5 STAR COUNCILS: President Roxann Aguilar asked Fraternal Advisor Anthony Pio to present the report on membership and 5-star councils.

Fraternal Advisor Anthony Pio asked all to review page 36, and he explained the merger and dormant councils on pages 37-38 (Council & Lodge Membership Listing) of the 2025 Convention Report. He repeated the changes made to the 5-star program, announced at the 2024 Convention. 5 Star certificates are now presented during President's visits so the moment can be shared with the entire council. He proceeded to read the 5 Star Councils, congratulating the councils who earned the designation.

REPORT OF SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION: President Roxann Aguilar asked Interim Executive Vice-President Sue Nichols to present the report of the society's financial condition.

Interim EVP Sue Nichols announced the Financial Report would be presented by Fraternal Consultant Nick DePersis, after her condition report. She reported the DOI audit exam, and the internal audit produced no findings, this was the first time in many years. Sue Nichols thanked President Aguilar for her support during the exam period and commended her for how well she has represented Luso during her term. She closed out her report by thanking home office employees Esther Mahler and Anthony Pio for their effort and hard work at the convention, the 20-30's for their strong leadership and the parents of the youth/20-30's supporting the young generation of Society members.



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Nick DePersis, of ENDePersis, presented the financial report; he began by expressing his appreciation, allowing him to attend and experience the traditions and the uniqueness of the convention. The financials indicate that surplus has decreased significantly over the past five years, this is concerning if not reversed soon, possibly leading to a worst-case scenario of selling assets to renew surplus. He advised taking one of three suggestions to earn revenue (1) Increasing sales and investment income (2) Decreasing expenses (3) Reduce the revenue rates on the annuities to make sure they are profitable. He suggested that the high cost and frequency of the convention should be watched closely.

A question from the floor asking what the total marketing expenses is; Interim EVP Sue Nichols replied that she would provide that number momentarily but wanted to remind the room of the large-scale marketing efforts this year, including adding a home office marketing team.

A question from the floor regarding the fraternal expenses reported and the large swing over the past two years; Interim EVP Sue Nichols indicated that the pre-convention expenses, such as deposits required to hold the location for the following year has created a larger monetary difference over the past two years. Traditionally, such expenses have been paid at the time of the event, but locations such as the GSR require upfront or deposit payments.

A question from the floor asking about the future impact if changes are not made; Nick DePersis stated that growth is key and if the solvency rating isn't improved, the Department of Insurance will make recommendations required to keep the business in operation. Interim EVP Sue Nichols reported that she has been working closely with the fraternal board to review costs and will deliver the five-year expense data to the board in the next few months so that it can be reviewed for further cost savings.

A question from the floor requesting the total cost of last year's convention. Interim EVP Sue Nichols responded that while she did not have the number in front of her, she believes it was around \$440,000 and the year prior was \$570,000.

A question from the floor requesting the results of the two audits. Interim EVP Sue Nichols reported the results earlier in the presentation, but Nick DePersis added that the expense to hire internal auditors in this region is high, due to the small number of firms that provide fraternal service audits.

A suggestion from the floor to change to a one-day convention having the youth perform while still maintaining the integrity of the convention by consolidating the event. Additionally, it was suggested having the members attending convention absorb some of the costs. Interim EVP Sue Nichols replied that she is looking at all avenues, her first thought is changing to a one per diem per household convention payment followed by changing the structure of the convention,



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to see if the youth performance can be separated from the sessions without losing the integrity of the convention.

President Roxann Aguilar announced that due to time constraints, two additional questions would be allotted.

A suggestion from the floor requiring a parent of a youth performer to hold an active policy. Interim EVP Sue Nichols replied that the requirement was presented to her; she will work with the fraternal and financial board before a decision impacting the Youth is made.

A comment from the floor made note of the depleting membership and the smaller number of policies held today; the focus should be to increase membership and put more policies in force, which would improve financial status.

President Roxann Aguilar asked for a motion to accept the Society's Financial Condition. **Lino Amaral** made a motion to accept the Society's Financial Condition Report, seconded by **Eduardo Eusebio**, floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS: President Roxann Aguilar asked Credential Committee Chair Elizabeth Motta for the report of the Credentials Committee.

Elizabeth Motta read the following report: We, the undersigned members of the Credentials Committee in General Session, report as follows: We have verified the credentials and registration of officers and delegates and find that 159 duly elected officers and delegates are registered and entitled to vote at this convention. Two new attendees are present, but two other delegates are out due to illness, leaving the count at 159. We recommend that this report be accepted.

Barbara Martin made a motion to accept the report of the Credentials Committee, Motion was seconded (unable to make out name), floor was open for debate or questions on motion, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING: President Roxann Aguilar gave direction on how the election and ballots would be handled. She requested the elections and balloting committee assist with distribution and the Inside/Outside Guard to stand in place at the doors to ensure delegates do not leave the room during the distribution and vote. President Aguilar issued a ten-minute break prior to roll call and asked the Youth Directors to be present.

Resumed from break: President Roxann Aguilar announced the By-Laws changed this year to allow the Honorary Vice-Presidents the right to cast a vote, as she understood there were two Honorary Vice-Presidents in attendance who would be granted the right to vote. The nominating committee presented three nominations for the position of Director(s): Barbara Martin (14-15B Central Valley) for a second four-year term;



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Anabela Bettencourt (34B Manteca) for a four-year term; and to fill the final three years of Monica Xavier's open position, Tony Da Rosa (26-72B Artesia). Brian Martins (49B-55C Modesto) was nominated from the floor; voting by ballot is to select up to three candidates only.

President Aguiar asked Corporate Secretary Esther Mahler to begin roll call, as roll call was recited, if present the delegate would stand and receive a ballot. Voting was completed; ballots were brought forward and placed in the ballot box.

President Aguiar announced the election and ballot distribution for the 20-30's, following the same procedures as the adult election, clarifying that the ballot for the 20-30's is to select up to two candidates. President Aguiar asked Corporate Secretary Esther Mahler to begin roll call of the 20-30's, as roll call was recited, if present, the delegate would stand and receive a ballot. **Due to a ballot error, the ballots were collected and taken to be revised prior to proceeding with the election.

REMARKS FROM THE LUSO AMERICAN FINANCIAL PRESIDENT: President Roxann Aguillar asked Luso-American Financial President Manuel Vieira to address the delegation.

Financial President Manuel Vieira expressed his gratitude, allowing him to represent the organization as president. He has been promoting Luso at local councils, functions and at many events locally, he really appreciated the trust to allow him to promote the Society.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED YOUTH BOARD: President Aguiar invited the Youth board members to enter the room to introduce the newly elected Youth Board. Youth President Daniela Mendes announced the following newly elected officers:

Position	Name	Council No.
President	Daniela Mendes	YC 1
Vice President	Mia Fernandes	YC 8
Secretary	Michael Medeiros	YC 11
Treasurer	Maya Colon	YC 2
Master of Ceremonies	Morgan Gilbert	YC 13
Marshal	Sofia Crawford	YC 2
Outside Guard	Tiago Chadinha	YC 24
Inside Guard	Ava Coelho	YC 13
Trustees	Christiana Costa	YC 1
Trustees	Krislyn Martins	YC 10
Trustees	Addison Capote	YC 10
Trustees	Savannah Murray	YC 4
Past-President	Xavier Gaspar	YC 24



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20-30'S VOTING: The 20-30's revised ballots were ready for re-distribution.

The roll call was repeated and revised ballots were distributed. Voting was completed; ballots were brought forward and placed in the ballot box. President Roxann Aguilar confirmed all ballots had been received and dismissed the 20-30's Balloting committee to perform ballot count, she also directed the Line Guards to un-man and open the doors.

Corporate Secretary Esther Mahler announced a correction to the National Council Delegate selection would be forthcoming, due to a count error in her tally totals. She clarified that Financial President Manuel Vieira will present how this will be corrected later in the meeting.

REMARKS FROM THE LUSO AMERICAN FINANCIAL CHAIR: During the ballot count, President Roxann Aguilar asked Luso-American Financial Chairman, Tony Sozinho to say a few words.

Financial Chairman Tony Sozinho thanked Melanie Silva for bringing everyone together at the convention, Roxann Aguilar and Nicholas Vieira for a job well done over the past year. He recognized the achievement of 70 years of youth council participation. He wanted to add additional data to the Nick DePersis financial presentation, he wanted to recognize the reduction in expenses and increased sales at the end of 2024. The emphasis placed on sales today has started to turn the direction of the financials around; he encourages everyone to welcome the sales team into their homes and meetings or ask friends and family to learn about the great products that Luso offers.

He continued by expressing his enjoyment working with multiple boards, officers and home office teams during his term, all who have worked hard for the Society, but most importantly the members who have allowed him to represent and serve. His biggest takeaway is that we are only successful if we work together, by knowing and following the rules that are given but to understand what can be changed; he feels that everyone who has served with him have all tried to give the best they can for the organization, and he thanked each and every one that has traveled the path with him. In closing, he thanked the room.

President Roxann Aguilar thanked both Financial Chairman Tony Sozinho and Financial President Manuel Vieira for their dedication and leadership to the Society.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT: President Roxann Aguilar asked Financial President Manuel Vieira to clarify the report on the National Council.

President Manuel Vieira announced the number of delegates needed for National Council presented earlier in the meeting was incorrect, too many delegates were presented; he met with those named, of them, four delegates and one alternate have agreed to step down from their nomination. The following have rescinded their seat as a delegate: Bebiana Vasconcelos, 3C-33B Sacramento; Barbara Martin, 14-15B Central Valley; Anabela Bettencourt, 34B Manteca;



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Christian Da Rosa, 37C-78B San Diego and alternate Monica Xavier, 49B-55C to arrive at the correct number of 28 delegates and 10 alternates.

After the announcement, Lino Amaral 5C-65B San Pablo/Walnut Creek asked to be removed as a delegate and requested to be replaced with Joseph Resendes 20B-44C-68B-41C Mountain View/Santa Clara.

Manuel Vieira accepted Lino Amaral's request to step down as a delegate and announced that the replacement would be the first on the alternate list, which is Megan Sequeira, 47B-San Jose. Monica Xavier, 49B-55C, who was asked to rescind her seat as an alternate delegate, would be re-instated as an alternate delegate.

Financial President, Manuel Vieira repeated the delegates removed from the previously presented list of National Council Delegates: Bebiana Vasconcelos, 3C-33B Sacramento; Barbara Martin, 14-15B Central Valley; Anabela Bettencourt, 34B Manteca; Christian Da Rosa, 37C-78B San Diego and by request during session, Lino Amaral, 5C-65B San Pablo/Walnut Creek who is replaced by the first alternate Megan Sequeira, 47B-San Jose. This serves as his proposal to arrive at the adjusted delegate list of 28 delegates and 10 alternates.

President Roxann Aguilar asked for a motion to accept the revised slate of delegates to the National Council. **Samantha Reyes** made a motion to accept the revised slate of delegates to the National Council, seconded by **Patrick Boring**. Floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

SALES AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE COMMENDATION AWARDS: President Roxann Aguilar asked Corporate Secretary Esther Mahler to present the following award recipients:

Proposed 10 Members: Diane Pereira

Proposed 20 Members or More:

Manuel Vieira, Tony Sozinho, Michelle Morris Silva, Tina Medeiros

Recipient of Million Dollar Award: Manuel Vieira, Tina Medeiros

Award of Merit (most apps written): Brian Martins

Award of Merit (most sales volume): Brian Martins

Agents Sold 20 or More: Brian Martins, Dan Sequeira

Salesperson of The Year: Dan Sequeira

Dan Sequeira spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation for the members spreading word about the products, it is one of the biggest reasons for his success. He is challenging everyone to find one new member over the next year. He concluded by expressing his appreciation for the support he receives from the Society's many different divisions.



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GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Tony Sozinho recognized John Perdigao as another Financial Board Director who is at the end of his term after serving 12 years, he asked for a round of applause for his contributions to the Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Manuel Alexandre reminded the room of the Bishop of Reno's mass at 5:00. He is hoping for a great turnout.

Isabella Vieira made the delegation aware of a security concern at the dance the prior evening.

Sharon Djafaripour reported on the fundraising efforts for the St. Isabel main altar in Portugal last year; she thanked everyone for their contributions and while a substantial contribution was made, they are still looking for additional funds to reach their goal.

Esther Mahler reported that Luso has taken extra security measures at Youth events and if there are any shortcomings, Luso will follow up with the hotel to address any safety concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Bernice Pelicas announced the 28th annual LAEF 2025 Pelicas & Rosario Golf Classic will be held on September 12 at the Manteca Park Golf Course. Many stood and commented throughout the good of the order stating what a great annual event this is.

A suggestion from the floor to publish emergency numbers in the program so that they are readily available during times of emergency or security concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Dan Sequeira reminded everyone of upcoming sponsored events, where Luso will be represented with a booth and Youth dancers at some of the events; watch for notification flyers including the Luso web page for details.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Danny Pinto announced the theme of the 2026 Convention, "It is ours, but it is everyone's (Para Nós e Para Todos)".

Anthony Pio directed all to pages 7-9. He recognized that the officer list had missing officers: Honorary Youth Director Lillian Costa (17B Gustine/Los Banos), Honorary Social Director(s) Diolinda Trovao (20B-44C-68B Mtn View-Sta Clara), and Mary Coelho (2L Norco-Corona). He then discussed the picture schedule on page 48. He requested those who are scheduled for pictures please show up timely during the scheduled time. He also instructed how to view the free convention pictures, available to download by September 2nd, an email with link and password will be sent when ready. He closed by congratulating President Roxann Aguilar for an outstanding job, the office staff for all their efforts, and the delegates who are always offering to help.

Brian Martins thanked the many youth and adult councils that sent referrals to him. He wanted to request again, as he did last year, to pay the youth directors a stipend. He feels that the biggest marketers of Luso are the youth directors. He proposes a \$1,000 stipend per active Youth Director or a \$100 per new member proposed by active Youth Directors.



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The time commitments and personal resources expended by the youth directors need to be recognized. He also requested clarification on how the data collected for sales leads will be distributed, if those leads are planned to be extended to the part-time sales agents who typically have full-time jobs and use their own resources to market themselves.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE OF RESOLUTIONS: President Roxann Aguilar asked Resolutions Committee Chair, Daniel Alexandre to present the proposed resolution.

Daniel Alexandre reported that committee members Lucy Trinidad and Mason Melo were not present for the report and continued to present the following:

RESOLUTION 1-2025

WHEREAS The Luso-American Fraternal held its 68th Annual Convention in the City of Reno, Nevada on August 1st through August 3rd, 2025.

WHEREAS, said Convention has been successful in every way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this convention expresses its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the following entities and persons:

The Grand Sierra Resort Reno NV, its General Manager, Director of Events, and its entire fine staff that participated in our 2025 Convention.

The Bishop of Reno, Daniel Mueggenborg for celebrating the 2025 Convention Mass.

The Convention Queen Iyanna M. Valim, and the Royal Court Maya Colon, Joseph Reyes, and Persephony Couto.

The Portuguese language media, The Tribuna Portuguesa, along with its Publisher Jose Avila, Director Miguel Avila; Videographer Tiago Moules of Tiago Media, and Photographer Sandra Rose.

The visiting representatives of other Portuguese American Fraternal societies; and last, but not least, hosted by the Luso-American Financial Home Office, officers and members of our society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank each person, entity and group that made available facilities, entertainment and receptions to officers, delegates and visitors of the Luso-American Fraternal, and its 68th Annual Convention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be officially spread upon the minutes of this convention, and copies thereof be sent to all concerned.

Daniel Alexandre clarified that the host be corrected to the 2025 Convention Committee and not the Luso-American Financial Home office as read.

President Roxann Aguilar asked for a motion to accept Resolution 1-2025 as read. **Manuel Alexandre** made a motion to accept Resolution 1-2025, seconded by **Nicholas Vieira**, floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**



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REPORT ON BALLOT AND ELECTIONS: Balloting and Elections Committee Chair, Joseph Vieira reported on the elections.

Adult results were as follows:

Brian Martins and Barbara Martin (second term)-4 YEAR TERM

Annabella Bettencourt-3 YEAR TERM (completion of Monica Xavier's term)

20-30's results were as follows: **Analicia Adao, Olivia Ferro**

President Roxann Aguilar asked for a motion to accept the report of the Balloting and Elections committee as read. **Arnold Rodrigues** made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by **Frankie Trovao**, floor was open for debate on motion, the floor was then closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

President Aguilar congratulated the newly elected and offered each the opportunity to say a few words. She then recognized and congratulated outgoing and retired officers, Teresa Machado who served eight years (two terms) as a director and asked her to come forward to say a few words; Manuel Pimentel who served as the Chairman of the Fraternal Board and 2023-2024 Fraternal President and asked him to come forward to say a few words.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM: Committee Chair, Judy Mottini presented the report on Mileage and Per Diem. She reported 208 total in attendance (Youth and Adult); total per diem=97,680, total milage=21,901.50, total mileage and per diem=119,581.50 less registration=40,251 for a net disbursement of \$79,330.50.

President Roxann Aguilar asked for a motion to accept the report of the committee on Mileage and Per Diem as read. **Joe Machado** made a motion to accept the report of the committee on Mileage and Per Diem, seconded by **Teresa Machado**, floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION OF THE 20-30'S NEWLY ELECTED BOARD: President Roxann Aguilar asked 20-30's Associates President, Grant Silva introduce the newly elected 20-30's Associates Board.

20-30's Associate President, Grant Silva presented the following:

Position	Name	Council No.	Council Name
President	Grant Silva	49B-55C	Modesto
Vice President	Sydney Da Silva	3C-33B	Sacramento
Secretary	Justin Do Canto	6L	Tulare County
Treasurer	JD Valadao	6L	Tulare County
Mistress of Ceremonies	Laura Brasil	49B-55C	Modesto
20-30's Director	Analicia Adao	3C-33B	Sacramento
20-30's Director	Olivia Ferro	3L	Fremont-Union City
Immediate Past President	Nicholas Vieira	47B	San Jose



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RECESS UNTIL BANQUET AND INSTALLATION: President Roxann Aguilar asked for a motion to recess until the Banquet and Installation. **Richard Sousa** made a motion to recess until the Banquet and Installation, seconded by **Danny Pinto**, floor was open for debate or questions on motion, seeing none, floor was closed, and vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

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MASS AND MEMORIAL SERVICE: Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg of Reno hosted a Catholic gathering before the banquet and installation of officers. Before the final blessing at Mass there was a Luso-American Fraternal memorial services honoring the deceased Past Presidents of all our current and past societies.

CONVENTION BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The 2025 Convention Banquet and Installation of Officers was called to order by MC Grace Silva. She began by thanking Melanie Silva for asking her to MC for the night. Then an invocation was given.

Later, MC Grace Silva introduced the head tables. She asked the 2024-2025 Youth President Xavier Gaspar, the 2024-2025 20-30's President Nicholas Vieira and the 2024-2025 Fraternal President Roxann Aguilar to give their last formal address'. Following each speech, each was given a plaque for their service.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND GRAND MARCH: The installation began by President Roxann Aguilar asking the Social Directors to march in the Officers elect. Hino Da Luso-American, Hino A Portuguesa and the Star-Spangled Banner were sung by all in attendance, led by Danny Silva.

President Aguilar introduced the Installing Officer, Past Youth President Gavin Silva.

Installing Officer, Gavin Silva introduced the group of newly elected officers for 2025-2026 of the Luso-American Fraternal and Financial. The following groups were asked to stand; Luso-American Financial Directors and Executive Officers, All Past Presidents – Adult, Youth, 20-30's & Financial Youth Directors, Chair and Director of Youth Programs, Luso-American Fraternal Honorary Officers, Luso-American Fraternal Advisory Board, Luso-American Fraternal Laws & Rituals, Luso-American Fraternal Assistant Presidents

Installing Officer, Gavin Silva proceed with the Installation of Officers, asking the Installing Marshal Fatima Azevedo to read the names of the Officers-Elect, he asked the elected to stand until the Oath is administered.

Installing officer, Gavin Silva asked if the officers accepted the chair they were elected for, he commended all elected for the honor that was conferred upon them. He entrusted that each elect will not spare any effort to promote the development and progress of our Society as a whole and the Society being aware of the willingness of each elected to serve the Society and are convinced that the elect will commit to use all talents and energy for the success of the Society's cause. He then presented the Oath to those elected.



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Gavin Silva then asked the Installing Marshal to present the Luso-American Fraternal Presidents-Elect of the Adult, 20-30's Associates, and Youth Administration, the Luso-American Fraternal Vice-President-Elect of the Adult, 20-30s Associates, and Youth Administration, the Luso-American Fraternal Secretary, Master of Ceremonies, Marshal, Inside & Outside Guard, Directors & Trustee elect of the Adult, Youth and 20-30's Boards. Installing Marshal Fatima Azevedo introduced each Officer. Installing Officer, Gavin Silva then installed each into office. After installation, he requested each group be escorted to their respective station.

Installing Officer, Gavin Silva introduced the Social Directors and commended them on a wonderful job for the evening, but for their efforts throughout the entire Convention:

Fatima Azevedo – Chair
Briana Gaspar

Daniela Azevedo
Rose Pereira

Anabela Bettencourt
Megan Sequeira

He then asked for a big round of applause for a job well done. On behalf of everyone in attendance, Thank you!

DISCHARGE OF ALL COMMITTEES: Installing Officer, Gavin Silva began to discharge those whose terms of Office have just ended by stating: "We commend them for the manner in which they discharged their duties and for the work and untiring efforts for our Society shall not be forgotten, we sincerely hope that you will continue to render your valuable services to ensure the future progress of the Luso-American Fraternal." He rapped the gavel three times and asked for a standing round of applause. Then rapped the gavel and asked everyone to be seated.

Gavin Silva asked the new 2025-2026 Luso American Fraternal President, Melanie Silva to come to the podium, he then handed the gavel to President Melanie Silva and wished her much success during her term in office. Melanie Silva then called Youth President Daniela Mendes to the podium to give her speech, followed by the 20-30's Association President Grant Silva and once completed she gave her speech. Mendes.

President Melanie Silva thanked Installing Officer Gavin Silva and asked for a round of applause.

ADJOURNMENT: President Melanie Silva then declared the annual session of the Luso-American Fraternal adjourned until next year, when the 2026 Luso-American Fraternal Convention will be at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. She invited everyone to the evening dance with 562.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

BREAKFAST MEETINGS: The Secretaries and past President breakfast meetings were held. Followed by the Past President Meeting with the Financial Board of Directors.

YOUTH COUNCILS' THEATRICAL PROGRAM: The Youth Theatrical Program took place in the Grand Theatre at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. The program was hosted by Youth President Xavier Gaspar, 11 Youth Councils performed.



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YOUTH AND VISITORS BANQUET, SPOKE AWARD AND RODRIGO ALVERNAZ AWARD OF MERIT:

The session was opened by Youth Master of Ceremonies Austin Coelho. He introduced the Fraternal Master of Ceremonies Danny Pinto and 20-30's Master of Ceremonies JD Valadao.

YMC Austin Coelho encouraged everyone to enjoy the dinner while the evening presentations were taking place. He introduced the Youth Administration and Youth Directors asking each to stand and stay standing once their names were read:

Youth Officers

Position	Name
President	Xavier Gaspar
Vice President	Delaney Da Silva
Secretary	Daniela Mendes
Treasurer	Lanette Couto
Master of Ceremonies	Austin Coelho
Inside Guard	Mia Fernandes
Outside Guard	Layla Brasil
Marshal	Taylor Crawford
Trustee	Makyala Sousa
Trustee	Julia Van Scyoc
Trustee	Morgan Gilbert
Trustee	Cameron Serrado
Immediate Past President	Grace Silva

Youth Directors

Name	Youth Council No.
Lina P. Vieira	Chair of Youth Directors
Nancy Cardoso	Director of Youth Programs
Diana Pereira	1
Ana Teresa Maciel	2
Andrea Vieira	4
Marlene Sousa	8
Marissa Nunes	10
Linda Vieira	11
Angela Lourenco	13
Nancy Segura	18
Michelle Morris Silva	24
Bernadete Rocha Tavares	25
Gerard Batista	28
Vivalda Silveira	30

YMC Austin Coelho then introduced the 2025 Convention Queen and her court. He also announced that the contestants raised \$158,645 for Fraternal Youth Scholarships.

QUEEN: Iyanna Valim, Youth Council #4 - Sacramento

PRINCESS: Maya Colon, Youth Council #2 - San Jose

PRINCE: Joseph A Reyes Jr., Youth Council #1-Fremont-Union City

PRINCESS: Persephone A Couto, Youth Council #18 – Gustine-Los Banos

YMC Austin Coelho asked 20-30's Master of Ceremonies JD Valadao to introduce the **20-30's Associates Board** and Fraternal Master of Ceremonies Danny Pinto to introduce the **Fraternal Line Officers and Directors** and the **Financial Directors**; all were asked to stand and be recognized.

Fraternal Master of Ceremonies Danny Pinto asked Immediate Past President Roxann Burns-Aguilar, Fraternal President Melanie Silva, Immediate Past 20-30's President Nicholas Vieira, 20-30's President Grant Silva, Immediate Past Youth President Xavier Gaspar, and Youth President Daniela Mendes to join him on stage for the introduction of visiting guests; Portuguese Fraternal Society of America Supreme President Angela Seamas, PFSA 20-30 's President Angela Azevedo, PFSA Youth President Xavier Vallance, Brotherhood of St Anthony-Grand President Angela Pereira, and Brian Sampson from Cabrillo Civic Clubs. Each of the visitors was asked to come to the podium and presented with a gift on behalf of the Society.

Fraternal Master of Ceremonies Danny Pinto turned the podium over to 20-30's Master of Ceremonies JD Valadao. 20-30's MC Valadao announced the Rodrigo Alvernaz Award of Merit, Rim, and 20-30's Spoke awards would be presented.



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He asked Immediate Past 20-30's President Nicholas Vieira to present the Rim and 20-30's Spoke Awards.

Immediate 20-30's Past President Nicholas Vieira was honored to present the Spoke award, given to an individual recognized for their fraternalism and dedication to the Society, this year's recipient:

2025 20-30's Spoke Award: Marrisa Nunes, Region 8 Tulare.

20-30's Past President Nicholas Vieira presented the Rim Awards to Region 1-14 Silicon Valley , Region 2 Bay Area, and Region 6 Modesto. He asked for a round of applause for the achievement and asked for any representatives present for the announced regions to step forward for a photo.

20-30's MC JD Valadao asked Nicholas Vieira to remain at the podium and asked newly elected 20-30's President Grant Silva step forward to draw the 20-30's Disneyland Raffle Winner. They thanked all those who supported the fundraiser, all raffle proceeds are going towards the 20-30's Scholarships and the Wounded Warrior Project. The raffle winner: Diane Pelicas.

20-30's MC JD Valadao announced the presentation of the Rodrigo Alvernaz Award of Merit, awarded to someone who reaches out to the community and aid those in need around us through our organization, families, churches and community. He then spoke of Mr. Rodrigo Alvernaz, who embodied the ideals of fraternalism in all he did during his years of dedication to the Luso-American Family. He asked Fraternal Chair Roxann Aguilar to present the Rodrigo Alvernaz Award of Merit.

Fraternal Chair Roxann Aguilar was honored to present the Rodrigo Alvernaz Award to the well-deserved recipient, who has embodied the same ideals of fraternalism as Mr. Rodrigo Alvernaz:

2025 Rodrigo Alvernaz Award of Merit: Tisha Cardoza

Youth Master of Ceremonies Austin Coelho returned to the podium and asked Youth Theatrical Program Host and Immediate Past President Xavier Gaspar to give his final speech to the youth administration.

After Xavier Gaspar's speech, YMC Austin Coelho asked Director of Youth Programs Nancy Cardoso to say a few words. After her speech she invited 2024-2025 Fraternal President Roxann Aguilar, 2024-2025 20-30's Associate President Nicholas Vieira, 2024-2025 Youth President Xavier Gaspar and 2025 Convention Queen Iyanna Valim to present the awards.



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YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM AWARDS:

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Best Individual – Variety Performance

Michael Medeiros – YC# 11 Mt. View/Santa Clara

Best Individual – Dance Performance

Laila Lourenco – YC# 24 N. San Joaquin Valley

Youth Theatrical Program Performance:

1st Place	Youth Council #4	Sacramento
2nd Place	Youth Council #2	San Jose
3rd Place	Youth Council #24	N. San Joaquin Valley
4th Place	Youth Council # 13	Artesia
5th Place	Youth Council #1	Fremont/Union City

YMC Austin Coelho concluded the evening by thanking the co-Master of Ceremonies, visitors from the other Fraternal Organizations and all the officers and members for attending. He congratulated all the Youth performers.

DANCE AND HOSPITALITY ROOM: Following the banquet a dance with DJ Hangloose Fabio Caetano at the Summit Pavillion was held.



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Luso-American Fraternal President Report

Dear Officers, Delegates, Members, Family and Friends,

Everyone who has stood in my shoes as the Luso Fraternal President, has probably shared or felt that their presidential year flew by. Today, I share the same sentiment of all the previous Fraternal Presidents and wonder where all the time has gone. I guess the saying, "Time sure does fly, when you're having fun!" is true.

Thank you to all the councils who welcomed me along with Grant, Daniela, Iyanna, and our families to your Presidential visits. All the visits were unique, special, warm, and inviting. Luso truly has wonderful members and councils across the state, and I thank you and commend you for all that you are doing to help keep our society moving forward. I have enjoyed visiting so many "old" and "new" family and friends this past year... people that I wouldn't have met if it were not for Luso. It truly was a wonderful year celebrating fraternalism, family, and friendship throughout California.

I want to give a special thank you to my convention chairs and committee for all their hard work and time spent on last year's convention and at my testimonial in May. You all made my vision come alive and you made the 2025 convention my favorite convention of all time. Thank you all so much and because of you, I have such great memories to last me a lifetime.

To the Fraternal Board Officers and Directors that I have had the pleasure of working with these last 9 years, I thank you for your dedication, expertise, friendship, and love for Luso. I have learned so much from so many of you. I appreciate all that you are doing for our organization.

Thank you, Daniela and Iyanna, for accompanying me at the visits this year. It has been a joy to see your confidence grow. I saw it in the way you carried yourselves, I heard it in your voice and in what you said. Your dedication and loyalty to your Luso responsibilities this year are something that the youth will remember and look up to. I feel blessed to have experienced this past year with the two of you. I look forward to seeing where your Luso journeys take you.

Grant, I said I would only be President if we did it together. We promoted the importance of the 20-30s to help keep Luso strong. I feel like the 20-30s performances that you all did last year at convention were such an amazing treat for all of us to watch. You gave the youth something to look forward to and work towards after they age out of the youth. Thank you for traveling with me even when you had the stresses of school and work. Thank you for being such a good example of perseverance and dedication to the 20-30s. I hope to see you take on the next level of our fraternal organization. Whether you want to believe it or not, you are a true leader with passion and fire in you, which is what I believe motivates others and what our organization needs.



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Danny, thank you for being by my side during this whole journey, and for being my biggest supporter and encouraging me when I needed it the most. Grant, Gavin, and Grace... I did this for the three of you in hopes that Luso is around for you, your friends, and your future families. I know that you three have such a love for Luso and have made wonderful memories because of Luso, and that is why I was motivated to take on this position of Fraternal President. Thank you all for your support and love.

My theme this past year was family. I hoped to not only build my Luso family this past year, but I also encouraged you all to build yours too. My hope this year was to encourage others to become members of this wonderful organization, an organization that promotes our culture and shapes our youth to be future leaders of Luso and our Portuguese community. Please join me in continuing to promote growth in our organization.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity of representing Luso as the 2025-2026 Fraternal President. Viva Luso... a maior pequena família do mundo!

Fraternally yours,

Melanie Silva
2025-2026 Fraternal President



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Luso-American Fraternal 20-30's Associates President's Report

Officers, Delegates, Members, Family, and Friends,

It has been an honor to serve as the 20-30's Associates State President for the 2025-26 year. This organization has done so much for me over the years, that serving on this board was an easy decision for me. I hope to have represented our organization and the 20-30's well.

I am grateful to all of the councils that welcomed me to their visits throughout the year, and know I will take these memories with me forever. Every visit is so different, and they each have their own charm that always opens my eyes to what our society has to offer. I am so thankful for these opportunities to meet and reconnect with so many people throughout the year. Our local councils are what keep our organization going, and I commend the members of our society for all that they do.

To the 20-30's board: I am very proud of what we have accomplished over the years. Since I started on this board, the 20-30's involvement throughout our organization has only grown stronger. There is still a long way to go, but with the leaders on this board, I know we can continue to grow.

To Region 6 Modesto: Thank you all for your dedication over the last 7 years and getting our region going. Thank you for dealing with me over the years and for making our performance at last convention so memorable. Let's keep this thing going.

To Danny Pinto, Monica Amaral, and our future state youth president: I wish you all the best on your upcoming year of travels. Make some great memories and enjoy. I am sure you will all represent our society well.

To Youth President Daniela Mendes and 2025 Convention Queen Iyanna Valim: Congratulations to you both on representing the youth so well this year. I enjoyed seeing you both grow so much from the beginning of the year to now. Enjoy your last time performing this year, and remember to not forget about Luso and the 20-30's!

To my family and everyone else in my corner: Thank you all for what you have done for me leading up to, and throughout this year. Thank you for showing up to visits, being my moral support, and all you did for last year's Friday night event at convention. I thank God for you all being in my life.

Finally, Mãe: Since being youth president in 2017, I knew eventually I would take this role on when the time was right. Six years ago when you were asked to get in line to become Fraternal President, the time was right for me to get in line as well. Last year while dealing with Fraternal Vice President duties leading up to convention, you still flawlessly served the role of 20-30's Vice President's mother, and I could not have done this without you. There is nobody else I would want to have spent this last year of travels with as my fellow President, and eu te amo.

Thank you to everyone that has been a part of my Luso life up to this point, and I look forward to many more years of dedication to our organization.

Fraternally Yours,

Grant Silva

20-30's Associates State President



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Luso-American Fraternal Youth President's Report

Luso-American Fraternal Members,

As my presidential term comes to an end, I can't help but look back with so much gratitude for everything this past year has brought me. Serving as your Youth President has truly been an honor. From traveling across California, attending youth visits, meeting members, and celebrating our Portuguese culture, I have created memories and friendships that I will cherish forever. Every council welcomed me with open arms, and I will always be grateful for the kindness and unwavering support shown to me throughout this journey.

One of my proudest accomplishments this year was raising over \$23,000 for the Washington Hospital Women's Center for Breast Cancer. Seeing our community come together to support such an important cause reminded me of what makes Luso so special. This achievement was never mine alone, but instead, it was made possible by the generosity, dedication, and compassion of every person who donated, attended the event, or simply believed in the goal. Together, we made a meaningful impact, and I couldn't be more thankful.

To my Youth Board, thank you for standing by my side throughout this entire journey. Your dedication, leadership, and willingness to give your time and energy to our organization never went unnoticed. Thank you for all the planning, late-night messages, youth visits, and for always stepping up whenever I needed your help. Serving alongside each of you has been one of the greatest privileges of my term, and I couldn't have asked for a better group of leaders to work with. I am so grateful for your friendship, commitment, and the memories we created together this past year.

A special thank you goes to Melanie and Danny Silva, Grant Silva, and Iyanna Valim for being the best travel buddies anyone could ask for. From endless laughs to making every trip an adventure, you made even the busiest weekends something to look forward to. Some of my favorite memories from this year happened because of the time we spent together, and I'm so grateful for each of you.

To my parents and my sister, thank you for being my biggest supporters every step of the way. Thank you for sacrificing your weekends, driving me across the state, helping me prepare for every event, listening to my ideas, celebrating every success, and encouraging me through every challenge. None of this would have been possible without your unconditional love and support. You believed in me even when I doubted myself, and I will never be able to thank you enough for everything you've done.

Serving as your State Youth President has been an experience I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I hope I have made you proud and that I have inspired others to become more involved in preserving and celebrating our Portuguese heritage. Thank you for trusting me to lead, for believing in me, and for making this year one I will never forget.

Fraternally yours,
Daniela Mendes
State Youth President



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5 Star Councils

Council No.	Council City	Secretary Name
19B	Newark	Esther Mahler
21B	Los Banos	Deolinda Brasil
34B	Manteca	Linda Brito
47B	San Jose	Lucilia Paz
2L	Norco-Corona	Frances Alexandre
3L	Fremont-Union City	Alice Fagundes
6L	Tulare County	Evan Garcia
3C-33B	Sacramento	Idamarie Barsotti
0C-8B	Oakland	Katrina Ferreira
26-72B	Artesia	Debbie Rebolo
20B-44C-68B	Mt. View-Santa Clara	Lina M. Vieira
23-45C	Tracy	Mary L. Silva
49B-55C	Modesto	Carol Silva



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Council & Lodge Membership Listing

Council #	Council City	Council City	Council Secretary	Membership as of 1-1-2025	Adult Members	Youth Members	Membership as of 12-31-2025
0000	Central Council	N/A	DORMANT	109	83	15	98
5C	San Pablo	CA	Linda Amaral	317	297	9	306
14-15B	Central Valley	CA	Tony Martins	423	399	20	419
17B	Gustine	CA	DORMANT	368	295	71	366
19B	Newark	CA	Esther Mahler	209	168	39	207
21B	Los Banos	CA	Deolinda Brasil	259	227	36	263
31B	Santa Maria	CA	DORMANT	449	430	3	433
34B	Manteca	CA	Linda Brito	538	433	106	539
47B	San Jose	CA	Lucilia Paz	670	537	146	683
53B	Newcastle	CA	Suzette Vieira	63	55	7	62
8L	Monterey County	CA	Connie Soares	269	246	7	253
39-76B	Atwater-Merced	CA	DORMANT	715	633	61	694
87B	Maxwell	CA	Maria Clara Carrancho	259	251	4	255
2L	Norco-Corona	CA	Frances Alexandre	510	442	60	502
3L	Fremont-Union City	CA	Lanette Dutra	222	163	66	229
4L	Las Vegas	NV	DORMANT	15	15	0	15
5L	Buhl	ID	Bernadette Gomes	61	49	15	64
6L	Tulare County	CA	Evan Garcia	1236	1088	123	1211
7L	Humboldt County	CA	DORMANT	160	144	8	152
3C-33B	Sacramento	CA	Idamarie Barsotti	401	319	87	406
0C-8B	Oakland	CA	Katrina Ferreira	299	265	24	289
26-72B	Artesia	CA	Debbie Rebolo	674	511	161	672
37B-46C	Antioch-Oakley	CA	Vangie Carapinha	190	175	13	188
41C	Redwood City	CA	MERGED WITH MTN VIEW	0	0	0	0
42-43C	Martinez	CA	Maria J. Silva	92	81	9	90
20B-44C-68B-41C	Mtn. View-Santa Clara-Redwood City	CA	Lina M. Vieira	665	558	108	666
23-45C	Tracy	CA	Mary L. Silva	246	205	38	243
49B-55C	Modesto	CA	Carol Silva	830	657	175	832
59C-64B	Novato-Sausalito-Petaluma	CA	DORMANT	40	38	1	39
37C-78B	San Diego	CA	Dinisa Valadão	122	97	16	113
2P	Cambridge	MA	Michelle Dias	107	97	7	104
4P	New Bedford	MA	Maria F. Alves	160	139	13	152
5P	Hudson	MA	DORMANT	105	93	9	102
10P	Peabody	MA	A. Emily Romano	282	257	32	289



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Council #	Council City	Council City	Council Secretary	Membership as of 1-1-2025	Adult Members	Youth Members	Membership as of 12-31-2025
12P	Cumberland	RI	Christine Rei	75	67	4	71
31-52P	Bethlehem	PA	DORMANT	79	75	0	75
32P	Hartford	CT	DORMANT	195	187	1	188
48P	Philadelphia	PA	Maria Inrene Silva	109	83	25	108
49P	Pawtucket	PA	Alfredo Mendes	165	154	6	160
51P	Mineola	NY	DORMANT	129	116	12	128
56P	Providence	RI	Joseph Tavares	67	60	4	64
60P	Somerville	MA	Jose Marques	67	56	8	64
70P	Newark	NJ	DORMANT	156	139	7	146
2-79S	Pleasanton-Niles	CA	Eunice Langendorg	287	280	3	283
13S	San Jose	CA	DORMANT	57	53	1	54
15S	Santa Clara	CA	Marilynn J. Queen	34	33	0	33
26S	Newcastle	CA	Marlene Angeli	54	49	3	52
42S	Hanford	CA	Jasmine Wyatt	218	212	1	213
59S	Fresno	CA	Dorothy Stetsko	406	388	11	399
1-43-89-112S	Oakland	CA	Sharon Djafaripour	506	478	16	494
98-123S	San Diego-Pt. Loma	CA	Barbara Hosaka	127	123	1	124
113S	Mendocino-Ft. Bragg	CA	DORMANT	24	21	3	24
114S	Ceres-Modesto	CA	Sidonia Rosa	176	169	0	169
118S	Armona-Hanford	CA	Dolores Rocha	189	184	0	184
151S	Stevinson	CA	DORMANT	154	151	1	152
TOTAL				14339	12525	1596	14121

Dormant - Not an active Council	2755			2666
West Coast Membership	12643			12470
East Coast Membership	1696			1651



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Investment Portfolio Yield Values

	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026
Mortgage Loans	\$16,607,184	\$15,794,237	\$13,163,154	\$15,209,524	\$15,209,524	\$15,715,482	\$14,271,552
Investment Income	\$1,667,799	\$1,667,799	\$1,667,799	\$1,667,799	\$1,667,799	\$1,485,288	\$1,485,288
Yield	10.04%	10.56%	12.67%	10.97%	10.97%	9.45%	10.41%
Real Estate	\$2,595,725	\$2,554,724	\$2,513,723	\$2,489,520	\$2,489,520	\$2,465,225	\$2,430,883
Investment Income	\$588,881	\$588,881	\$588,881	\$588,881	\$588,881	\$598,058	\$598,058
Yield	22.69%	23.05%	23.43%	23.65%	23.65%	24.26%	24.60%
Contract Loans	\$1,685,010	\$1,710,288	\$1,707,051	\$1,611,437	\$1,611,437	\$1,647,500	\$2,430,883
Investment Income	\$121,289	\$121,289	\$121,289	\$121,289	\$121,289	\$120,020	\$120,020
Yield	7.20%	7.09%	7.11%	7.53%	7.53%	7.28%	7.16%
Portfolio Book Value	\$114,750,248	\$116,606,116	\$118,221,086	\$119,098,754	\$120,996,501	\$121,714,086	\$122,254,171
Portfolio Yield	5.16%	5.19%	5.16%	5.20%	5.17%	5.15%	5.18%
Total Holdings	\$135,638,167	\$136,665,365	\$135,605,014	\$138,409,235	\$140,306,982	\$141,542,293	\$140,633,479
Weighted Average Yield	6.12%	6.16%	6.25%	6.19%	6.15%	5.99%	6.07%



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Financial Report

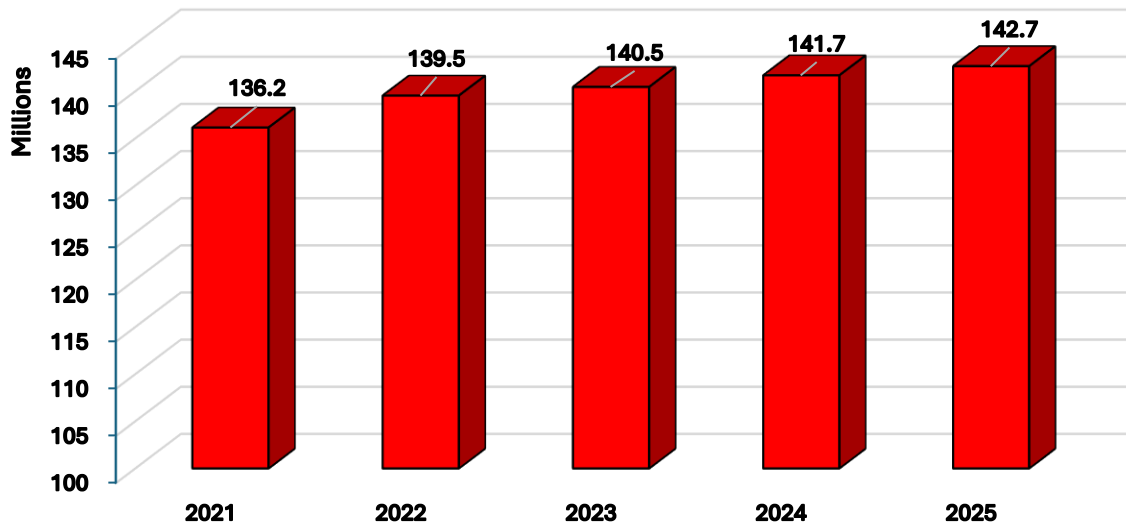
2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<u>December 31, 2025</u>	<u>December 31, 2024</u>
<u>Assets(*)</u>		
Bonds and Stocks	117,778,231	112,184,776
Real Estate (Net)	2,465,225	2,595,725
Certificate Loans	1,647,500	1,685,010
Mortgage Loans	15,715,482	16,607,184
Cash and Bank Deposits	3,275,136	6,751,588
Other Assets	1,781,632	1,864,453
Total Assets	142,663,206	141,688,736
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Policy Reserves and Liabilities	136,127,633	133,703,579
Deposit Type Contracts	670,310	677,869
Other Liabilities	1,851,070	1,980,291
Total Liabilities	138,649,013	136,361,739
<u>Special Reserves and Unassigned Funds</u>		
Asset Valuation Reserve (AVR)	1,460,123	1,511,228
Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR)	121,102	200,800
Unassigned Funds Surplus	2,432,968	3,614,969
Total Unassigned Funds and Special Reserves	4,014,193	5,326,997
Total Liabilities, Special Reserves and Unassigned Funds	142,663,206	141,688,736
<u>Income</u>		
Life insurance	808,431	989,038
Annuities	4,881,377	4,605,133
Investment Income - AQS	5,691,194	6,564,628
Mortgage Portfolio - Income	1,495,338	1,663,523
Mortgage Expenses - Legal & Misc	(636,873)	(1,298,096)
Misc Income	936,208	53,113
Total Investment Income	7,485,867	6,983,168
Total Income	13,175,675	12,577,339
<u>Expenses</u>		
Death Benefits	655,880	720,297
Annuity Benefits	6,866,840	6,318,172
Surrender Benefits/Supplemental Contracts	792,618	914,589
Total Benefits to Members	8,315,338	7,953,058
Reserves (increase/decrease)	2,424,054	2,084,934
Commissions	130,945	139,800
Salaries & Benefits	907,877	922,387
Taxes, Licenses & Fees (paid to states)	194,875	129,531
Fraternal Expenses (including convention)	1,098,056	965,646
General Operating Expense	1,014,597	847,102
Total Expenses	14,085,742	13,042,458
Realized Capital Gains/(Losses)	(300,000)	(316,359)
Net Income (Loss)	(1,210,067)	(781,478)



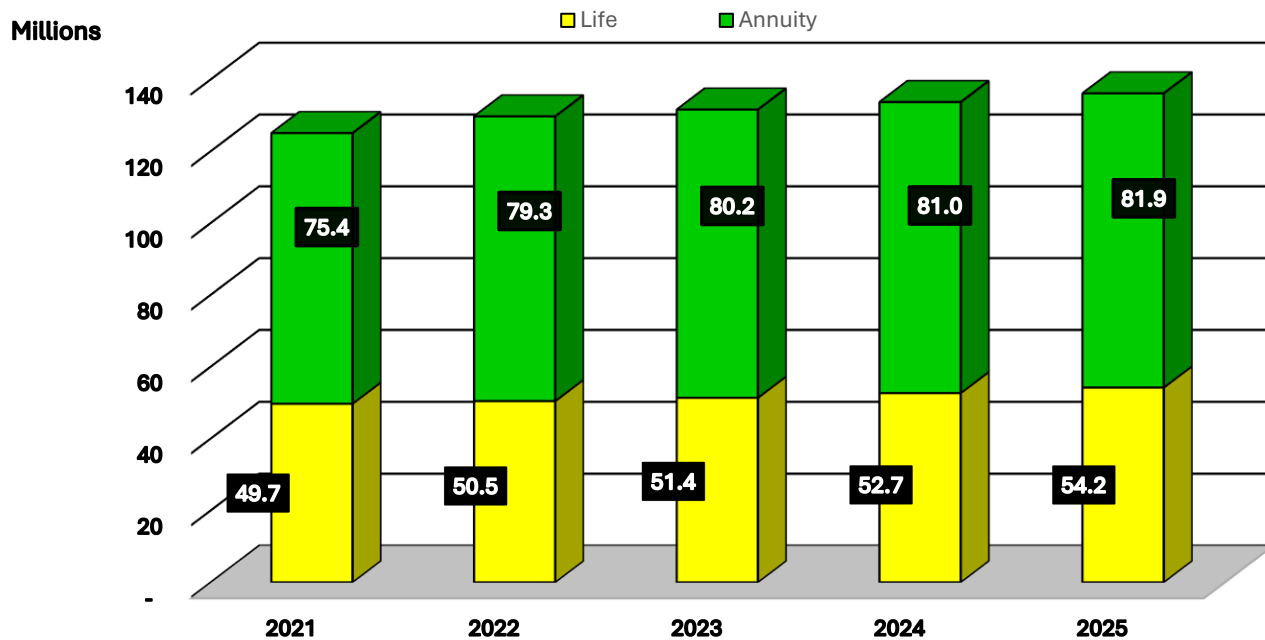
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Assets (in millions)



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Reserves (in millions)

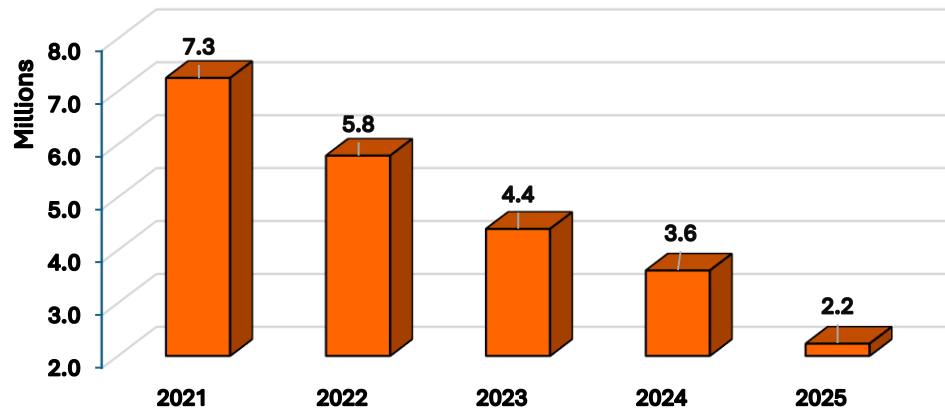


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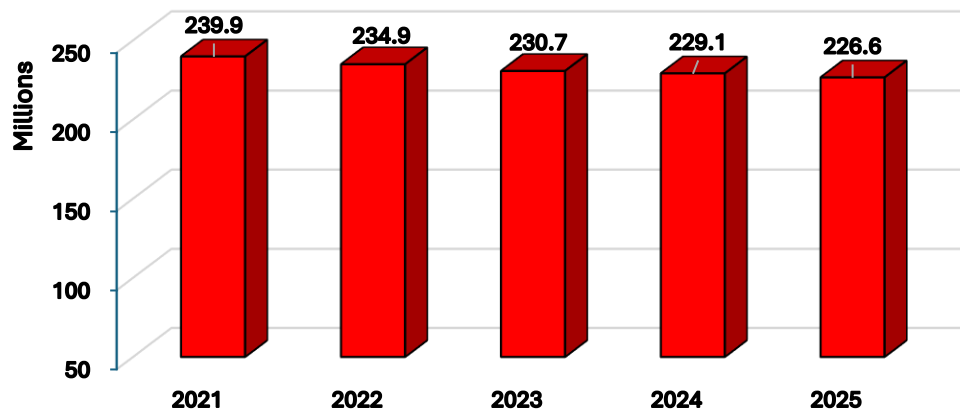
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Members' Contingency Reserve (Surplus) (in millions)



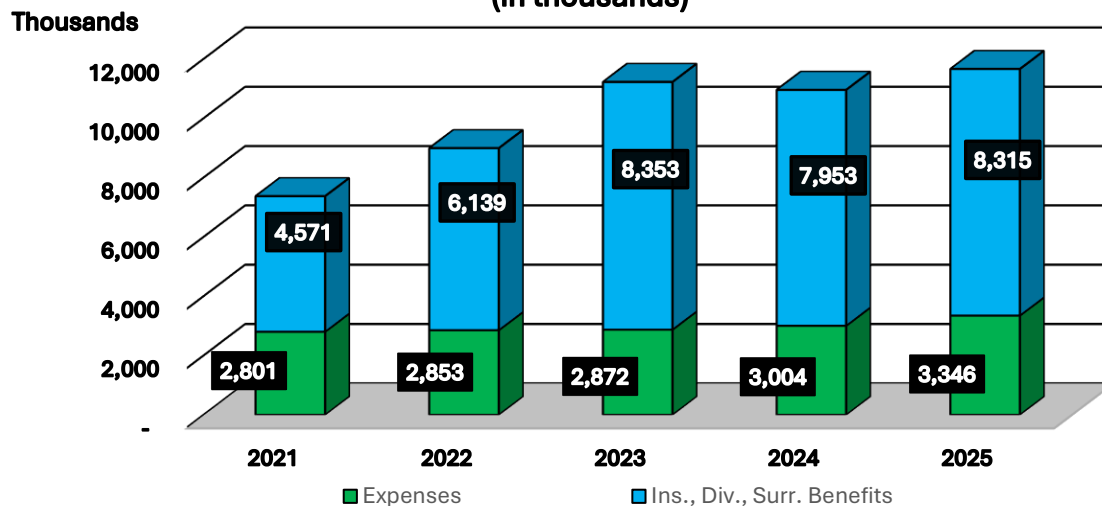
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Life Insurance in Force (in millions)



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Funds Returned to Members (in thousands)



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Executive Summary

Financial Results as of March 31, 2026

As of March 31, 2026, total assets remained stable at **\$142.4 million**, consistent with year-end levels. The organization's investment portfolio continues to be concentrated in bonds and mortgages, totaling approximately **\$130 million**. Lower cash balances have allowed a greater portion of assets to remain invested, contributing to increased investment income.

Total liabilities stand at approximately **\$140 million**, with **life and annuity reserves** accounting for nearly **\$136 million** of that total. Statutory surplus is **\$2,393,633**. While surplus declined during the quarter, continued improvement remains necessary to meet the expectations of the California Department of Insurance.

Financial performance showed measurable progress during the first quarter, reflecting several strategic initiatives identified at last year's convention, including increasing investment income, reducing operating expenses, and lowering annuity crediting interest rates to more sustainable—yet still competitive—levels.

Key first-quarter results include:

- **Investment income increased by approximately \$158,000** compared with the same period in 2025, demonstrating the positive impact of maintaining a greater proportion of invested assets.
- **Operating expenses decreased by approximately \$58,000** year over year. While additional opportunities for cost reduction remain, this represents meaningful progress toward improving operating efficiency.



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- **Net income improved significantly**, with the organization reporting a **\$15,000 gain** during the first quarter of 2026 compared to a **\$95,000 loss** during the first quarter of 2025—an overall improvement of approximately **\$110,000**.
- Although **statutory surplus declined by approximately \$39,000** during the quarter, the decrease was **approximately \$108,000 less than the decline experienced during the same period last year**, indicating continued progress toward strengthening the organization's financial position.

Overall, the first-quarter results demonstrate that the strategic measures implemented over the past year are beginning to produce positive financial outcomes. While the organization has achieved modest improvements compared to the prior year, LUSO must continue to make prudent financial and operational adjustments while remaining proactive in addressing regulatory expectations. Sustained focus on strengthening surplus, improving profitability, controlling expenses, and enhancing investment performance will be essential to eliminating regulatory concerns and positioning the organization for long-term financial stability and operational success.

Distinguished Service Commendations by Number & Type of Pin

(By Number & Type of Pin - in alphabetical order - through Convention 2016-2017)

* Indicates Member is Deceased

20 plus DSC's

Gold Pin With Diamonds

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>
*ELISEU JACINTO	26-72B	Artesia	27	*ALBERT VIEIRA	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	23

10 - 19 DSC's

Gold pin

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>
* FRANK C. FERREIRA	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	15	JOHN SEQUEIRA	20B-44-68C	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	11
JOSEPH F. MACHADO	21B	LOS BANOS	14	* ALBERT VIEIRA	20B-44-68C	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	13
				MANUEL VIEIRA	20B-44-68C	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	15

5 - 9 DSC's

Silver Pin

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>
*DOLOR ALMEIDA	5L	BUHL, IDAHO	6	* ALICE MACHADO	34B	MANTECA	8
DOMINIC BARROSO	39-76B	ATWATER-MERCED	5	* JOHN J. MARTINS	26-72B	ARTESIA	7
* JOE B. COELHO	2L	NORCO-CORONA	6	* LUIS NUNES	65B	TULARE	5
EZEQUIEL CORREIA	21B	LOS BANOS	6	JOHN PIRES	17B	GUSTINE	7
* FRANK FAGUNDES	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	5	FERNANDA RINEHART	31B	SANTA MARIA	7
* JOE FREITAS	34B	MANTECA	8	FRANK I. SILVA	23B-45C	TRACY	8
MANUEL GONSALVES	2L	NORCO-CORONA	5	TONY SOZINHO	6L	TULARE	9
* CATHERINE VIEIRA	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	5	MANUEL TRIGO	23B-45C	TRACY	9

1 - 4 DSC's

Bronze Pin

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>
* JOE V. AGUIAR	29C-50B	TURLOCK	1	JOE M. MACHADO	19B	NEWARK	3
SILVERIO ALVERNIZ	31B	SANTA MARIA	1	*MARY MACHADO	75B	WATSONVILLE	1
ANTONIO ALVES	26-72B	ARTESIA	1	BARBARA MARTIN	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	3
LUIS AMARANTE	47B	SAN JOSE	4	* DOLORES MARTIN	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	4
CARLA AMARAL	3L	FREMONT/UNION	1	* TONY MARTIN	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	2
ANTERO ASCENSO	47B	CITY SAN JOSE	1	TONY MARTINS	26-72B	ARTESIA	1
MANUELA AVILA	17b	GUSTINE	1	MARYDONNA MATTOS	6L	TULARE	1
* JULIO AZEVEDO	26-72B	ARTESIA	1	MARIA MELLO	37C-78B	SAN DIEGO	1
JOE BARROSO	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED	1	ALICE MENDES	15B	RIVERDALE	1
RENATA BARROSO	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED	1	JOE H. MENDES	65B	TULARE	2
GERARD BATISTA	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	WILLIAM MENDONCA	23B-45C	TRACY	1
MARIA BATISTA	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	GRACE MOREIRA	20B-44-68C	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	2
ANTHONY LX BETTENCOURT	60B	TIPTON	2	MICHELLE MORRIS-SILVA	49B-55C	MODESTO	3
* JOHN X. BETTENCOURT	60B	TIPTON	2	HARRY NEVES	47B	SAN JOSE	1
MARIA F. BETTENCOURT	47B	SAN JOSE	1	ALBERTO NUNES	76B	MERCED	1
VALQUIRIO BORBA	26-72B	ARTESIA	3	DULCE NUNES	76B	MERCED	1
* TONY BORRELLI	17B	GUSTINE	1	* JOHN NUNES JR.	76B	MERCED	2
PAULO BRUM	19B	NEWARK	1	MARK NUNES	65B	TULARE	3
MARGARET CABRAL	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	1	NANCY NUNES	65B	TULARE	1
LEONTINA CARDOZA	47b	SAN JOSE	1	PATRICK NUNES	60B	TIPTON	1
* JOE CARRANCHO	87B	MAXWELL	1	* TONY NUNES JR	60B	TIPTON	1
* LOUIE CARRANCHO	29C-50B	TURLOCK	4	* MANUEL PARDAL	41C	REDWOOD CITY	1
* ROSALINE CLETO	37B-46C	ANTIOCH	4	JOHN L. PARREIRA	29C-50B	TURLOCK	1
* JOE F. COELHO	15B	RIVERDALE	1	LUCILIA PAZ	47B	SAN JOSE	1
MARY COELHO	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	DOMINGOS PEREIRA	4L	LAS VEGAS	1
AGUSTO CORREIA	19B	NEWARK	1	MARY FERREIRA	60B	TIPTON	1
AURELIO CORREIA	20B-44C-78B	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	2	MANUEL PIMENTEL	2L	NORCO-CORONA	4
* CLARENCE COSTA	21B	LOS BANOS	1	* FRANK PIO	87B	MAXWELL	2
CRYSTAL COSTA	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	JOE L. PIO	87B	MAXWELL	1
* EDNA COSTA	3C-33B	SACRAMENTO	1	RON QUINN	65B	TULARE	2
ANTONIO COTA	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	2	JOSE RIBEIRO	31B	SANTA MARIA	3
NOELIA COTA	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	1	DAN ROCHA	26-72B	ARRTESA	2

Distinguished Service Commendations by Number & Type of Pin

1 - 4 DSC's (Continued)

Bronze Pin

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO</u>
GEORGE DA SILVA	26-72	ARTESIA	1	ANTONIO RODRIGUES	26- 72B	ARTESIA	2
LUIS AMARANTE	47B	SAN JOSE	4	ERIN RODRIGUES	34B	MANTECA	1
LUIS DE AMARAL	3L	FREMONT/UNION	4	MANUEL RODRIGUES	31B	SANTA MARIA	1
JOE DIAS	29C-50B	CITY TURLOCK	1	MANUEL ROSARIO	0C-08B	OAKLAND	1
JOHN M. DIAS	19B	NEWARK	1	*CONSTANTINA SANTOS	7B	ARCATA	2
CARLOS DUARTE	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	DANIEL SEQUEIRA	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	4
JULIA DUARTE	2L	NORCO/CORONA	2	LUIS SEQUEIRA	21B	LOS BANOS	2
ANTONIO DUTRA	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	*MARY SERPA	65B	TULARE	1
ANTONIO ESTEVES	65B	TURLOCK	1	*FERNANDO SILVA	23B-45C	TRACY	2
MADELINE FARIA	17B	GUSTINE	2	FRANK G. SILVA	23B-45C	TRACY	3
* MANUEL FARIA	17B	GUSTINE	1	JOSEPH M. SILVA	29B	VISALIA	3
* DOLORES FERREIRA	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	2	JOHN G. SILVA	2L	NORCO-CORONA	4
FRANK J. FERREIRA	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	1	ANTONIO SILVEIRA	47B	SAN JOSE	1
LIZ FERREIRA	23B-45C	TRACY	3	LUIS SILVEIRA	39-76B	ATWATER-MERCED	1
NARCIE J. FERREIRA	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	1	*MARGIE SILVEIRA	47B	SAN JOSE	2
ARTHUR FIGUEIREDO	47C	SAN MATEO	3	MARIA L. SILVEIRA	31B	SANTA MARIA	2
* EURICO FONTES	58C	LODI	2	ALBERTINA SIMAS	47B	SAN JOSE	2
* CARMEN FREITAS	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	JOE SIMAS	47B	SAN JOSE	2
* JOSE C. FREITAS	34B	MANTECA	2	SUSANNA SOZINHO	6L	TULARE	1
* JOE R. GARCIA	14B	HANFORD	1	ELAINE SOUSA	31B	SANTA MARIA	2
JOAQUIM GONSALVES	92B	CHINO-ONTARIO	4	*ELIAS SOUSA	21B	LOS BANOS	1
* JACK GONSALVES	26-72B	ARTESIA	1	MANUEL SOUSA	31B	SANTA MARIA	3
* LENIA JACINTO	26-72B	ARTESIA	3	ARNOLD VIEIRA	60B	TIPTON	1
* THOMAS JACINTO	41C	REDWOOD CITY	3	BATISTA VIEIRA	47B	SAN JOSE	3
MANUEL LAWRENCE	6L	TULARE	3	JOHN VIEIRA	45B	STOCKTON	3
JOHN LUCAS	2L	NORCO/CORONA	1	MICHELLE MORRIS-SILVA	49B-55C	MODESTO	3
MIGUEL LUIS	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW/ STA CLARA	1	TINA MEDEIROS	20B-44C-68B-41C	MT. VIEW/ST. CLARA	2
JOE MACEDO	49B-55C	MODESTO	1	VIVALDA SILVEIRA	19B	NEWARK	1

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE COMMENDATION AWARDS OVER THE YEARS

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1974

FRANK C. FERREIRA
ELISEU JACINTO
JOHN L. PARREIRA

1975

JOE CARRANCHO
EDNA COSTA
FRANK C. FERREIRA
ELISEU JACINTO
MARIA L SILVEIRA

1976

TONY BORRELLI
ROSALINE CLETO
MANUEL FARIA
FRANK C. FERREIRA
ELISEU JACINTO
MARIA L SILVEIRA

1977

DOLOR ALMEIDA
LEONTINA CARDOZA
ROSALINE CLETO
FRANK C. FERREIRA
EURICO FONTES
JOE FREITAS
ELISEU JACINTO
JOE MACEDO
ALICE MACHADO
MARIA MELLO
FRANK PIO
MANUEL TRIGO

1978

ANTONIO ALVES
JULIO AZEVEDO
DOMINIC BARROSO
ROSALINE CLETO
FRANK C. CORREIA
FRANK FIGUEIREDO
JOE FREITAS
JOSE C. FREITAS
ALICE MACHADO
MARY C. MACHADO
DOLORES MARTIN
FRANK SILVA
MANUEL TRIGO

1979

FRANK FAGUNDES
FRANK C. FERREIRA
EURICO FONTES
JOE FREITAS

1979 (continued)

ALICE MACHADO
DOLORES MARTIN
ENOS MELO
PATRICK NUNES
TONY NUNES JR.
MARY C. FERREIRA
RON QUINN
MARY SERPA
FRANK I. SILVA
MANUEL TRIGO
ARNOLD VIEIRA
JOHN A. VIEIRA

1980

DOMINIC BARROSO
ANTHONY BETTENCOURT
FRANK FAGUNDES
FRANK C. FERREIRA*
EURICO FONTES
JOE FREITAS
JOE R. GARCIA
ELISEU JACINTO
ALICE MACHADO
DOLORES MARTIN
ENOS MELLO
FRANK PIO
FRANK I. SILVA
ELAINE SOUSA
MANUEL TRIGO
ALBERT VIEIRA*
JOHN VIEIRA*

1981

DOLOR ALMEIDA
SIVERIO ALVERNAZ
JOE BARROSO*
DOMINIC BARROSO*
JOHN X. BETTENCOURT*
FRANK FAGUNDES*
FRANK C. FERREIRA*
JOE FREITAS
ELISEU JACINTO
ALICE MACHADO
DOLORES MARTIN
ENOS MELLO*
FERNANDA RINEHART
CONSTANTINA SANTOS
FRANK I. SILVA
ELAINE SOUSA
MANUEL TRIGO*
ALBERT VIEIRA
JOHN A. VIEIRA

1982

DOLOR ALMEIDA
MARIA BATISTA
ANTHONY BORRELLI
LOUIE CARRANCHO*
JOE F. COELHO
FRANK FAGUNDES
FRANK C. FERREIRA*
JOE FREITAS
JACK GONSALVES*
ELISEU JACINTO
ALICE MACHADO
ENOS MELLO
ADALBERTO NUNES
FERNANDO SILVA
FRANK G. SILVA
MANUEL TRIGO*
ALBERT VIEIRA

1983

DOLOR ALMENDA
TONY BORRELLI
JOE B. COELHO
FRANK FAGUNDES*
FRANK C. FERREIRA*
CARMEN FREITAS
JOE FREITAS
JACK P. GONSALVES
ALICE MACHADO
ENOS MELLO*
ANUEL PIMEMTEL
FRANK G. SILVA
FRANK I. SILVA*
MANUEL TRIGO*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

1984

JOSEPH BARROSO*
RENATA BARROSO*
FRANK C. FERREIRA
TONY MARTIN*
ENOS MELLO*
JOHN NUNES, JR
FRANK G. SILVA
FRANK I. SILVA
JOE M. SILVA
LUIS P. SILVEIRA
MANUEL SOUSA
MANUEL TRIGO
ALBERT VIEIRA

1985

DOMINIC BARROSO
JOE F. COELHO

1985 (continued)

FRANK C. FERREIRA
CARMEN FREITAS
ELISEU JACINTO*
ENOS MELLO*
MANUEL PIMEMTEL
RON QUINN
ANTONIO RODRIGUES
MANUEL RODRIGUES
MANUEL SOUSA, JR.
CATHERINE VIEIRA

1986

DOMINIC BARROSO
GERARD BATISTA*
JOE COELHO
MARY COELHO
CRYSTAL COSTA*
ANTONIO ESTEVES
FRANK C. FERREIRA
FRANK J. FERREIRA*
MANUEL GONSALVES*
ELISEU JACINTO*
THOMAS JACINTO*
JOHN LUCAS*
ENOS MELLO*
ALICE MENDES
PAUL NUNES*
MANUEL PARDAL
MANUEL PIMENTEL*
LUIS SEQUEIRA
FRANK I. SILVA
JOHN G. SILVA*
MANUEL SOUSA*
MANUEL TRIGO*
CATHERINE VIEIRA

1987

DOLOR ALMEIDA*
ROSELINE CLETO
JOE B. COELHO*
JOE F. COELHO
AURELIO CORREIRA*
CLARENCE COSTA
NOELIA COTA
CARLOS DUARTE
FRANK FERREIRA
JACK P. GONSALVES*
MANUEL GONSALVES*
ELISEU JACINTO
ALICE MACHADO*
BARBARA MARTIN*
GRACE MOREIRA*
MANUEL PIMENTEL*

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1987 (continued)

JOSE RIBEIRO*
LUIS SEQUEIRA*
JOHN G. SILVA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*
BATISTA VIEIRA*
CATHERINE VIEIRA*

1988

JOE G. AGUIAR
LUIS DE AMARAL
JOE B. COELHO*
CLARENCE COSTA*
ANTONIO COTA
NOELIA COTA
JULIA DUARTE*
DOLORES FERREIRA
FRANK C. FERREIRA
JOE R. GARCIA
JACK GONSALVES*
MANUEL GONSALVES*
ELISEU JACINTO*
JOHN LUCAS*
MIGUEL LUIS*
BARBARA MARTIN*
ENOS MELLO*
JOE H. MENDES*
JOE L. PIO
JOSE RIBEIRO*
ANTONIO RODRIGUES
CONSTANTINA SANTOS*
JOE M. SILVA
JOHN G. SILVA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*
BATISTA VIEIRA*
CATHERINE VIEIRA*

1989

MARGARET CABRAL*
JOE B. COELHO
FRANK J. FERREIRA
JOE FREITAS
JOE A. GOMES
ELISEU JACINTO*
JOHN LUCAS
BARBARA A MARTIN
ENOS MELLO*
GRACE MOREIRA
JOHN SIMAS*
ALBERT VIEIRA

1990

JOE B. COELHO*
JOE DIAS*
ANTONIO DUTRA*

1990 (continued)

MADLINE FARIA*
NARCIE FERREIRA
ELSISEU JACINTO*
TONY MARTIN
TONY MARTINS*
ENOS MELLO*
JOHN NUNES*
DOMINGOS PEREIRA
FERNANDO SILVA
JOHN SIMAS*
CATHERINE VIEIRA*

1991

JOE B. COELHO
ANTONIO DUTRA
MANUEL FARIA*
NARCIE FERREIRA*
ELISEU JACINTO*
ENOS MELLO*
ALBERTINA SIMAS

1992

DOLOR ALMEIDA*
ANTERO ASCENCO
NARCIE FERREIRA*
ELISEU JACINTO*
JOE H. MENDES
FERNANDA RINEHART
MANUEL ROSARIO*
MARGIE SILVEIRA*
ALBERT VIEIRA

1993

JOHN PIRES
FERNANDA RINEHART
ALBERTINA SIMAS
ALBERT VIEIRA*
MANUEL VIEIRA*

1994

JOE DIAS*
MANUEL GONSALVES*
JOHN JACINTO MARTINS
LUCILIA PAZ*
JOHN PIRES*
ELIAS SOUSA
ALBERT VIEIRA

1995

JOE DIAS*
JOHN JACINTO MARTINS
JOHN SEQUEIRA*
JOHN G. SILVA*
MARGIE SILVEIRA
ALBERT VIEIRA

1996

MARIA F. BETTENCOURT
EZEQUEIL CORREIA
JOE DIAS*
JOHN M. DIAS*
MANUEL GONSALVES*
JOHN JACINTO MARTINS
JOHN PIRES
FERNANDA RINEHART
JOHN SEQUEIRA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

1997

AUGUSTO CORREIA*
EZEQUIEL CORREIA
JOAQUIN GONSALVES
JOHN JACINTO MARTINS
DULCIE NUNES
FERNANDA RINEHART
ANTONIO SILVEIRA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

1998

MARIA F. BETTENCOURT
VAGUEIRO BORBA
PAULO J. BRUM
EZEQUIEL CORREIA*
JOHN JACINTO MARTINS
LUIS NUNES
JOHN PIRES*
FERNANDA RINEHART

1999

CARLA AMARAL
JOHN JACINTO MARTINS
HARRY NEVES
JOSE RIBEIRO
FERNANDA RINEHART

2000

EZEQUIEL CORREIA*
LUIS NUNES*
JOHN PIRES*
JOHN SEQUEIRA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

2001

EZEQUIEL CORREIA*
LIZ FERREIRA*
ELISEU JACINTO*
JOHN PIRES*
ALBERT VIEIRA

2002

ELISEU JACINTO
MARK NUNES*
JOHN PIRES*
JOHN SEQUEIRA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

2003

ELISEU JACINTO*
JOHN MARTINS
MARK NUNES
BILL RINEHART*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

2004

EZEQUIEL CORREIA*
ELISEU JACINTO*
LUIS NUNES*
BILL RINEHART
ALBERT VIEIRA*
BATISTA VIEIRA*

2005

ELISEU JACINTO*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
LUIS NUNES*
BILL RINEHART*
ERIN RODRIGUES
DANIEL SEQUEIRA*
JOSEPH M. SILVA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

2006

ELISEU JACINTO*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
LUIS NUNES*
BILL RINEHART*
DANIEL SEQUEIRA*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

2007

ELISEU JACINTO*
JULIE MENESES
DANNY SEQUEIRA
FRANK I. SILVA
FRANK X. SOUZA JR
ALBERT VIEIRA*

2008

ELISEU JACINTO*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
ALBERT VIEIRA*

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2009

ELISEU JACINTO*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO
WILLIAM MENDONCA*
DANNY SEQUEIRA*
GEORGE DA SILVA

2010

ELISEU JACINTO*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
WILLIAM MENDONCA
ARNOLD RODRIGUES
JOHN SEQUEIRA*

2011

ELISEU JACINTO*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO
JOHN SEQUEIRA

2012

LUIS AMARANTE*
ELISEU/LENIA JACINTO*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
MARYDONNA MATTOS
NANCY NUNES*
JOHN SEQUEIRA*
MANUEL VIEIRA*

2013

ANTHONY LX BETTENCOURT*
MANUEL LAWRENCE
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
JOSEPH M. MACHADO*
JOHN SEQUEIRA*
SUSANNA SOZINHO*
MANUEL VIEIRA*

2014

LUIS AMARANTE*
LENIA JACINTO*
MANUEL LAWRENCE*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
MARK NUNES
JOHN SEQUEIRA*
MANUEL VIEIRA*

2015

LUIS AMARANTE*
LENIA JACINTO
MANUEL LAWRENCE*
JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
JOHN SEQUEIRA*

2016

JOSEPH F. MACHADO
JOHN SEQUEIRA
TONY SOZINHO
MANUEL VIEIRA

2017

JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
MANUEL VIEIRA*
TONY SOZINHO*
MANUELA AVILA

2018

MICHELLE MORRIS-SILVA*
MANUEL VIEIRA*
TONY SOZINHO*

2019

MANUEL VIEIRA*
TONY SOZINHO*

2020 & 2021

MANUEL VIEIRA*
TONY SOZINHO*

2022

MANUEL VIEIRA*
TONY SOZINHO*
DAN ROCHA

2023

JOSEPH F. MACHADO*
MANUEL VIEIRA*
TONY SOZINHO*
MICHELLE MORRIS-SILVA
DAN ROCHA

2024

JOSEPH F. MACHADO
TONY SOZINHO
MANUEL VIEIRA*

2025

MANUEL VIEIRA*
TONY SOZINHO
MICHELLE MORRIS-SILVA
TINA MEDEIROS*

2026

TINA MEDEIROS
VIVALDA SILVEIRA
MANUEL VIEIRA

Referral of Membership

**is the “lifeblood” of any fraternal organization
and the DSC is just that.**

**As you look through the history of DSC Awards
which started in 1974, please recognize that each
one of these individuals proposed at least 20
members during that particular presidential term.**

**These are the SUPERSTAR’s who refer actual
names to our Part-time Field Representative’s to
become members of your local councils.**

Below are a few interesting facts to consider.

**Notice the number of DSC awards given each year
and how that has changed over the years.**

1970’s – An average of **9.6** or 10 people per year

1980’s – An average of **17.7** or 18 people per year

1990’s – An average of **7.9** or 8 people per year

2000’s – An average of **5.4** or 5 people per year

2010’s – An average of **5.6** or 6 people per year

**It is easy to see that the decade of the ‘80’s were an
outstanding period of growth for the organization.**

The highest year came during the 1987-88

**Presidential year, there were a whopping 27 people
who proposed at least 20 new policies!**

**It is certainly naïve to think that we can replicate the
types of numbers and growth we experienced during
the 1970’s and 1980’s, BUT....**

**I KNOW we can do a BETTER job than we have
been....we have to, our survival depends on it.**

**If we ALL do our part, one referral
at a time, we can continue LUSO for
decades to come**

LUSO-AMERICAN FINANCIAL – A Fraternal Benefit Society CONVENTION PHOTO SCHEDULE

**Officer Photos will be taken on
Saturday, August 1, 2026
Grand Ballroom Foyer**

- 4:15 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. Social Directors**
- 4:25 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. Outgoing and Incoming President (Adult, Youth & 20-30's)**
- 4:40 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Fraternal Directors and Line Officers**
- 6:20 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Youth Administration**
- 6:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. 20-30's Associates**
- 6:40 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open for Group Photos**

**The Convention pictures will be available to view
around September 2, 2026. A link will be placed
on our Social Media outlets and our website.**



My Notes

Event:

Date:

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