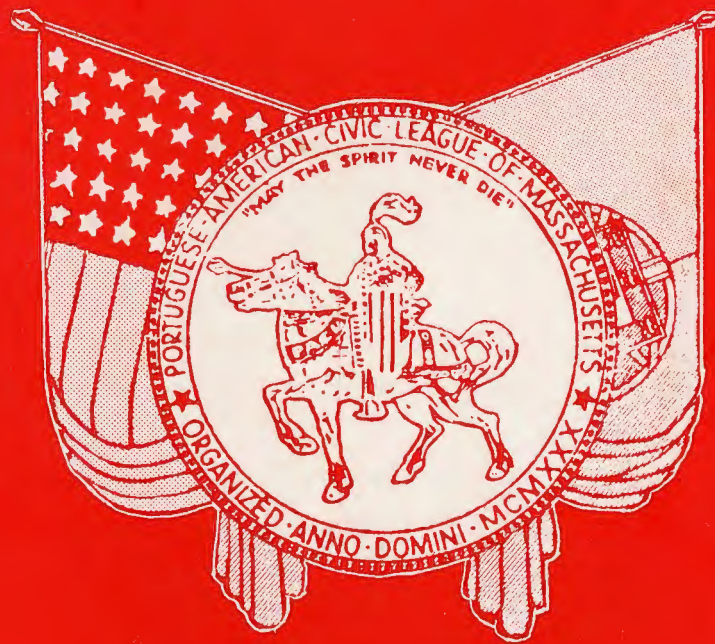


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CIVIC LEAGUE  
OF MASSACHUSETTS



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The world today is filled with men and women who are groping for identity — looking for some distinction that will set them apart from, though not necessarily above, the great conglomerate mass. The Portuguese in America and Americans of Portuguese extraction are fortunate in this respect. They belong to a group that is not too large and that has not lost its outlines — and that furthermore, enjoys a noble tradition. The Portuguese are renowned for their adventurous courage, for their willingness to work hard and their ability to work well, for their politeness and their friendliness, for their devoutness of spirit and their gaiety of heart.

The Portuguese have roots that go deep into the centuries. This is their pride and strength. Like a great tree with the sources of its life below the earth, they flourish in fair weather and they are not shaken by the storm.

But the branches of the tree wither when they are cut off from the main trunk. This is something the descendants of Portugal in America remember when they give their membership and support to the clubs, organizations and causes that keep their Portuguese identity alive and, by that fact, make them better Americans as well.

May the Spirit Never Die.

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WELCOME . . . .

As host to the 30th annual convention of the Portuguese-American Civic League of Massachusetts, we, of the "Lawrence" Ladies' and Men's councils, bid all of you attending this convention, "Welcome," to the friendliest city in the United States.

We take great pride in being affiliated with the state league, because it is this type of an Non-Partisan Civic organization participating in all civic affairs of the community, state, and nation, that is instrumental in keeping us a free people.

We are proud of the honors bestowed upon us and the committee has labored diligently in laying out a program so that your stay here may be a pleasant, enjoyable and memorable one, and last but not least, . . .

May the Spirit Never Die.

General Convention Committee

Michael Silva, Chairman

Mrs. Irene Bonacorsi, Co-chairman

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### SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Portuguese-American Civic League of Massachusetts, I am extending my sincere appreciation to the Lawrence Council for being host to our 30th annual convention.

I sincerely thank the directors and members for the fine attendance at meetings and the wonderful interest they have shown throughout the year. With this continued interest, I am sure the league will grow and advance beyond our highest expectations, both civic and educationally.

It has been a pleasure and an invaluable experience to have served as your supreme president.

"MAY THE SPIRIT NEVER DIE."

Supreme President,

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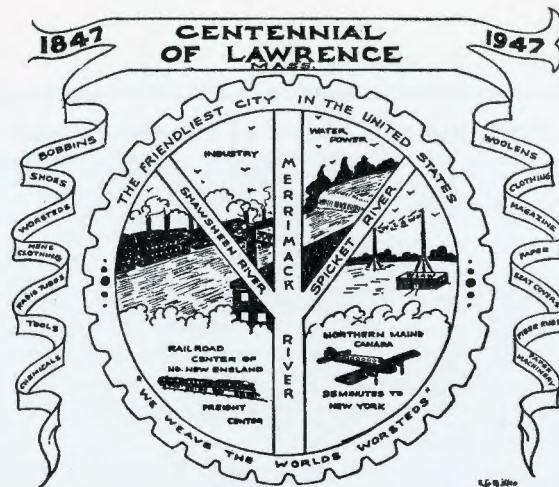
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"The Portuguese-American Civic League demonstrated the ideals, the practices and all the elements which makes for true Americanism.

It is only by the constant reiteration of the truth as we Americans conceive the truth to be, that we shall be able to maintain and advance those admirable qualities of citizenship in keeping with the inherent dignity of man."

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## LAWRENCE, MASS.

The history of our city begins in 1845, when the Essex Company began building the great stone dam across the Merrimack River to make water power. At the same time the Mills were also being constructed along the banks of the river. This community near the dam grew rapidly as people came in great numbers and from various places to work in the building of these projects. The advancement of this community made it different from the quiet neighboring towns of Andover and Methuen and for this reason the Legislature of Massachusetts on April 17, 1847 passed a law incorporating this certain territory into a town and named it "Lawrence." It received its name in honor of Abbott Lawrence, who at that time was president of the Essex Company and who had invested most of his personal fortune in building the dam and canals which made Lawrence the industrial place it is today.

The textile mills have always been the backbone of our cities industry. Even before the city was named some of the mills were in operation. Lawrence has always stood high in the manufacturing of fine worsted cloth and for this it is noted all over the world. Lawrence has many industries as well as individual enterprises - the Champion International Paper Company now known as the Oxford Paper Company makes some of the world's finest coated paper; a number of firms make shoes; several make clothing out of cloth produced here; one makes plastic and rubber articles which are shipped all over the world and many smaller firms make things that are necessary and useful in every part of life.

School and education have also played an important role in making Lawrence the thriving community she is today. At one time, only five one-room schools were within our cities boundaries - while today we have 22 public schools educating our children to become great leaders for the future.

Progress has given Lawrence good schools, modern stores, smart dress shops, new roads and splendid churches and yet the future holds more as new industries are still moving into our fair city. Yes, Lawrence has traveled far - through a great past to a rich present and with the ambition and integrity of our children today to a prosperous and promising future.

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## A Summary of the Portuguese Colony of Lawrence and the Ladies' and Men's Councils of the Portuguese-American Civic League of Mass.



The Portuguese colony in Lawrence is as old as the City. Andrew Mideros, a Portuguese barber, was already established in a barber shop at the corner of Lawrence and Common Streets and lived with his family at 1 Bradford Street in 1853, when this six year old town received its charter as a city.

Mr. John B. Sears, known as the father of the Lawrence Councils, organized the local Men's Council in 1930 with headquarters on Common Street. A year later, in 1931, the Ladies' Council was successfully organized.

Mr. Sears' and Mr. Gaiolas' advice, experience and active participation in organizational work have been invaluable in promoting friendship, education, unity and social welfare amongst our people. As a non-partisan civic association, our main activities include taking part in all civic affairs of the community, state and

nation and promoting interest in American naturalization.

The league is proud of its scholarship fund which is supported through per capita fees and the annual ball. Four scholarships are awarded annually through a competitive examination.

The Ladies' and Men's Councils take great pride in their welfare board which consists of ten members, appointed annually by the presidents. The purpose of this board is to aid the needy, guide and advise the new comers to our country from Portugal and its Islands, and, in general, to help any one in any way possible.

In 1948 a blood bank was organized which is available to all members and their families. The names, blood type, and telephone numbers of the donors are posted in the club halls.

The local councils are proud of its Junior Girls baton and drill teams and the Junior Boys Drum Corps they have had throughout the years. They have progressed rapidly under the supervision of Herman Espinola, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Flora Silva, Mrs. Theresa Campisi, Thomas Sousa, and Manuel Sousa.

Mr. Manuel Sears was elected the first president of the Lawrence Men's Council in 1931, followed by Clarence Andrews, 1932; Fred Couto, 1933-1934; Jeffrey Vasconcelos, 1935-1936; Manuel Sousa, 1937; Manuel Sears, 1938; Joseph Olivera, 1939-1940; Alvaro Gaiolas, 1941; John Rosa, 1942; Fred Couto, 1943-1947; Manuel D. Sousa, 1948-1949; Joviano G. Joaquim, 1950-1951; Jeffrey Vasconcelos, 1952-1953; John D. Joaquim, 1954; Alvaro Gaiolas, 1955; Joseph Olivera, 1956; Alvaro Gaiolas, 1957; and Michael Silva, 1958-1960.

Mrs. Jessie Espinola was the first president elected in the Ladies' Council in 1932. She also served in 1933-1934, followed by Mrs. Elsie Foley, 1935-1936; Mrs. Jessie Espinola, 1937; Mrs. Ezilda (Cardoza) Silva, 1938-1939; Mrs. Millicent Silva, 1940; Mrs. Ezilda (Cunha) Lynch, 1941-1942; Mrs. Gilda Mendonsa, 1943-1945; Mrs. Helen Sears, 1946-1947; Mrs. Mary Rose Cabral, 1948-1949; Mrs. Mildred Sousa, 1950-1953; Mrs. Isabel Vasconcelos, 1953-1954; Mrs. Gloria Enus, 1955-1956; Mrs. Alice Azvedo, 1957; Mrs. Irene Bonacorsi, 1958-1959; and Mrs. Mary Rose Picanso, 1960.

We are proud to be affiliated with the Portuguese-American Civic League of Massachusetts, and, "MAY THE SPIRIT NEVER DIE."

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### P. A. C. A. HALL

2 Saratoga Street — Lawrence, Mass.

Through the efforts of Mr. Alvaro S. Gaiolas, then president of the Men's Council in 1941, and one of the staunch supporters of the civic organization, the present headquarters at 2 Saratoga Street was purchased from the United Spanish War Veterans. Through his untiring efforts this building is still one of the nicer clubs in Lawrence. We have a bar in the basement floor, two meeting halls, kitchen and office on the first floor. A pleasant ballroom on the second floor. It has truly been a community center for the Portuguese Colony in Lawrence, and many a pleasant memory is confined within its walls for the past 19 years.

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# Our Church

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Our Church, SS Peter & Paul, had its beginning back in 1905, when it was organized by the Late Very Rev. James T. O'Reilly, O.S.A., then pastor of Saint Mary's parish. It was due to the increasing population of Portuguese residents here that Father O'Reilly realized the necessity of a church and priest to minister our needs.

Our people attended services in the old Saint Mary's Church, which is now the site of Saint Mary's Auditorium from 1905 to 1907 while SS Peter & Paul Church was under construction.

The cornerstone of the new edifice was laid September 30, 1906 by the Late William Cardinal O'Connell and on August 4, 1907 our church was dedicated.

The first pastor of our church was Rev. Paul Despouy, who remained as pastor for about eight years. During his pastorate he built the parish house next to the church. As the years gradually passed, we had a total of thirteen pastors and then on September 8, 1956, Father McCusker, who is still in charge was assigned as priest in charge of our little church.

The first couple married after the church was organized in 1905, were Anthony E. Mendonca and Ann Perpetua; and the first boy and girl baptized were Charles Pereira and Mary Motta.

The first couple married after the church was dedicated in 1907, were John Cardoso and Jacinta Sousa. The first boy and girl baptized were Frank Rodrigues and Olive Damas.

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A Message from

REV. JAMES J. McCUSKER, O.S.A.

Priest in Charge

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Lawrence, Mass.

It gives me great pleasure to extend a sincere greeting and a cordial welcome to the delegates to the thirtieth annual Convention of the Portuguese-American Civic League of Massachusetts. I am sure that they, their families and friends will be most gratified and happy that they have chosen Lawrence, "the friendly City of the Merrimack Valley" as the site of the Convention of 1960.

In these days of so much unrest, so much social upheaval and internal discord, it is indeed most refreshing and wholesome to know that there are societies and organizations such as the P.A.C.L. who are united by the bond of Christian charity and pledged to the task of assisting their fellowman in the time of need.

I assure the delegates that it will be my earnest prayer in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on September 4 that their society may advance and grow in numbers, in strength and unity of their high purpose of existence.

Again I wish you welcome, "May the Spirit Never Die," and may God bless you all.

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It is with great pride that we welcome to Lawrence the Portuguese Ambassador and his family, to the United States.

*Dr. Luis Esteres Fernandes*

We sincerely hope that his brief stay in our fair city will be a pleasant one.

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## Prince Henry, the Navigator

We would like to pause in this convention to pay homage to Prince Henry, in honor of the 500th Anniversary commemorating his death in 1460.

Prince Henry could be called the man who unlocked the door to the wide field of ocean study. It is not often realized the importance that he played in the progress and development of the world. He served as an inspiration to others with his great maritime discoveries and was chiefly responsible for the linking of the unknown world to the known world in the 15th and 16th centuries. Among many of his great missions was the rediscovery and colonization of Madeira in 1416 and the Azores in 1427. Expeditions grew in impetus the following years and even after his death the Far East and the entire coast of Brazil had been reached and explored.

From his great inspiration many Portuguese navigators, such as Magellan, helped other countries in their expeditions. It is to these great seamen, Vasco da Gama, Cabral, Dias, and many others, that we owe our vast progress in ocean navigation — the development of the great sailing vessels of today, the discovery of the importance of nautical charts and methods of navigational direction and coast line study.

It was recently stated by Professor Garrett Mattingly, a Pulitzer Prize author, that the modern world did not begin with Columbus, but actually began with the earlier voyages of Prince Henry.

Henry was also responsible for the originating of the caravel — a three-masted sailing vessel without which the far-reaching expeditions of that time would not have been accomplished. Because of his desire to explore further, he needed a ship which would be able to cope with the sea and wind much more effectively than the vessels of his time.

But the caravel's importance and popularity only lasted 50 years. It was found that a much heavier vessel of about 400 tons was needed to carry heavy cargo and to be able to cope with the ruggedness of the sea. This was called the nau and was used in Vasco da Gama's voyage to India in 1497.

The Portuguese Navy will celebrate this anniversary commemoration by paying homage to Prince Henry and the other great seamen of Portugal.

Celebrations have already been initiated in the United States with a Te Deum in the Church of the Five Wounds in San Jose, California.

In New Bedford, Massachusetts, masses in 4 churches began the commemoration on March 27.

We can sum up the greatness of this man in the words of George E. Solosky, famed news columnist:

"Henry the Navigator was a scientist rather than a politician. His services to mankind were greatest in the fields of navigation and astronomy. Unlike most rulers and politicians, what he builded can never be forgotten or destroyed."

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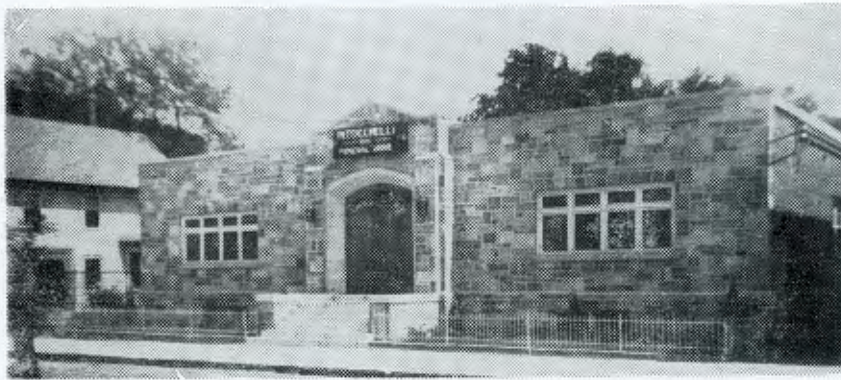
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**Saturday, September 3rd**

**REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES**

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at P.A.C.A. Hall

7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at Convention Ball

**CONVENTION BALL**

8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. — Grand March at 10:00 P.M.

Open house will be held after the ball at the Club Headquarters,  
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**Sunday, September 4th**

**REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES**

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at P.A.C.A. Hall

5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Banquet Hall

**MASS FOR DELEGATES**

10:00 A.M. at SS Peter & Paul's Church  
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**PARADE**

Parade begins at 1:00 P.M. and it will start at P.A.C.A. Hall  
Units will assemble at P.A.C.A. Hall at 12:00 Noon

**BANQUET**

6:00 P.M. at Freedman's Banquet Hall

Invocation by Rev. John McCusker, O.S.A.

Open house will be held after the banquet at P.A.C.A. Hall

**Monday, September 5th**

**BUSINESS SESSION**

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