



MANUEL
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Joseph A. Camara

TRIBUTE

Manuel Correa, son of Firmo and Julia Correa, was born on February 5, 1916 in Lowell. At the age of eight, he left Lowell and lived in Funchal, Madeira, until he was 19. On July 15, 1939, he married Zelta (Sally) Francisco, at St. Anthony's Church.

Mr. Correa Served in The Army from 1944 to 1946. He was in the 1294 Combat Engineers Battalion in the South Pacific obtaining the rank of Sargent. He received the Medal of Honor for his service. He returned to Lowell and was employed by Canada Corporation for thirty years. Mr. Correa's patriotism and pride of his Portuguese heritage lead him to joining several civic organizations such as the Walker-Roger Post #662 Veterans of Foreign Wars; Portuguese American Veterans of St. Anthony's as quartermaster; Portuguese American Civic League; and the Portuguese American Center, Inc.

Mr. Correa became involved with the Holy Ghost Society, Inc. were he served as president for fifteen years and also served on various committees. He served on the Building Committee were they worked hard and built this new building to replace the original building that was destroyed by fire. Together with his fellow committee members, Joseph Camara, Annibale Caselle, Antonio DaCosta, Frank Bettencourt and Joseph Freitas, they cosigned the loan for the building and committed themselves to running Bingo every week to eventually pay off the debt.

Mr. Correa, Throughout his life, has been a member of St. Anthony's Church and helped with the construction of the new church. In addition, he has been chairman of several feasts such as St. Anthony's , Loretto and Lady of Fatima.

Although he spent much of his time involved with the community, he also enjoyed playing soccer and was a member of the St. Anthony's Soccer Team. He was also an instructor for the Dancing Camacheiras. Now, he enjoys swimming and is involved with the St. Anthony's, Dracut and Chelmsford senior citizens.

Over the years, Mr. Correa has unselfishly devoted himself to the Portuguese community and shares the pride and patriotism of being a Portuguese American Citizen.

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Joseph A. Camara was born and raised in Lowell, Mass., son of Jose and Maria Amalia Camara. He graduated from Lowell High School and then attended Boston University ,Bachelor of Music, and continued at Boston University until he got his Master of Music Degree.

Mr. Camara is married to Patricia Freitas Camara, and has two children, Joseph A. Camara, Jr. and Mrs. Fred (Lauren) Lannon and two grandchildren, Kristi and Steven Lannon.

Mr. Camara was a member of the St. Anthony's Drum and Bugle Corps. from 1937 to 1946. During the war years (1942 to 1946) he became director until the return of Guy Janeiro in 1945 from the service. He was also director of the St. Anthony's C.Y.O Baseball and Basketball program.

Mr. Camara was a member of the Holy Name Society and also served later as President. Member of many committees of St. Anthony's Feasts, Lady of Loretto and Lady of Fatima. Served on the Building Committee of St. Anthony's Church and as an usher since 1950.

Served as a Board of Director of the P.A.M.A. Club, P.A.C.L. and Portuguese American Center. During the 1950's a group called, the Couples Club, became active in the Holy Ghost Society. They helped to change from the old system of a Land Committee and a Feast Committee into one committee, the Holy Ghost Society Committee. They began repairing and painting the old building and also becoming officers in the Society.

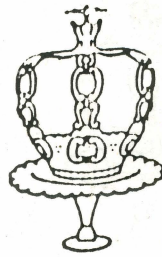
After the building burned, Mr. Camara was elected Chairman fo the Building Committee on June 15, 1965, serving until June 15, 1973, when their task of building and paying for the Building was completed.

Mr. Camara served as a Board of Director for the Holy Ghost Society for over seven years and as President for three years. He also served as General Chairman of the Society's 50th. Anniversary, Scholarship Committees and Auditing Committees.

This year, on September 27, 1998, Mr. Camara served as Banquet Chairman of the 75th. Anniversary of the Holy Ghost Society.



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HOMENAGEM



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Manuel Correa, filho de Firmo e Julia Correa, nasceu a 5 de Fevereiro de 1916 em Lowell. Aos 8 anos de idade deixou Lowell e viveu na Madeira até aos 19 anos de idade. Casou com Zelta (Sally) Francisco, em Lowell, no dia 15 de Julho de 1939, na Igreja de Santo António.

O Sr. Correa servio nas forças armadas desde 1944 ate 1946. Foi promovido a Sargento no South Pacific no 1294 Combat Engineers Battalion, onde recebeu a Medalha de Honra por esse serviço.

Quando terminou o serviço militar, voltou a Lowell e trabalhou no Canada Corporation durante 30 anos.

O Sr. Correa, envolveu-se em várias organizações cívicas e religiosas tais como; Walker-Roger Post #662 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Portuguese American Veterans of St. Anthony's, Portuguese American Civic League, Portuguese American Center, Inc. O Sr. Correa, foi Presidente da Sociedade do Divino Espirito Santo durante 15 anos e fez parte da comissão de construção do Edificio onde nos encontramos hoje. Juntamente com outros membros da mesma comissão tais como os Srs. Joseph Camara, Annibale Caselle, António DaCosta, Frank Bettencourt and Joseph Freitas, responsabilizaram-se pessoalmente pelo empréstimo feito para reconstrução do Edificio e trabalharam arduamente no Bingo durante muitos anos.

O Sr. Correa é paroquiano da Igreja de St. António e ajudou na construção da nossa Igreja. Foi presidente de vários comités de várias festas de St. António, Loretto e Sra. de Fátima.

Embora muito envolvido na Comunidade também jogou futebol para o St. Anthony's Soccer Team e foi instrutor das Camacheiras Dançantes. Agora gosta de nadar e está envolvido com os grupos de idosos de St. António, Dracut e Chelmsford.

Através dos anos o Sr. Correa dedicou todo o seu tempo á comunidade portuguesa e compartilha o seu orgulho e patriotismo com todos os Portugueses-Americanos.

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Joseph A. Camara nasceu em Lowell, filho de Jose e Maria Amalia Camara. Frequentou o Liceu de Lowell e depois a Universidade de Boston onde se doutorou em Música.

Tem como esposa Patricia Freitas Camara, dois filhos, Joseph A. Camara, Jr. e Sra. Fred (Lauren) Lannon, dois netos, Kristi e Steven Lannon.

O Sr. Camara foi membro e director do St. Anthony's Drum and Bugle Corps desde 1937 até 1946. Foi director dos grupos de Baseball e Basketball de St. António. Foi membro da Sociedade do Santo Nome onde servio como Presidente. Também foi membro de vários comités das Festas de St. António, Sra. de Fátima e Loreto.

Servio na Comissão de Construção da Igreja de St. António onde serve desde 1950.

O Sr. Camara foi director do Clube P. A. M. A. , P. A. C. L. e Portuguese American Center. Durante o ano de 1950 formaram o Couples Club e envolveu-se na Sociedade do Divino Espirito Santo, onde começaram no edificio original que mais tarde foi destruido por um incêndio.

O Sr. Camara foi presidente da Comissão de Construção deste edificio onde nos encontramos hoje desde 15 de Junho de 1965, até 15 de Junho de 1973, quando a difícil tarefa de construir e pagar por este Edificio terminou.

O Sr. Camara foi director da Sociedade do Divino Espirito Santo durante mais de sete anos e foi Presidente da mesma durante três anos. O Sr. Camara foi Presidente da Comissão organizadora da Festa das Bodas de Ouro da Sociedade e faz parte ainda hoje da Comissão de Bolsas de Estudo assim como do Conselho Fiscal.

Este ano no dia 27 de Setembro de 1998, celebrámos as Bodas de Diamante desta Sociedade onde o Sr. Camara servio como Presidente dessas festividades.