

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California, Inc.

I, _____, hereby make application for membership in the Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Club # _____

If accepted, I promise to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the State Council and Subordinate Club.

Eligibility for membership by: Birth Marriage Adoption Affiliate

Birthplace _____ Birthdate _____ Occupation _____ I am a resident of California Yes No

Present Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 20____. Signature _____

Recommended by _____

Dues for the Club \$ _____ per person per year. Approved for membership by Club # _____ Date _____

A BIT OF OUR HISTORY

The Portuguese were the first to trade with China in 1513, and opened Japan to the world in 1570. Men like Dias, de Gama, Cabral, Albuquerque, Magellan and other Portuguese seaman braved seas no European had sailed before to reach the Indies, the Spice Islands, Japan and China.

On September 28, 1542 João Rodrigues Cabrilho (anglicized to John Rodrigues Cabrillo), a Portuguese navigator sailing under the flag of Spain guided his flagship San Salvador into "a very good enclosed port" which he named San Miguel today known as San Diego. Cabrillo was the first European to set foot on the West Coast of what became the United States of America.

In 1934, a group of dedicated men from San Francisco provided a way for the name Cabrillo to be recognized in California history and not be forgotten. On December 19, 1934 a Grand Council of Cabrillo Civic Clubs was formed. These men recognized that Cabrillo was Portuguese and that they were of the same ancestry that glorified the world with its discoveries.

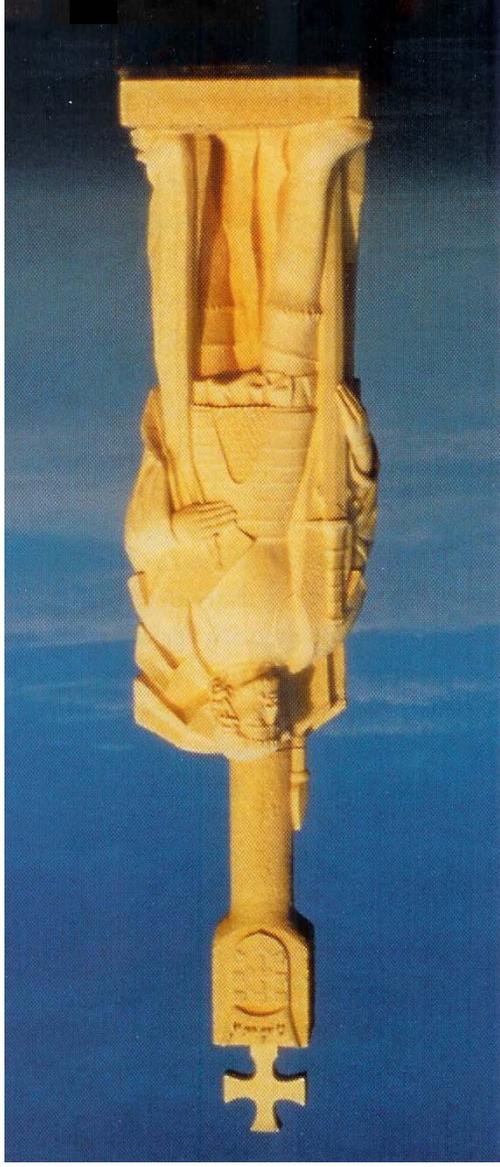
Over \$1 million donated to charities

The forefathers of the Club set forth a very demanding and substantial "Declaration of Principles" which set a goal that has been surpassed in such a way that the Club is one of the best service clubs in California. The Cabrillo Civic Clubs have generously raised funds and donated over one million dollars to the Cancer Society, Heart Fund, American Red Cross and many other worthy national and local charities.

Community leaders and volunteers

On the community level, members have been encouraged to participate in various agencies, directorships and city activities. Members volunteer their time and services to institutions, hospitals, churches, youth sports and other community programs. As a result of this volunteer work, many Cabrillo members have become accepted leaders in their various communities. Cabrillians serve their communities with pride for they know that they are not only helping their fellow man, but are giving something to the world as worthy as their compatriot, John Rodrigues Cabrillo.

Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California



What does membership mean to you?

- Monthly activities that enrich traditions
- An opportunity to meet others and share in their rich Portuguese culture
- An opportunity to encourage better education
- Pride in giving time to community services
- Strong camaraderie and good fellowship
- The opportunity to become a responsible citizen
- Belonging to an organization making a difference in the community

Over 100 Scholarships annually

Another principle of the Cabrillo Civic Clubs is to promote better education and perpetuate a scholarship program and encourage the children of future generations to obtain a college education. Throughout the year, all of the subordinate clubs participate in fund raising activities to collect thousands of dollars so that 100+ \$500 scholarships can be awarded annually.

Pride in Americanization

Americanization is also an important part of the Cabrillo Clubs. The forefathers felt that an organization like the Cabrillo Civic Clubs was needed to instill the desire of the Portuguese people to become active citizens of the United States. Throughout the years, members have distributed citizenship materials, sponsored citizenship classes and assisted in the transportation to and from classes for those who otherwise would have been unable to attend. Members have encouraged the right to vote by working at poll stations and providing voter registration materials.