

OCTOBER

12th OCTOBER: "EL PILAR"

It is the celebration in honour of this Virgin, the patron saint of Zaragoza, where we can find the cathedral of El Pilar. It is a bank holiday in Spain. She is the patron saint of " La Guardia Civil ", a kind of military police, which is only dedicated to security. Parades take place all over the country to honour the Virgin and the King and Queen of Spain are present in the military parade that takes place in Plaza Colón, Madrid. The presidents from the different autonomies in Spain are also present.

This "party" was also called " Día de la Hispanidad " because of political reasons.

In Monforte the different authorities and the " Guardia Civil " go to a solemn mass and they celebrate a party at the police headquarters.

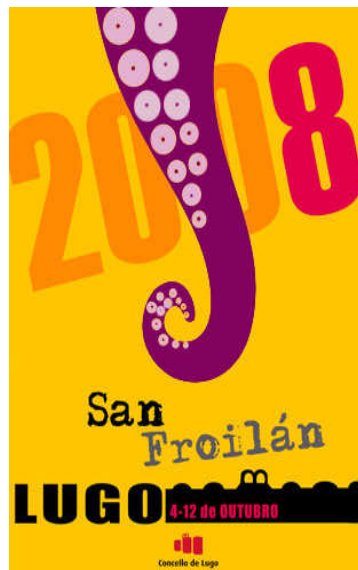


SAN FROILÁN

This is the patron saint of Lugo. San Froilán was born in Regueiro dos Hortos, Lugo, in 833 and he died in 905. He was the Bishop of Leon, in the north of Spain, from 900 to 905. He lived with an Arabian priest called Atilano and both of them founded a lot of monasteries. His relics are kept in the Cathedral of Lugo.

This party is celebrated during one week or a bit more in Lugo, 65 kms far from Monforte. Famous pop and rock groups play there, such as " El canto del loco ", " Dover ", " Melendi ", " Los Suaves " etc. It begins on 5th October and this year it is the 254th time it's been celebrated.

There is also an amateur rallie, where the pilots prepare their own cars. Young people have a good time with the attractions.



As you can see here, people eat octopus while San Froilán is celebrated