

POZOBLANCO FLAMENCO SOCIAL CLUB "AGUSTÍN FERNÁNDEZ"



This Flamenco Social Club is set in the *Old Well House, (Casa del Pozo Viejo)*.

This is one of the most iconic building in our town, because it is believed that it was the third house built in town, after the building of the *House of the Beam (Casa de la Viga)*.

It dates from the XVth century, and firstly was a big farm workers house, and having among other uses, one of the most ancient bakeries in town.

Agustín Fernández Valenzuela is the bearer and the person who gives name to the Pozoblanco Flamenco Social Club. The first Board Committee and social club founders chose this

great artist to take his name for the new Flamenco Social Club due to the fact that by those times, Agustín Fernández had been the owner of an important TV song contest in the Flamenco modality.

Since this important success, he begun a great career which has taken him to get very high levels of popularity in the flamenco world by that time. He was compared by many flamenco critics with the great *Fosforito*, according to his wisdom and artistic quality.

Alfonso Cabrera García is the member number one in the Pozoblanco Flamenco Social Club, promoter and founder of it, together with a group of friends who gathered in a Pozoblanco bar, called *El Trébol (The Clover)*, whose owner was Alfonso´s father.

BRIEF "AGUSTÍN FERNÁNDEZ" FLAMENCO SOCIAL CLUB HISTORY



In the spring of 1974, due to the founder and member number one´s interest, Alfonso Cabrera García, as well as that of other friends of him who met in the Alfonso´s bar called *El Trébol*, begin to develop the creation of a Flamenco Social Club, which gave flamenco coverage to Pozoblanco and to all the North area of the Córdoba province, because at that moment there were none in the area.

In May, the 13rd 1975, they get the consent to build a social club or association to divulge and develop Flamenco and Andalusian Folklore in Pozoblanco and North of the Córdoba province. Due to this fact, in July the 19th of the same year, they organize the first *Cante Jondo Festival* in Pozoblanco. This way, with a lot of lacks, economic deficiencies and problems, such as no having an own place to carry their activities, they start to organize Summer Festivals every year, till the year 1993 when being president another emblematic member, this is, Antonio García Sánchez, when he organizes the First Cante Jondo Contest and the Pozoblanco Flamenco Fridays are established, replacing the famous Summer Festivals, which always had turned out to be deficient.

Since 1993 till now, another activities appart from the Flamenco Fridays are celebrated, such as trips, meetings with other flamenco clubs, the 2nd Cante Jondo Contest in 2006, and the 3rd Contest in 2008/2009.

Due to the fact that the Pozoblanco Flamenco Social Club had no place for its activities during so many years, it has been wandering around long time, setting in some places handed over by the Pozoblanco Town Hall. This situation lasts till 2003 when, being president Antonio García Sánchez, Town Hall gives to the Flamenco Social Club a house to realize properly all the activities. This is the house known as the *Pozo Viejo House (Old Well House)*. An ancient farm workers house, perfectly restored, which possesses a flavour and appearance very adequate to this Flamenco Social Club and the developing of all its activities.