

LAS CANTADERAS by Jeffry Piña 2º PMAR

The Fiesta de las Cantaderas is the name given to a civil and religious ceremony that takes place in the city of León the Sunday before the San Froilán festival, which is celebrated on October 5.

The festival of Las Cantaderas in the city of León, held on the Sunday before October 5, commemorates according to a long tradition the liberation of the tribute of the one hundred maidens imposed on Christians by the emirate of Cordoba since the time of the Asturian king Mauregato (784-789) to guarantee peace in exchange for delivering one hundred young Christians annually to Muslims

Why?

A representative of the Leonese and another of the clergy meet every Sunday before the feasts of San Froilán, when the people go to the cathedral of León to make an offering to the Virgin Mary to thank the divine mediation in the Christian victory in the Battle of Clavijo, in the year 844.

