



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy
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NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
DECEMBER - 2024 NEWSLETTER
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Greetings Members,

Our Lodge has a couple ways to communicate with our members. We have a monthly newsletter and minutes. Both are emailed and the newsletter is also posted on our website. usually in the 3rd or 4th week of the month.

You may also have them mailed to you. If you would like to receive your these in the mail please let Sue know. To sign up to receive our Lodge emails please go to our website, once there, scroll down, you will notice an email sign up form. Fill it in and subscribe. Our Website address is:

<https://northhavenlodge2805.club>

Our Lodge email address is

nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com. If you have something you would like to request us to share in the newsletter, on our website, Facebook page or in an email please email Lenny at Lric56@yahoo.com or Sue at snoozie321@outlook.com

Deadline for newsletter is the 20th of the month. We also send out emails with important updates, good and welfare, and when committee meetings are scheduled.

President's Message

Looking back on this year our Lodge has a lot to be thankful for. We have held many fun and successful events. We continue to be blessed with many members willing to step up to run and work at these events. I would like to thank all of you who ran or worked at the events throughout the year. Our Lodge is successful because of our members and their willingness to volunteer and support the Lodge.

This year we also moved to a new meeting place, Hope Christian Church. I would like to thank all the members that helped us to clean, organize and move to our new location. With our new location we will have to make changes to how we do things. But we will also have new opportunities, some we might not see yet.

Our first event at Hope Christian Church was our lasagna dinner donated by Sam & Joanne. Because of their generosity the dinner was not only delicious but also a financial success.

If you are one of our many new members, I invite you to participate in our events, it's a way to meet people and make new friends. You are welcome to join any of our committees or we can start something new if you have an idea. We are always looking for new ideas and members for our committees. You can ask me or any committee member if you have any questions.

Also remember to bring a toy to the December meeting for our Community Outreach Toy Drive. See the newsletter for more information. Hope to see you at our Christmas Party our last event of the year.

If I don't see you, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Susan



Sunshine Note: If you know someone who is a member or connected to a member and would like the Lodge to send a card to that person please contact Donna at 203-239-0285



Happy Thanksgiving



**Join the Group for Dominoes.
Friday, January 17, 2025
Hope Christen Church
Only \$10.00 per person
To Reserve your spot call
Peachy at 203-239-2868**



**Happy Valentine's Day
Join your friends at a
Valentine Porchetta Dinner.
Friday, February 14, 2025
Hope Christian Church Hall**

**Porchetta, Pasta, Vegetables, Salad,
Desserts & Coffee or Tea.**

**\$25 for Members, \$30 for Non-Members
For Tickets call Frank at
203-410- 4254 or fmentonejr@comcast.net**

iMember Emails you are receiving

The Order has purchased, and we are starting to use a new Media Platform, iMember. There are many useful features including a Lodge calendar, contacts and networking. We will soon be providing access to all members. Right now, we will be starting with the email service.

For the last couple of months, you should have been receiving two emails from Susan for the Lodge. The first is from our old MailChimp service, if you subscribed, which is the problem with this service it is difficult to subscribe. The new iMember email reaches everyone who has provided us with their email address. A few members have told us that the emails are going into your spam or junk file. If you don't receive the second email please check and mark it as not junk.

You will know which is the new iMember email because it will come from the sender, right now it will come from my Susan email snoozie321@outlook.com. We hope to fully launch this email service by January 1, 2025. If you have any questions you can respond to the emails from either service and we will get you more information.

You can also contact me with any questions, thanks Susan

2nd Carnevale Di Venezia

The Grand Lodge of CT is hosting its 2nd Carnevale Di Venezia on March 1, 2025, at Anthony's Lake Club in Danbury. At our first Carnevale the Grand Lodge raised \$25,000 for Help our Military Heros. This year we are holding the event to benefit Make a Wish Connecticut, and we hope to do even better. You can use the attached flyer to purchase tickets, which cost \$135 each. In addition to a wonderful dinner there will be a champagne toast, DJ for dancing, Photo Booth, raffle and more. We also have 50/50 tickets for \$25 each. The room is limited to 200 so if you are interested don't wait. You can contact Neil at 203-239-2999 or navelleca@hotmail.com for more information



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Carnevale Di Venezia

March 1, 2025 | 6 PM - 10 PM

Anthony's Lake Club

10 Christopher Columbus Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

Proceeds to Benefit



\$135.00

SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKET(S) OR
WWW.TICKETSTRIPE.COM/CARNEVALE2025



DRESS CODE:

COSTUMES REQUESTED, MASKS ARE A MUST!
IF NEEDED, MASKS FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR!

CONTACT: EVENTSWITHKO@GMAIL.COM

Community Outreach committee report, 10/15/24

The Community Outreach committee met on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. We discussed many ideas for upcoming activities, and put the following ones in motion. We hope our Lodge members will be interested and willing to continue to support our efforts. Thank you in advance!

Christmas Toy Drive for YNHH Toy Closet

We will be collecting toys for the Toy Closet at the November 5th and December 3rd monthly meetings. **The deadline will be December 3rd**, so we can sort and deliver the toys in time for Christmas. We will also be setting up our collection boxes in the next couple of weeks at the following businesses. We thank them for their support. If anyone knows of a local business willing to house our box, please let Donna know (203-239-0285); we would love to add them to the list.

Arnold's Jewelers, T & Co. Hair Group, Hello Gorgeous Hair Studio,
Studio B, & Nick's Char Pit

And a few new ones that we are confirming

For those that are new, we collect and deliver new, unwrapped toys for the Toy Closet. The Toy Closet is a program that ensures all pediatric patients that visit Yale New Haven and affiliated hospitals receive a toy upon discharge. This is for all patients, no matter the income level or length of stay. The toys should be small to medium in size, so they will fit in the closets, and any necessary batteries should be supplied with the toy.

Upcoming Winter Activities Being Finalized

We will also be cooking dinners for the Fisher House CT in West Haven. They provide temporary lodging for families of veterans that are receiving inpatient treatment at either the VA Hospital or YNHH at VA expense. We are hoping to do this in February - More info to come.

An opportunity has come our way to support the VA Hospital outpatient patients. This will entail collecting snacks for distribution to veterans after their outpatient appointments as they leave the facility. Again, we will have more details next month. Other ideas that will be explored is a pet food collection for Animal Haven, and another collection for 'RKids – stay tuned!

Reminder – our ongoing used sneaker collection is still happening! Please bring any used, bagged sneakers that you no longer need to our monthly meetings. Judy Feather will continue to ship them to Got Sneakers for recycling. The Lodge earns a few dollars for this, but more importantly it is a great way to keep these items out of the landfills! Thanks to everyone in the Lodge for your ongoing support! Please contact us with any ideas for future activities or if you would like to join our committee!

Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397)

Donna Casciello, Georgianna Hull, Charlene Logan, & Regina Najarian