



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy
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NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
JANUARY - 2025 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING JANUARY 7TH

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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>

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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

Happy New Year!

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and you are looking forward to the New Year.

We need to start planning our 2025 calendar. Right now, we only have January Dominoes and a Valentine's Dinner scheduled for February. We need your input and help in planning the rest of our social calendar. I will be announcing a Social Committee meeting soon. Please make time to join us and help with the planning. We have had a lot going on over the past couple of years and we want to keep it going. That can only happen with your help

We will also be sending out the dues' notices in the mail. To renew your dues is \$45.00 per person and student, senior (age 80 and over) are \$25.00. They can be returned either by US Mail or you could bring it to a meeting. The deadline for paying without penalty is the March 4th Lodge Meeting.

Check the newsletter for more information, let's get your 2025 calendar ready for the new year.

I want to wish you a Happy and Safe New Year!

See you at the meetings.

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

2025 Sons & Daughters of Italy Social Calendar

Update as of 12-20-24

Friday	1/17/2025	Dominoes
Friday	2/14/2024	Valentine Supper Porchetta
Friday	4/10/2025	Movie Night
Thursday	5/22/2025	Distinguished Citizen
Saturday	5/24/2025	Memorial day Parade
Saturday	6/14/2025	Horse Racing
Sunday	7/13/2025	Hartford Yard Goats
Friday	7/1/2025	Movie Night
Friday	9/12/2025	Whist
Sunday	9/14/2025	Picnic
Sunday	9/21/2025	Golf Outing



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

Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Best wishes for the New Year!

Ronald McDonald House of CT – Meals from the Heart

We once again prepared a dinner at the Ronald McDonald House of CT, in support for the family members residing there as their children are healing at Yale New Haven Hospital. This happened on Wednesday, November 20th, and we cooked chicken soup with rice or pasta, provided fresh rolls with butter and a large tray of assorted cookies. As per the attached photo, the participants were (left to right) Donna Casciello, Regina Najarian, Judy Feather, Georgianna Hull, Charlene Logan and Denise Mazzotta Krause. It was a great success!

Christmas Toy Drive for YNHH Toy Closet

Thank you everyone for helping us with another successful toy drive! We will be delivering everything in mid-December - Pictures will be included in next month's newsletter.

Winter Activities

Fisher House CT

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. Our scheduled date for this is Tuesday, February 11th. This date is subject to change due to weather, and the menu is to be determined based on how many families we cook for. More details to follow.

VA Hospital West Haven

An opportunity has come our way to support the VA Hospital outpatient patients. It has come to our attention that many veterans arrive early in the morning for outpatient services, and leave these services without eating. We met the leader of the **Dept. of CT VFW Auxiliary**, who has initiated a support team that hands out snacks to these hungry veterans before they leave the hospital. Donna was witness to how appreciative the veterans were to receive these snacks.

While this group does not need our manpower to help distribute the snacks, they would love some assistance with procuring the snacks. Our committee discussed this, and is hoping we could ask our members for assistance with this. We would like to collect contributions of single serving wrapped snacks (i.e. boxed single serving wrapped granola bars, peanut butter crackers, chips, etc.) to then distribute to the VFW Auxiliary to assist in their work. We hope you all agree this is a great way to help our Veterans. Please bring anything you can donate to the January 7th and/or the February 4th meetings. We will collect store and distribute them in February.

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



Pictured in Photo,
the participants
were
(left to right)
Donna Casciello,
Regina Najarian,
Judy Feather,
Georgianna Hull,
Charlene Logan
and
Denise Mazzotta
Krause

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