



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy  
Lodge 2805  
P.O. Box 193, North Haven, CT 06473

**NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805**  
**FEBRUARY - 2025 NEWSLETTER**  
**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 4**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lric56@yahoo.com) or Sue at [snoozie321@outlook.com](mailto:snoozie321@outlook.com)

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

# President's Message

Welcome to Winter!

As I write this it's 9° outside, hopefully it's warmer when you receive this newsletter!

As we move into February, we have brought back our Porchetta Valentines Dinner. It will be on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Hope Christian Church. You will find more information in the newsletter.

This February also brings us to lodge elections which are held every 2 years. I have named our three Presidents Denise as chairperson, Lenny & Neil as our nominating committee. Even if you are a new member, there are positions that you can fill to start to get involved in our Lodges future. If you want more information about what you can do, please contact any of the committee members or you can contact me. There is also more information in the newsletter.

The CT Grand Lodge is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Carnevale on March 1<sup>st</sup>, there are details in the newsletter. They are selling tickets to the event \$135 and also 50/50 raffle tickets at \$25 each or 5 for \$100. They are only selling a maximum of 300 tickets, contact Neil for more information about the event or how to purchase 50/50 tickets. Our Lodge is also donating a basket for the raffle. If you would like to help, there is a list of items in the newsletter that you can donate.

Don't forget to mail in your due's payment or you can bring the payment to the February or March meeting. All members were mailed dues notice either by email or US Mail. If you did not receive one, there is a copy in the newsletter, or you can ask Sueann or I and we will get you one.

Hope to see some of you at the February 4th meeting.

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**



North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805  
2025 Membership Dues Bill

Make Checks Payable to:  
North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805  
Due Date before or on March 4, 2025

**To Renew Dues is \$45.00 per person  
Student, or Senior Dues (age 80 and over) are \$25.00**

Please Return this form with your Full Payment

If you have any Questions or concerns please contact SueAnn Mentone-203-710-4186 or Sue Velleca 203-239-2999

**Please provide your Phone number and email address:**

This information will help us keep our Lodge records up to date.

Name:		Amount Due
Phone:	email:	
Name:		
Phone:	email:	
Total Due		

If you have moved, please put your new address on the back side of this form.

Also use back of form if needed for additional members

**You can pay at our monthly meetings or Mail payment to:**

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805  
Attn: SueAnn Mentone  
P.O. Box 193  
North Haven, CT 06473

*Please pay before March 4, 2025 we don't want to lose you as a member.*

# 2025 Sons & Daughters of Italy Social Calendar

Update as of 1-29-24

**\*\*Date Change\***  
**Saturday February 15 2025**

**Valentines Porchetta  
Supper**

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
August	TBD	Murder Mystery
Friday	9/12/2025	Whist
Sunday	9/14/2025	Picnic
Sunday	9/21/2025	Golf Outing
Sunday	10/5/2025	Fashion Show

## How You Can Help!

***We need members to lead or help with some of the above events. To find out more talk to Frank at the meeting or give him a call. 203-410-4254.***

***New Fundraising Event - If you have a desire to become an actress or actor, we need you to take a part in our upcoming Murder Mystery Dinner.***

***To Learn more talk Lenny or give me a call 203-507-6509***

***Join us at a meeting to plan our Next Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mentone's - Call frank***



**Happy Valentine's Day**  
**Join your friends at a**  
**Valentine Porchetta Dinner.**  
**Saturday February 15 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

# Community Outreach Committee

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> and/or the February 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Carnevale Di Venezia**

The Grand Lodge of CT is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hero's. 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](mailto:navelleca@hotmail.com) for more information

Also Our lodge will be providing a raffle basket for the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America event Carnevale Di Venezia on March 1st. We are asking members to donate items for our Movie Night themed basket and bring them to the February meeting. Suggestions include microwaveable popcorn, candy, snacks, CD movies, small beverages, pasta and sauce to make a dinner or any items that seem appropriate. If anyone would like to donate even a few dollars we could purchase movie and pizza gift card



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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](http://WWW.TICKETSTRIPE.COM/CARNEVALE2025)  
[WWW.TICKETSTRIPE.COM/CARNEVALE2025](http://WWW.TICKETSTRIPE.COM/CARNEVALE2025)



**DRESS CODE:**

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

CONTACT: [EVENTSWITHKO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EVENTSWITHKO@GMAIL.COM)