



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy
Lodge 2805
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NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
APRIL - 2025 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING APRIL 1

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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

Hi Everyone,

Spring is here and it's time to get out and enjoy!

Our committees have started to work on this year's larger events. First, the Distinguished Citizen Dinner will be on Wednesday, May 21st. We will be honoring one of our members, Nathan Vestal. Nathan is one of our original members and has held different positions in our Lodge. He is also the first one to help when something needs to be done. Please consider joining us to support Nathan. If you are not able to join us that evening, you could honor him by putting an ad in the Ad book. We will also be honoring Vincent Candelora and Raymond Ciarleglio.

Our other larger events are the Car Show which will be in August, Golf Outing will be in September, and the Fashion Show in October. These committees have started to meet, and everyone is invited to join a committee. Check the newsletter for more information.

We have had a great response to paying our dues this year. Some members are still missing but there is still time if you haven't paid. If you have a financial problem, please let me know, I'm sure we can work something out, everything will be confidential. We don't want to lose any member.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on April 1.

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 Social Calendar Updates Monthly

Saturday	3/29/2025	Porchetta Dinner
Wednesday	5/21/2025	Distinguished Citizen Dinner
Saturday	5/24/2025	Memorial Day Parade
Saturday	6/14/2025	Horse Race Game
Sunday	7/13/2025	Hartford Yard Goats Game
Friday Evenings	July + August	Bocce League Play
Saturday	8/9/2025	Car Show
Sunday	9/14/2025	Lodge Family Picnic
Sunday	9/21/2025	Golf Outing
Friday	10/25/2025	Murder Mystery Dinner
Sunday	10/5/2025	Fashion Show

How You Can Help!

Please join us at the next committee meeting. We will be discussing the following upcoming events and more. If your interested in helping plan any of these events please come and join us.

Date to be Announced

1. Public speaker events
2. Distinguished Citizen Dinner
3. Car show
4. Mystery Dinner
5. Movie night
6. Comedy night
7. Fashion Show

Questions, call Frank at 203-410-5254

Annual Horse Races Event



**Saturday June 14th 6pm
\$20.00 per person
includes Meal and Admission**

**Races are \$2.00
per horse per race**

**St. Andrew's, Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart
of Northford.**

**Where Rt22 and Rt17 intersect, 1382 Middletown Ave, Northford
Cold Subs, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Green Salad, Coffee, Soda, Water**

Please sign up to bring a dessert

Tickets on Sale at Lodge meetings

**Contact Donna @203 239-0285 or Sharon 203-234-0215 or
Lric56@yahoo.com**

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 soon. 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

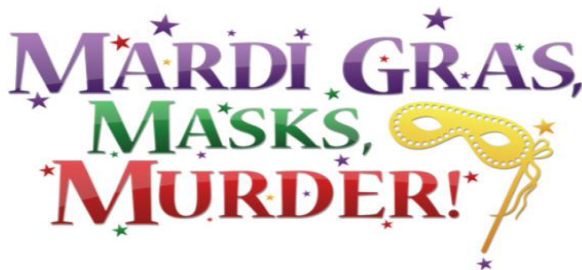
Would you like to share something with your Lodge in a 10-to-20-minute presentation after a lodge meeting

Overview

At our monthly meetings we would like to line up some speakers from time to time. The speaker can be a member or an outside individual. Below is a summary of some of the topics. Al and Michelle Clemente have volunteered to chair this committee. If you would like to join this committee, would like to be a speaker or know someone who would like to speak please contact Al or Michelle Clemente at albertclemente@gmail.com or see them at the Lodge meeting.

Generally accepted topics include the following:

1. A past Lodge Event
2. Health related matters
3. An historical event
4. Growing up in North Haven or another surrounding community
5. A person of prominence that greatly contributed to our country or their religious faith
6. A noteworthy person or group that preserves Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage
7. A noted composer, musician or singer
8. A science related matter
9. A unique engineering or structural design
10. Italian immigration into the United States
11. New Haven Wooster Square.
12. Southern Italian Religious Societies.



Scheduled for October 25th

We need a minimum of 19 people to run this correctly. (9 performers, 1MC, + 5 to prepare + serve dinner + 4 for props and decorations.) There are 16 optional parts.

There are 25 to 30 investigating parts so all guests can dress in a costume if you choose to do so. I can expand that if necessary. Price to be determined.

To Learn more talk to Lenny at meeting or give me a call 203-507-6509 or email Lric56@yahoo.com

SPONSORSHIP FORM

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2025 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner



HONOREES

State Representative, Vincent Candelora

Raymond Ciarleglio

Nathan Vestal

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Woodwinds,

29 School Ground Road, Branford, CT.

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TICKET REQUEST FORM

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\$55.00 Per Person

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Community Outreach Committee News

Hello everyone! Our committee is having a busy spring/summer! Here is the latest -

Animal Haven of North Haven

As announced at the February 4th meeting, our next initiative is to collect pet food and supplies for the Animal Haven. They are a local, no-kill shelter; their info can be found at <https://theanimalhavenct.org> and our member Charlene Logan is one of their volunteers.

Our committee knows that we ask for great deal from our members, so we decided we would change it up a bit. We are going to hold a **raffle for our members**, and the entry fee will be the pet food and supplies! The raffle will have 3 gift cards for prizes - \$50, \$25, and \$15. The raffle will be active at the April and May meetings. We will hold the raffle and distribute the prizes at the end of the May meeting (May 6th). So, clip those coupons, and start buying pet stuff- Our sheltered furry friends will thank you!

Easter Baskets for "R Kids

Our committee is busy shopping for Easter Baskets for 15 children in the "R Kids system. Their info can be found at <https://rkids.org>. They will each get a basket with candy and a toy or t-shirt, depending on their age. Thanks to all that donated to help us offset the cost of this. It is looking like it will all be covered from member and committee donations! The baskets will be assembled and delivered to the organization within the second week of April.

Red Cross Blood Drive

We are proud to announce that we are once again sponsoring a Blood Drive! It will be held at Hope Christian Church, thanks to the giving spirit of Pastor Jim. **The date is Monday June 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We have committed to the Red Cross that we would provide the volunteers that day, as we have in the past. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours, or helping to provide small hand-held baked goods, please let Denise know. And for all that are blood donors, please look for our drive online and register for it.

Christmas in July Toy Drive for YNHH

More details to follow on dates, etc., but keep in mind that we will be collecting again. If you have any ideas for local businesses that we can request to house a collection box, please let us know. We will be happy to reach out to them.

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

Charlene Logan

Georgianna Hull

Regina Najarian