



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
SEPTEMBER - 2025 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 2

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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

Happy Fall!

We have a very busy fall coming up. There are a lot of things planned, and we are busier than we have been in years, and that's a good thing! Come and join the Bocce finals on 9/5/25 at Elk's in Hamden. Our matches usually have some excitement, but we mostly have laughs. We also have some fun events coming up.:

Blood Drive, Wednesday, September 3rd , Military Whist, Friday, September 12th Movie Night, Friday, September 19th Golf Tournament, Sunday, September 21st we still need help if you are able. Bus Trip to Federal Hill, Saturday, September 27. Fashion Show, Sunday, October 5, Heritage Month Activities throughout October. Grand Lodge Columbus Luncheon November 9th. Murder Mystery Night is on November 14th

Please look in the newsletter for more details on each of these events. We have many members spending a lot of time bringing these activities to your lodge. Please try and support them by joining a committee or coming to the events. This is how you meet people and make new friends, and isn't that part of the reason you joined in the first place? See you at the meeting on September 2nd.

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 albertrclemente@gmail.com or see them at the Lodge meeting.

Bocce 2025

We will start the Bocce season on July 11th. We have eight teams. There will be two sessions 6:15 and 6:45. I am going to ask that everyone please arrive at least a few minutes early, so we can ALL start on time!!! Captains—please collect the fees (\$15 for lodge members and Elks members-and \$25 non lodge members)for your team and turn in to me 1st or 2nd week of Bocce. I have appointed these people as Captains—please let me know if there are changes. I will alert Captains for any cancellations! So Captains— please make sure you have contact info for your team members.

Sally Gill

Matt Gill

Kathy Kelsey

Anna Simeone

Mark Defranco

Angela Vitti

Larry Logan

Denise Krause

. We will be playing again at the Hamden Elks.

Any questions please let me know (Sally Gill 203-645-8177).

I am looking forward to another fun season!

2025 Social Calendar Updates Monthly

Friday Evenings	Begins July 11	Bocce League Play
Friday	9/12/2025	Military Whist
Friday	9/19/2025	Movie Night
Sunday	9/21/2025	Golf Outing
Saturday	9/27/2025	Bus Trip Federal Hill, Rhode Island
Sunday	10/5/2025	Fashion Show
Friday	10/17/2025	Fried Dough Night
Friday	11/14/2025	Murder Mystery Dinner

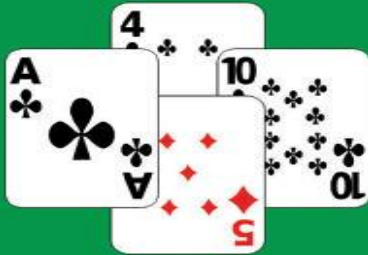
How You Can Help!

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 of next meeting will be announced soon.

Questions, call Frank at 203-410-5254

WHIST



Military Whist

Friday September 12, 2025

Doors Open at 6:15

Game begins at 7:00

Hope Christian Church

211 Montowese Ave.

North Haven

Dessert & Beverages

Raffle and Prizes

\$12.00 per peson

Call Anna at

203-710-5004



Pizza, Popcorn, Salad, Dessert and a movie with and Friends!

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy

Friday September 19, 2025 7 PM

Hope Christian Church

211 Middletown Ave North Haven

Only \$15 per person

Desserts Welcomed!

NONNAS



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Lodge 2805

MARDI GRAS, MASKS, MURDER! **Mystery &** **Dinner**

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Dessert

\$15.00 for Members - \$20.00 for non-Members

Friday November 14, Doors open at 6:00 pm. Show starts at 6:30.

Seating is Limited! All Acting Rolls are taken.

All guests can participate in solving the mystery.

For Tickets come to September meeting

or Contact Lenny or Sharon for tickets

203-507-6509 or Lric56@yahoo.com

Held at Hope Christian Church



Fried Dough Pizza Night

Friday, October 17, 2025, 6:00PM



Featuring Mark Hehl

Talking about growing up as an Italian American

also Featuring Al Clemente

with a musical presentation

Enjoy a fun evening.

2 Fried Dough pizzas, Salad, Beverages, Coffee and Dessert.

6:00 PM

Hope Christian Church

211 Montowese Avenue, North Haven

Only \$15 per person.

For Entertainment and Supper

For tickets call SueAnn at 203-710-4186

_____ # of Golfers @ \$165.00 each

1. Name
Street.....
City, State, Zip.....
Phone.....
Email.....

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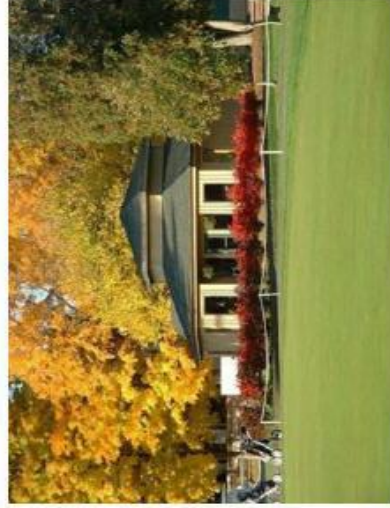
_____ Please assign me to a foursome

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

**North Haven Sons & Daughters
Of Italy**

PO Box 193
North Haven, CT 06473
(203) 239-2999



**Sunday
September 21, 2025**

To Be Held At;

Hunter Golf Club

**688 Westfield Road
Meriden, CT 06450
203-634-3366**

www.huntergolfclub.com

Outing is held Rain or Shine

Cancellation of event for any reason is
made at the discretion of the Course
Superintendent



7TH ANNUAL

**North Haven Sons &
Daughters of
Italy Lodge 2805**

**Richard M. DeCrosta
Memorial Golf Tournament**
In Memory of All Departed Members
of our Lodge

**A Portion of the Proceeds
To benefit
The Epilepsy Foundation
Of Connecticut**

Golf Tournament

The Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805, Richard M. DeCrosta, Memorial Golf Tournament

This year our 7th Annual Richard M. DeCrosta Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on September 21st. The outing will be held at the Hunter Golf Club in Meriden and the cost per golfer is \$165.00. If you don't golf, we also have other ways you can help. Ask businesses you deal with to do a Tee sponsor for \$50 or a contest sponsor for \$100. Check out the flier for more details. You can also help by donating something for our raffle and we are in the need of empty baskets. If you would like to volunteer, we have many opportunities to help. If you would like more information, you can contact Brendan by email at blogan629@yahoo.com

Registration: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch 12:00 pm

Tee Time: 1:00 pm (Shotgun)

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Cost: \$165.00 per player

**Registration fees must be received
by September 7, 2025**

Day of Golf Includes...

RANGE BALLS

GREENS FEES & CART

LUNCH - HOTDOGS/HAMBURGERS

BEER/WATER/SODA AT TURN

**DINNER
(Italian Buffett)**



To: Family, Friends, Lodge Brothers & Sisters:

The North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is a part of the Order Sons of Italy in America, which is the largest national organization for Americans of Italian descent in the country. We have local lodges throughout the State of CT and across the country. We invite you to join us at our 5th annual golf outing.

Our Lodge has given away over \$175,000.00 since our inception in 2004. Our Scholarship program gives scholarships to a deserving young graduate from area High Schools.

The Scholarships are only a part of our Charitable giving. We also give to many Local and National Charitable organizations. All our Lodges Philanthropic efforts would not be possible without your support of this event and all events held by our Lodge.

Games & Prizes

Lowest Group Score for 1st & 2nd

Hole in one for \$1,000

Men's & Women's Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

Putting Contest

*** SPONSORSHIP ***

Check any that may apply:

- ☐ Unable to attend, but would like to make a donation..... \$ _____
- ☐ Lunch-Only Attendee..\$ 20.00
- ☐ Dinner Only Attendee..\$ 40.00
- ☐ Lunch & Dinner Attendee \$50.00
- ☐ Donation of Raffle Prize (item) ...

- ☐ Tee Sponsor..... \$ 50.00
- ☐ Longest Ball Sponsor...\$ 100.00
- ☐ Closest to Pin Sponsor..\$ 100.00

*Please Specify Sponsor
Name/Phone/Email:*

"We have only 6 weeks to our Fashion Show. Please ask your relatives, friends and acquaintances to buy a ticket. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. This includes a wonderful buffet brunch prepared by Woodwinds Banquet Facility, Branford. The fashions are provided by Carol's Creations, North Haven. Carol always delights us with her various selections in clothing and accessories. And, don't forget our selection of raffle items. Always a big hit with the crowd. So come join us on Sunday, October 5th, from 11:30 to 3:30. Contact Regina at 203-376-8524 or Georgianna at 203-988-8006 for tickets."



The North Haven
Sons and Daughters of Italy

13th Fall Fashion Show and Buffet
Honoring Italian Heritage Month

Woodwinds

29 School Ground Road
Branford, CT



*11:30 am
to
3:30 pm*

*Reserve Your
Table Now*

*Credit Card
Bar Only*

*Sunday
October 5th*

*Advanced
Tickets Only*

*\$55 per
Ticket*

View Fashions for the Fall and Holiday

Carol's Creations
Clothing-Jewelry-Accessories

Contact Regina
Committee Chairperson
203-376-8524

www.northhavenlodge2805.club

Contact Georgianna
Committee Chairperson
203-988-8006

Bus Tour to Federal Hill R.I.

Saturday, September 27, 2025



Members : \$70 p/p Non Members: \$80.p/p

Money is for bus transportation only. food and Gondola are on your own.

Deposit due: 7/2/25 \$10. To hold your spot.

Balance due : 8/5/25 at lodge meeting. If not at meeting all money must be in by8/15/25.

Send check to: Bus Trip Attn. SueAnn Mentone, P.O. BOX193, NORTH HAVEN,CT 06473

Make checks payable to: Sons and Daughters of Italy #2805



(Delightful Journey)

Our most economical package, the *Viaggio Dilettevole* allows guests to experience an enticing taste of the gondola experience without the issue of exceedingly long waits for large groups. This package consists of 20 - minute trips along the Riverwalk in Providence, offering up to 24 passengers at one time the opportunity to enjoy the sites and sounds of the city on our four authentic Venetian gondolas (six passengers per boat.) The trip is always made complete by a little singing from your gondolier.

Rates

Per gondola: \$120,or Per person: \$22 *Prices include all taxes, as well as gratuity for your gondoliers. Credit card payments will be subject to a small processing fee.*

Below is the waver for the gondola that must be signed and sent in order to participate.

<https://fareharbor.com/waivers?shortname=gondolari&bookingUuid=05c611a3-90e1-4437-9845-25329b2a31a3&source=copy-link>

Community Outreach News

Hello everyone! Happy summer

Christmas in July Toy Drive for YNH

On August 7th, we delivered a truckload of toys to the Yale New Haven Toy Closet Program (see photo). These toys were collected via our monthly Lodge meeting, collection boxes in community businesses and a collection drive on the North Haven Green. The Yale New Haven Toy Closet Program distributes toys to every child that is discharged from one of their hospitals. We would like to thank everyone that donated toys to make this "Christmas in July" drive a success! We would also like to thank Arnold's Jewelers, Nick's CharPit and Terrace of Beauty for housing our collection boxes.

Red Cross Blood Drive – September 3, 2025

Please spread the word! We are hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd from 1:00 – 6:00 pm at Hope Christian Church (where we hold our monthly meetings). If you are able to donate blood, please register soon at <https://redcrossblood.org>. If you know of family and/or friends that are regular donors, please tell them about this event. Feel free to print the attached flyer and ask your local hair or nail salon, barbershop or favorite restaurant to post it. We would love to double the number of donors that we had for our June Blood Drive, and the best way to do that is to notify as many people as possible. Thanks!

Gently used clothing drive for 'RKids

We also delivered a carload of clothes and school supplies to "RKids on August 15th. These supplies and clothes were donated by the generous members of our Lodge over the past few months (see photo). The organization was very appreciative, and we send a big thank you to all that donated. But, please remember, this is an ongoing need, so we will continue to collect gently used clothing. So please continue to remember us! "RKids Family Center, (<https://rkidsct.org/>) supports at risk families and children in foster care.

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! We will be meeting again on August 25th to create a calendar of our Fall initiatives.

Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397)

Donna Casciello

Charlene Logan

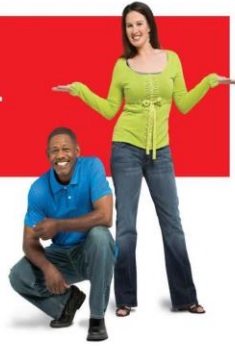
Georgianna Hull

Regina Najarian

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



American
Red Cross



Blood Drive Sponsored by No Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy

Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave, North Haven

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd

1:00 – 6:00 pm

Make your appointment today!

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

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