



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
DECEMBER - 2025 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 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

President Message

As we enter the holiday season, our lodge has so much to be thankful for. We have held many fun and successful events, and 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. The success of our Lodge is due to one reason, our members and their willingness to volunteer and support the Lodge. In addition, our members have always worked together with a positive attitude in our meetings and during our events.

Our membership has grown a little over 2025, we were able to replace members that did drop out, and we are now at 151 members. 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.

It will soon be time for payment of our dues. The dues will be the same as last year at \$45.00. Please completely fill out the dues notices this is so we have everyone's updated information including phone numbers. 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

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2026 Membership Dues Bill

Make Checks Payable to:

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

Due Date before or on March 6, 2026

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

Sue 203-239-2999

Please provide your Phone number and email address:

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

Please check the box on right if you do not want to share your contact info: ☐

Add Note: _____

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

Please Mail payment to:

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

Attn: SueAnn Mentone

P.O. Box 193, North Haven, CT 06473

You may also bring payment to the January, February or March Meetings.

Please pay before March 6, 2026 we don't want to lose you as a member.

A \$15.00 late fee may be charged to anyone who pays dues after March 6, 2026

2026 Tentative Social Calendar

Updates Monthly

How You Can Help!

Activities meetings are held every couple months. They are usually held on Monday. All are invited to attend to either join one of our committees or if you have new ideas for an additional activity during the 2026 you are more than welcome to express it.

Questions, call Frank at 203-410-5254

Friday	1/16/26	Dominoes
Friday	2/13/26	Valentine Supper Porchetta
		Corned Beef & Cabbage
Saturday	3/21/2026	Membership Drive
Friday	4/10/26	Movie Night
Wednesday	5/20/26	Distinguished Citizen
Saturday	5/23/26	Memorial day Parade
Friday	6/19/2026	Bocce Starts
Saturday	6/20/26	Music & Game Night
Saturday	8/8/26	Car Show
Saturday	8/15/26	Car Show (rain Date)
Friday	9/11/2026	Military Whist
Sunday	9/20/26	Golf Outing
Sunday	10/4/26	Fashion Show
October	HERITAGE MONTH	dates to be determined
Saturday	10/24/2026	Murder Mystery
Sunday	11/8/26	State Dinner
Sunday	12/6/26	Christmas party



imember Information

Everyone should have received a link to access our imember program, and it looks like most of you have at least opened the email. If you did not get it, go to the following address, www.imembersdb.com Once there follow the directions below.

1. Press the Forgot/Reset Password.
2. A window will open, type in your login name (email address) and press reset password.
3. A new window will open from imember. If you don't see it, check your junk mail, that's where mine went. This page will direct you on how to reset your password.
4. Enter your new password and follow the instructions to allow you to access the program.

Once you sign on, click the My Lodge tab and look around, we are trying to upload relevant information for your reference. For example, if you go into Lodge Files there is a public and secure tab. The public tab has information that anyone can access. The Secure tab holds information just for members, such as. Our By-Laws, Original Charter Application, as well as other business documents.

We are all learning this system together so it will take some time to fully upload all information so keep checking back. If you have any questions, you can contact Neil at navelleca@hotmail.com.

Lodge Polo Shirts

For the first time, in a long time we are selling lodge shirts. Order forms will be available at the November & December meeting; there is also one in the newsletter. We will also be offering Zip Up Hooded Sweatshirts. Deadline for ordering is the December lodge meeting, and payment is due with the order.

North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805			
Shirt Order Form			
Name;			
Tel. #			
Polo Shirt			
Size	Number	Unit Cost	Polo Shirt Total
XS		\$35.00	
S		\$35.00	
M		\$35.00	
L		\$35.00	
XL		\$35.00	
2XL		\$37.00	
3XL		\$39.00	
4XL		\$41.00	
5XL		\$43.00	
6XL		\$45.00	
Hooded Full Zip Sweatshirt			
Size	Number	Unit Cost	Sweatshirt Total
XS		\$51.00	
S		\$51.00	
M		\$51.00	
L		\$51.00	
XL		\$51.00	
2XL		\$53.00	
3XL		\$55.00	
	Total Due: Paid in Full at the time of order		
	Paid	CK #	
		Cash	

Order & Pay at the meeting or mail form and payment to
NHSDI PO Box 193, North Haven CT 06473

The Murder Mystery Characters

From left to right

Angela, Karen, Linda, Gale, Georgianna, Richy,
Tony, Maria, Michelle, Matt, Sharon, Sammy,
Joya, Joanne, Al, Lenny





Lodge Christmas Party.

Biagettis Restaurant, 77 Campbell Ave, West Haven

Sunday December 7, 2025 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Dinner is \$43:00 for members \$48:00 for non members.

Dinner choices 1 per person

Must receive payment by the December 2nd Meeting

- Prime Rib of Beef
- NY Strip w/Mushroom Ajus.
- Baked Stuffed Shrimp.
- Veal Parmigiana.
- Veal Ricardo
- Stuffed Filet of Sole
- Broiled Scrod
- Chicken Parmigiana.
- Chicken Ricardo

Entree's Include : Soup of the Day, House Salad. Garlic Bread, Pasta Potatoes, Vegetables, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert

Tax & Gratuity Included.

Please pick your choice of meal and sign up at the meeting or contact Donna 203-239-0285 .

Hello to everyone from the Community Outreach Committee. We have been busy finalizing the collections that we planned this Fall, and, because of all of you, they were very successful! We ask and you all generously come through – we are truly thankful for that! Please remember the final one of the season – the toy drive as described below:

Toy Drive for YNHHS Toy Closet Program

Please be reminded that we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Yale New Haven Toy Closet at the December 2nd meeting. Thanks to all that have already donated. For those new to this endeavor, this is a program that the Yale New Haven Hospital System has run for many years. ALL children that are discharged from the hospital are given a new toy. This ranges from infants to teens.

If you can't be at the meeting, but wish to donate, please contact one of the committee members listed below. Additionally, we have collection boxes at the following local businesses. Feel free to drop your donation at one of them by December 11th. They are, in alphabetical order:

Arnold's Jewelers – 117 Wahington Avenue, No Haven
Hello Gorgeous Hair Studio – 460 Washington Avenue, North Haven
Nick's Char-Pit – 22 Middletown Avenue, North Haven
Studio Be Performing Arts Studio – 117 Washington Avenue, North Haven
Surge Fitness Center – 117 Washington Avenue, North Haven
Terrace of Beauty/The Terrace Hair Studio – 380 Washington Avenue, North Haven

We thank these businesses for their ongoing support!

Help for VFW Auxiliary Providing Snacks to West Haven VA Hospital

The drive collecting single serving snacks to benefit the patients of the West Haven VA Hospital was very successful, and on November 10th Lodge members Donna Casciello, Ralph Casciello (U.S. Air Force Vietnam veteran), Steven McDermott (U.S. Army Vietnam veteran) and Maria McDermott, delivered 13 full grocery bags and 4 boxes of snacks to members of the Dept. of CT VFW Auxiliary President Kathie Fleischauer. (see photos) The Auxiliary will in turn distribute the snacks to patients at the WHVA on a regular basis as they enter and exit the WHVA for outpatient services. Our Lodge is proud to partner with the VFW Auxiliary for this mission. Thanks to all our Lodge members for the generous donations.

Hat/mitten/glove/scarf drive for 'Rkids

We just delivered the winter hats, mittens, gloves and/or scarves for kids of all ages that our generous members donated. Programs at 'rkids Family Center (<https://rkidsct.org>) provide services to vulnerable children & their families, promoting permanency, safety & stability for children through services to their biological, foster or adoptive families. (<https://rkidsct.org/>) Georgianna Hull represented us all on November 17th, and delivered a car full of these items. They were gratefully received by Anthony Fiore, Community Outreach and Development Coordinator (see photo). Another big thanks to our generous members!

West Haven Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

Our committee became aware of this facility via a member that is familiar with it. It serves adult residents, many of which are in need of basic personal items. Upon discussions with one of their directors, our committee decided to spend \$50 of our budget to provide such items. These items will be used as bingo prizes for the residents and will be distributed in that manner. The items, body wash, deodorants, etc., that we purchased at a dollar store will be delivered at the end of November.

Red Cross Blood Drive

We will host another Blood Drive, scheduled for Friday, January 23rd, from 12- 5 p.m. to be held at Hope Christian Church. Please sign up to give if you are able! I will be asking for assistance for covering the check in and baking as it gets closer.

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!

Again, thanks to everyone in the Lodge for your ongoing support! While we have more planned for the coming winter months, 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, Lucille DeGregorio, Georgianna Hull, Charlene Logan, and Regina Najarian

