



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
JANUARY - 2026 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING JANUARY 6

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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 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 2026 calendar. Right now, we only have January Dominoes and blood drive, we also have a Valentine's Dinner scheduled for February. We need your input and help in planning the rest of our social calendar. We are holding a committee meeting on January 19th, 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. 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 2026 calendar ready for the new year.

I hope you can join us at our January 6th meeting. We have some very important decisions to make about the future of our Lodge.

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

See you at the meetings.

Susan

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.



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



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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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	2/20/26	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

2026 Upcoming Events



Join the group for Dominoes.

Friday, January 16, 2026 7:00

Hope Christian Church

Only \$10. 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 20, 2026, 7:00

North Haven

Congregational Church

Porchetta, Pasta, Vegetables, Salad,

Desserts & Coffee or Tea.

Entertainment

\$20 for Members, \$25 for Non-Members

For Tickets call Frank at

203-410- 4254 or fmentonejr@comcast.net

The Entire Staff Welcomes You To...

Brazi's

Italian Restaurant

Join your friends, and Lodge family to start the New Year right with lunch at Brazis.
Will be held on Sunday, January 25 at noon.

The price will be \$35 per person which includes, vegetable of the day, pasta, Dessert and your
choice
of one of the following entrees:

Chicken Parmesan – Eggplant Parmesan
Shrimp Francese - Beef Tenderloin

THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER. THE COST IS JUST TO COVER YOUR MEAL.
ALL DINNERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE IN THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 18.

To reserve your spot contact Anna Simione at 203-710-5004

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.

- A past Lodge Event
- Health related matters.
- An historical event.
- Growing up in North Haven or another surrounding community.
- A science related matter
- A noteworthy person or group that preserves Italian American traditions, & culture.
- A noted composer, musician or singer
- A person of prominence that contributed to our country or their religious faith.
- A unique engineering or structural design

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

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 YNHH Toy Closet Program

The Community Outreach Committee of the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 collected new unwrapped toys for the Toy Closet at the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital for the Christmas holiday season.

Toys are given out 365 days a year from every hospital in the Yale New Haven Hospital system.

Thank You to all the Lodge Members and the local businesses that supported the toy drive we did extremely well this year.

On December 15 2025 Lodge Members Ralph and Donna Casciello delivered the toys

Billy Bradley YNHH is the coordinator for Yale Toy Closet. She accepted the toys with gratitude.

Thank You again for all your support.

Arnold's Jewelers, Hello Gorgeous Hair Studio, Nick's Char-Pit, Studio Be Performing Arts Studio

Surge Fitness Center, Terrace of Beauty/The Terrace Hair

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!

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