



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
MARCH - 2026 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING MARCH 9

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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

Welcome Spring! Hopefully we are done with the snow for this year.

I hope as the weather gets a little better more members will be able to join us at the meetings and enjoy our new meeting place

Meeting Day: The Second Monday of every month, our next meeting will be on March 9

Location; North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street (across from Green) North Haven. Our first meeting at our new location will be on March 9

There are two entrances to the hall.

Exterior stairs on the side of the building in the parking lot. These are relatively steep so if you are not sure there is a second way.

Follow the walkway to a set of double doors at the front. There is a lobby with an elevator hit the LL button.

Our next general committee meeting will be on Monday, March 16 at **North Haven Congregational Church**. Please join us if you are working on a current committee, want to join a committee or have an idea for a new event. We are meeting with many committees that night, so please look for the scheduled time for the committee you're interested in, or you can join us for as many of them as you would like.

Scholarship Opportunities: We have our Lodge Scholarship application that is now available. There are also Grand Lodge Scholarships for both 2026 graduating HS seniors as well as one for 2025 HS graduates. More information will be provided at our next meeting and in the newsletter.

I want to thank those who donated items for our raffle basket for the Grand Lodge Carnevale. Because of your generosity we were able to provide a nice basket.

On Saturday, March 21 we are having a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner, (more information in the newsletter)

Don't forget your **Dues payments are due by the March meeting**. All members should have received dues notice either by email and/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 you on March 9th at our new location, **North Haven Congregational Church**. If there are any cancelations, it will be done by email, so in the event of bad weather please keep an eye on your email. You can contact me at any time if you have any questions.

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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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

Our Lodge Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is proud to offer lodge members Scholarships to our graduating high school seniors, from any Connecticut public or private High School, whose parents, guardians, or grandparents are lodge members. The scholarship(s) are intended to provide financial assistance to a graduating senior planning to further his / her education beyond high school either at an accredited university or college, or at a technical school. Two possible scholarships are available;

Neil A. Velleca Sr Scholarship & General Lodge Scholarship

The scholarships are awarded based upon a point system that recognizes lodge participation, and involvement within the community, the high school, and place of worship. Points will also be given for a demonstrated effort to either promote or learn about the Italian culture and heritage. Applicant must be a Connecticut resident. A High School transcript and a letter of recommendation will be required. The number of scholarships awarded, and their amounts will be at the sole discretion of the Lodge.

All applications must be postmarked or received on or before the deadline of Monday, April 27, 2026

How to Apply

Members Only who have a Child or Grandchild that is a graduating high school senior. Come to the February, March or April Lodge meetings and request a Scholarship application from Lenny. Or send an email requesting the application to Lenny at Lric56@yahoo.com

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 21, 2026

North Haven

Congregational Church

28 Church Street,

North Haven, CT 06473

Featuring Irish Step Dancers.

\$20 for Members

\$25 for non-members

Bring a friend and sign them up
and both your dinner
& theirs are on us!

For Tickets call Frank at 203-410-4254



SPONSORSHIP FORM

***North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805
2026 Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner***



HONOREES

Matthew Guarnieri

Gerard Acompora

John Tullo

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:30pm - 9:30pm

Woodwinds,

29 School Ground Road, Branford, CT

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PHONE # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP

Back Cover	\$500
Inside Cover	\$250
Center Pages	\$250
Full Page	\$125
Half Page	\$75
Quarter Page	\$50

Please e-mail your ad or business card as a PDF to fimentonejr@comcast.net.

By May 1, 2026

Please return form with your payment - DO NOT STAPLE PAYMENT TO FORM

Make Checks to: North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy #2805

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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

	Date to Be Announced	Valentine Supper Porchetta
Saturday	3/21/2026	Corned Beef & Cabbage Membership Drive
Saturday	4/11/26	Bus Trip - Boston
Saturday	5/16/26	Sub Night
Wednesday	5/20/26	Distinguished Citizen Dinner
Friday	5/22/26	Movie Night
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

**Money is due as soon as possible or to be paid at March Lodge Meeting
Quincy Market/ North End Bus Trip April 11, 2026**

Pick up: 3 Devine Street, North Haven, Ct 06473

Park and Ride Lot A --- Time: 9:00 AM

Arrive: Quincy Market – 11:15AM for Shopping / Sightseeing on your own

Depart: 2:00PM for North End for Lunch, Pastry Shops, etc. cost on your own

Depart for Home: 6:00 PM

Arrive Home- Commuter Lot 8:15PM

Cost: Members- \$75.00 / Non Members- \$85



**Restaurant
Recommendations:
Lunch**

Carmalina's:
617-742-0020
table \$30-50.
307 Hanover St.



La Familia: 617-367-6711 by table or group
min.25 people. \$25-40. 112 Salem St.

Let me know if you want to go as a group.

Menus available upon request.

**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

New Committee Members – I would like to welcome one new committee member, Karen Buccini!

Food Drive for North Haven Community

After the Holidays, food pantries are pretty empty, but the need doesn't end. We want to thank everyone that donated to help our food drive be a success. We dropped off the food at the North Haven Community Services Food Bank on February 26th. **The photo is below. It was very much appreciated!**

Refill Snacks for the Auxilliary at WH VA Hospital

We met on Feb 16th, and decided to once again help with the snack distribution at the WH VA Hospital. For those not familiar, there is a program that distributes snacks to veterans as they come and go before and after their appointments. We are asking all members interested in helping to please bring in individually wrapped snacks (peanut butter crackers, snack size bags of chips, other snack foods) to our March and April meetings.

School Supplies

Another collection we will be asking for is school supplies at our May and June meetings. Once again, we will be filling backpacks for the kids supported by 'RKids in New Haven.

Christmas in July toy drive for YNHH Toy Closet

We will also be holding our toy drive in July. More info to follow, as we secure our date to be on the North Haven Green for collection from the community.

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! Please contact us with any ideas for future activities or if you would like to join our committee!

Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397)

Diane Barone, Karen Buccini, Donna Casciello, Michelle Clemente, Lucille DeGregorio, Georgianna Hull, Charlene Logan, Regina Najarian

