



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
APRIL - 2026 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING APRIL 13

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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 finally here and its time to get out and get active.

Meeting Day: The Second Monday of every month, our next meeting will be on April 13

Location; North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street (across from Green) North Haven. Our first meeting at our new location will be on April 13. 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, April 20 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.

Shirt Orders are here. Please come to a Lodge meeting and pick up your orders. Hope to see you on **April 13 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

Guest Speaker at This Month Meeting

Lodge Member Richard Biondi

Social Studies teacher-Branford High School, Cross Country & Track Coach

Co President St. Trofimena Society-founded 1908, Board Member St. Maria Maddelena Society

Writer & historian on Italian American Experience

Talk-Italian American Experience in New Haven

*History of St. Michael Church, *World War Two, *Redevelopment, *Franklin Street Fire

*Work and Assimilation, *Athletics & Work

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

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.

- 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

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 April Lodge meetings and request a Scholarship application from Lenny. Or send an email requesting the application to Lenny at Lric56@yahoo.com

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP

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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

PO BOX 193, North Haven, CT 06473

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	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
October	HERITAGE MONTH	dates to be determined
Sunday	10/4/2026	Magnanini Vineyard Bus Trip
Sunday	10/11/26	Fashion Show
Saturday	10/24/2026	Murder Mystery
Sunday	11/8/26	State Dinner
Sunday	12/6/26	Christmas party

Sub Night and Play Dominoes

Saturday May 16,2026 6 PM

North Haven Congregational Church

Only \$15 per person

Enjoy a full meatball or a full eggplant sub,
or a half of each kind, comes with a salad



"Movie Night"

Movie & Pizza Time



For tickets contact: Lucille 203-804-6722, Georgianna 203-988-8006

Friday May 22,2026 7 PM North Haven Congregational Church

Only \$15 per person Pizza, Popcorn, Salad, Dessert and a movie with Friends

Dessert donations welcomed!

NORTH HAVEN

SONS & DAUGHTERS LODGE 2805

5th Annual Car Show

Flea Market & Craft Show

northhavenlodge2805.club/car-craft-show



At

Nicks Char-Pit, 22 Middletown Ave, North Haven, CT. 06473

Saturday August 8, 2026

Rain Date August 15, 2026

Bring Your Classic Car / All makes and models, no cut off year.

Large Asphalt Parking Lot - Bring your chairs and enjoy the day!

Pre Registration \$15.00 / Registration on Day of Show \$20.00

Registration Begins at 8:00 AM, Show 9 AM - 2 PM

Judging Starts at 12 Noon - Trophies at end of Day

Food – DJ Entertainment

For Car Show information contact

John Giorgio 203-430-6549

jallstarelectric@aol.com

For Flea Market or Craft Show information

contact Angela Vitti 203-274-0001

angiem1002@gmail.com

Mail form with payment to:

North Haven Sons and Daughters, PO Box 193. North Haven, Ct. 06473

or bring with you on day of event

Make Checks Payable to:

North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

Name: _____ Are you a member of OSDIA Yes-No

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Car Club Affiliation: _____

Vehicle info: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Please Initial – This Vehicle is Registered and Insured _____ Date: _____

Starts: Friday June 12, 2026 Cost:\$15 pp for the whole season Non-members \$25

Place: Hamden Elks-- 175 School Street in Hamden

Times: TBA Schedule: Regular season starts on Friday June 12th.

If you have not discussed with me whether you are interested or are returning, please let me know.

Chris Wartko has volunteered to help run the league with Sally.

Thanks, Sally & Chris

Sally Gill, 203-645-8177 - Sgill247@aol.com or Chris Wartko 203-215-8333



Save the Date
Murder Mystery Dinner
October 24, 2026

Who doesn't like to solve a good mystery while enjoying a great dinner? Well sharpen up your detective skills because we will be hosting a new and upcoming murder mystery dinner. An evening filled with family, friends and a murder to be solved with only clues, questions and great narrators.

Oh, and cast members well that's a good question-only they will know who they are or maybe you might be a cast member and not even know it until it's too late.

So be on the lookout for more information to come.



Family-style dinners are more than just sharing a meal—they create a warm, memorable experience where friends and families gather, connect, and celebrate together.

For one set price, your Sunday Family Dinner begins with a relaxing Wine Tasting from 12–1pm on our beautiful stone patio overlooking the vineyard.

From there, guests move into the main celebration with dinner, music, and dancing from 1–5pm.

We invite you to experience a Family Style Dinner at Magnanini Winery!



Bus Trip , Sunday, October 4, 2026.
Bus to Leave North Haven at 9:30 AM
Sons & Daughters of Italy Members \$155
Non Members \$165.

Includes bus transportation, wine tasting, dinner and entertainment
Price is subject to change if the Vineyard finds it necessary to adjust the price.

Non refundable \$50. Deposit required upon booking.
Must book as soon as possible to hold the bus and spot.
For more information or to reserve your seat
Call SueAnn at 203-710-4186.

First Course | Antipasto

Assorted Antipasto | Homemade Salami, Capocollo, Prosciutto Di Parma, Fontina Cheese, and Sweet Peperonata

Second Course | Pasta

Penne Bolognese | A classic Italian meat sauce made with ground beef, crushed tomatoes, veggies, and seasonings

Third Course | Salad

Caesar Salad | Crisp romaine lettuce tossed with our homemade caesar dressing. Topped with shaved Parmigiano Reggiano and croutons.

Fourth Course | Main Course

Melt in your mouth, slow roasted pork belly
 Chicken breast baked in a lemon cream sauce
 Baked Yukon gold potatoes in a rosemary garlic butter
 Braised red cabbage made with local apples

Fifth Course | Dessert

Freshly baked homemade apple crisp with vanilla ice cream

All Menus Are Subject To Change Based On Seasonal Availability



Happy St. Patrick's Day for West Haven Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

As pictured below, our committee provided cupcakes, cookies, soda and paper goods to this facility so their patients could celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This generous act was very much appreciated by all!

Refill Snacks for the Auxiliary 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 – no drinks) to our April and May meetings. It will be delivered on the first Monday in June.

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. The committee will purchase the backpacks, but we ask anyone interested in helping to please bring in items on this suggested list. We will fill the backpacks and deliver them in late July, so they can be distributed in time for the start of school.

***Suggested items:** Small boxes of crayons, Pencils - #2 and/or colored, Pens – basic blue/black inked, Spiral notebooks School folders (2 pocket), Small pocket staplers, Small pocket simple calculators, Rulers, Novelty erasers, Pencil sharpeners, Pencil boxes/zipper pouches*

Thank you in advance!

Red Cross Blood Drive

We will once again be hosting a Blood Drive at Hope Christian Church on Monday, June 1st from 1:00 pm to 6 pm. Please pass this info onto anyone you know that gives blood! We will be publicizing as much as possible, in the hopes of filling all of the slots.

Christmas in July toy drive for YNHH Toy Closet

We will also be holding our toy drive in July. Please bring in new, unwrapped toys by the July meeting. We will be holding a community collection on July 18th on the North Haven Green.

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,
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