North Haven
Sons and Daughters of Italy
Lodge 2805

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IN AMERICA

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

NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
JULY - 2026 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING JULY 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,
I hope you enjoyed and had a happy and safe 250th Fourth of July. Everyone complained about the cold; well summer is here hope you're enjoying the heat!
Here are some of the events we have planned for July
Bocce has started and the games are being played at the Elks in Hamden. They are every Friday evening throughout the summer. Even if you are not playing, please come cheer on your fellow members. Food and drinks are available for purchase at the Elks Lodge.
On July 25, we will host a Membership Pasta Dinner with entertainment. As a member, you are part of the Membership Committee, and we hope this fun event will help grow our membership. If you know a friend or relative who may be interested, please invite them. If they join and pay that evening, both you and the new member will receive free admission.
Please check the newsletter for more details on these and other events we are planning. We hope you can join us for one or more of these social events. They are a great way to support the lodge and spend time with fellow members. You joined our lodge for a reason, whether it's to make new friends, go to social events, or learn about our culture. The best way you can do this is by coming to meetings and joining us for some of our social events. Come, I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

We look forward to seeing you at our regular meeting on Monday, July 13th. We have a lot of things to discuss, please try and join us. As always, if you need anything please let me know.
Susan

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

2026 Tentative Social Calendar

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	Bocce	Every Friday at 6 thru Mid Sept. Weather permitting	At Hamden Elks
Monday	7/13/2026	Lodge Meeting	
Monday	7/20/26	Committee Meetings	
Saturday	7/25/26	Membership Drive	
Saturday	8/8/26	(Rain Date 8/15) Car Show	Nicks Char Pit
Monday	8/10/26	Lodge Meeting	
Monday	8/17/26	Committee Meetings	
Tuesday	8/18/26	Giovannis Restaurant Fundraiser for lodge	At restaurant
Friday	9/11/2026	Military Whist	
Monday	9/14/26	Lodge Meeting	
Sunday	9/20/26	Golf Outing	Hunters golf club
Monday	9/21/26	Committee Meetings	
Friday	9/25/26	Sauce Contest	
Sunday	10/4/2026	Magnanini Vineyard Bus Trip	
Sunday	10/11/26	Fashion Show	Woodwinds
Monday	10/12/26	Lodge Meeting	
Monday	10/19/26	Committee Meetings	
Saturday	10/24/2026	Murder Mystery	
Sunday	11/8/26	State Dinner	Not at NHCC
Monday	11/9/26	Lodge Meeting	
Monday	11/16/26	Committee Meetings	
Sunday	12/6/26	Christmas party	To be announced
Monday	12/14/26	Lodge Meeting	

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

Saturday, July 25, 2026

PASTA DINNER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Sons & Daughters of Italy

Proudly present

MISGIVINGS

A "Divine" comedy of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo

Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This hilarious interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.

Don't miss this delightfully entertaining and uplifting one man show!

Location

North Haven Congregational Church
28 Church Street, North Haven, CT

DOORS OPEN: 5:30PM
DINNER: 6:00PM
SHOWTIME: 7:00PM
$15
Join the group and dinner is on us!

To reserve tickets contact
Frank 203-410-4254
or fmentonejr@comcast.net

Enjoy pasta, meatballs, salad and dessert and then a great show.
If you become a member, or sponsor a member your night is free.

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: _____

Join Us!

THE NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY • LODGE 2805

FUNDRAISER FOR THE

8TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

@ Giovanni's Restaurant

855 FOREST RD, NORTHFORD, CT 06472

JUST MENTION OUR GROUP WHEN YOU EAT IN OR ORDER TAKE-OUT BETWEEN 5PM AND 9PM on

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

AND THEY WILL DONATE 20% OF YOUR TAB TO OUR CAUSE!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: NEIL VELLECA • 203-710-0053

*** REGISTRATION FORM ***

_____ *# of Golfers @ $170.00 each*

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

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

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

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

_____ ***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

Registration: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm
Tee Time: 1:00 pm (Shotgun)
Dinner: 5:30 pm

Cost: $170.00 per player

Registration fees must be received by September 14, 2026

Day of Golf Includes...

RANGE BALLS

GREENS FEES & CART

LUNCH – HOTDOGS/HAMBURGERS

BEER/WATER/SODA AT TURN

DINNER
(Italian Buffett)

Click on QR Code for more information.

northhavenlodge2805.club/golf-tournament

Sunday
September 20, 2026

To Be Held At;

Hunter Memorial Golf Course
At Wallingford
688 Westfield Road
Meriden, CT 06450
203-634-3366

www.huntergolfclub.com

Outing is held Rain or Shine

Cancelation of the event for any reason is made by the Course Superintendent

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 8th annual golf outing.

Proceeds from this tournament will be used to help fund our scholarship program as well as the many other local and national charities we support. All our Lodges Philanthropic efforts would not be possible without your support of this event and all events held by our Lodge.

Please visit our Website or click on QR Code if you would like more detailed information about our Lodge and all our philanthropic efforts at www.northhavenlodge2805.club

GAMES & PRIZES

Lowest Group Score for 1st & 2nd
Hole in one $1,000.00
Men's & Women's Longest Ball
Closest to the Pin

8TH 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 & The Lodge Scholarship Program

*** 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:

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See other side for payment information

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE #2805

HOMEMADE SAUCE COMPETITION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

The Heritage Committee is looking for 10 members to sign up to enter their best sauce for the contest! Entry fee: $10.

Tickets available for participants to vote for the best sauce and enjoy a pasta dinner with salad and dessert.

For more information call Sue at 203-710-4186.

Fall into Fashion

Sunday October 11th, 2026

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy

Invites you to our

Fall Fashion Show

for fashion, food, friends, and FUN!

10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Advanced Tickets Only

You are going to

FALL IN LOVE

with this amazing line!

Carol's Creations

Clothing-Jewelry-Accessories

$55 per Ticket

Credit Card Bar Only

Money Due by October 2nd

Woodwinds

29 School Ground Road
Branford, CT

Reserve Your Table Now!

www.northhavenlodge2805.club

Contact Regina
Committee Chairperson
203-376-8524

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!

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

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

Attention: We need some volunteers to help create the meal.
Please contact Lenny at 203-507-6509 or Lric56@yahoo.com.

THE NORTH HAVEN
SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY
LODGE 2805

Proudly Presents
A Murder Mystery

ROCKY'S BIG NIGHT

At Casa Castellano

Your Hosts Matteo and Leo Castellano

Event Details

Saturday, October 24, 2026 • 6:30 PM
North Haven Congregational Church
28 Church Street, North Haven, CT

An Elegant Evening of Dinner and Entertainment

Featuring: Giorgio Fini — Famous Italian-American Tenor
Dress Code: Semi-Formal

Admission: $25 Members • $30 Non-Members

Delicious Menu: Stuffed Shells • Chicken Marsala • Salad • Dessert:

Purchase Tickets

Community Outreach report for newsletter – 6/22/2026

Refill Snacks for the Auxiliary at WH VA Hospital

Thanks yet again to all our generous members! Please see the picture below showing us on June 8th delivering approximately 10 large bags and 6 big boxes of snacks to the women of the CT VFW Auxiliary, so they can pass them to the veterans visiting the West Haven VA Hospital. Kathie Fleischauer (Past President of CT VFW Auxiliary) is pictured in the middle of our committee members gratefully receiving our large delivery. We hope to do this again in the Fall!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive at Hope Christian Church on Monday, was a success!. We were able to provide the Red Cross with 18 pints of blood. Thanks to committee members that gave their time volunteering and working the sign in desk, setting up and breaking down the space. They were Georgianna Hull, Lucille DeGregorio, Dan Krause, Charlene Logan. Additionally, a big thank you to the members that gave blood. There is quite an ongoing blood shortage, so please give if and when you can at any blood drive available!

School Supplies

Please be reminded that there is still time to bring your school supply donations to the July 13th meeting. Once again, we will be filling backpacks for the kids supported by 'RKids in New Haven. The committee received a donation from Five Below of 25 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 to all that have already donated, and to all that plan to!

Christmas in July toy drive for YNHH Toy Closet

We will also be holding our toy drive in July. If you haven't already, please bring in new, unwrapped toys by the July 13th meeting. Thank you to all that have donated so far! We will be holding a community collection on July 18th on the North Haven Green. A sign will be placed on the Town Green from July 6th through July 18th, with the hope that our Town community will be advised and reminded to bring toys to the Green on our collection date. It will also be submitted to the local newspapers. It would also be helpful if every member could help us spread the word – tell your friends and family! Lets make this yet another successful toy drive!

Our committee will be idle in August, but will be back to share our plans for the Fall – stay tuned!!

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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Lucille DeGregorio Georgianna Hull
Charlene Logan Regina Najarian