



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
AUGUST- 2026 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING AUGUST 10

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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

Hello everyone, and I hope you're all enjoying a wonderful summer.

First, thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting. Because of a booking error, we were "bumped" into the small room—but even with the tighter space and a warmer atmosphere, more than 50 members stayed upbeat and helped make it a great meeting. I'm truly amazed by (and grateful for) the wonderful members we have. Our lodge has been blessed since the beginning with members like you, who are always willing to pitch in when needed.

We also had a very successful membership event on Saturday, July 25. We welcomed 12 new members! That night, we initiated four members as well, and additional applications were submitted for initiation at an upcoming meeting. A special thank-you goes to Frank and SueAnn Mentone and their committee for all their hard work.

Remember—it's never too late to bring a new member into our lodge. If you'd like help learning how to get someone involved, just ask me or any member.

Every Friday night, our bocce league is in action at the Elks Club in Hamden—right now we have nine teams. We may not be the best in the league, but we definitely know how to have fun. You're always welcome to come cheer on your friends and fellow members.

Here are a few upcoming events:

Giovanni's Restaurant Fundraiser (for golf): August 18 — Just mention our lodge for 20% of the bill (including takeout)!

Golf Outing: September 21 — If you know golfers, please share a flyer with them.

Heritage Committee: A trip to a winery and a sauce contest (details coming soon)

Fashion Show: October 5 - Murder Mystery: October 24

Everyone is welcome at our events—you do not need to be a member. Please invite your family and friends. If they enjoy the event, they may decide to join our lodge.

For more details, please check the newsletter.

We hope to see you at the August 10 meeting—and hope you can join us for one (or more) of these upcoming events!

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 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

Our guest speaker for August 10, Frank Angelino. please see biography information on Frank and his subject topic for our meeting below.

Frank plans on giving more of an informal speech with some visible objects (I will have a large screen setup) to emphasize key points. He will also welcome a Q and A session after his presentation. I asked him if he would also kindly bring some printed handouts of the various recipes. We should plan for about 30 minutes for his presentation and Q and A.

Francis R. Angelino (Frank) lawyer, Juris. Doc. Graduate of Fordham University School of Law,
N. Y. C. Real Estate attorney specializing in Land Use development, zoning, and landmarks approvals in N. Y. C.

Was also a journalist for the Downtown Express and the Villager newspapers in Downtown Manhattan for 20 years writing a weekly food column with recipes.

Italian heritage: In the late 19th century my ancestors emigrated from the Naples, Calabria and Basilicata areas of Italy to the U.S.A. Maternal grandfather, Marizale Sisca, founded a weekly Italian newspaper devoted to the arts, music and literature, “La Follia di New York.” For 20 years, each week the newspaper published a caricature drawn by the opera tenor Enrico Caruso.

Presentation to the Group: Will talk about how Italian immigration to American contributed and changed the foods Americans eat today from the beginning of the immigration, starting in small retail shops and restaurants, to today’s near universal popularity of many of these Italian food products.

I’ll also discuss how to simply prepare at home many Italian pasta sauces and other dishes that form the well-regarded and healthy Mediterranean diet.

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
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
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	10/11/26	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



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: _____

The Golf Committee is hosting a fundraiser at Giovanni's Restaurant, 855 Forest Road, Northford, August 18th for dinner. Just mention the lodge when you place your order and 20% of the bill is donated to the Lodge. **This is for both eat in and take out.** Tell your family and friends, you don't have to be a member.



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

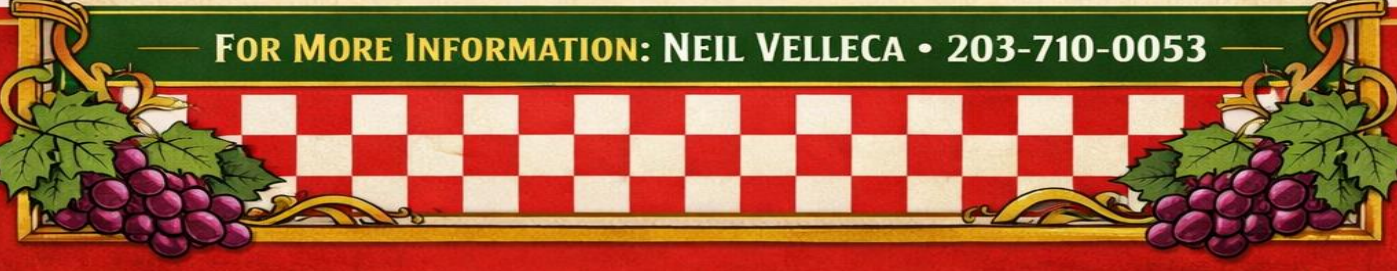
855 FOREST RD, NORTHFORD, CT 06472

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

- Name
Street.....
City, State, Zip.....
Phone.....
Email.....
- Name
Street.....
City, State, Zip.....
Phone.....
Email.....
- Name
Street.....
City, State, Zip.....
Phone.....
Email.....
- 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:



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

10:30 am
to
2:30 pm

for fashion, food, friends, and FUN!

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

Woodwinds

29 School Ground Road
Branford, CT

Money Due by
October 2nd

Reserve Your Table Now!

www.northhavenlodge2805.club

Contact Regina
Committee Chairperson
203-376-8524

**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 – 7/27/2026

Thank you all again! We are wrapping up our two summer collections. Your generosity and participation have once again made them very successful! We will be meeting again in August to plan our Fall activity. Meanwhile, here are some pictures and final details of what we are finishing in July.

School Supplies

On Monday, July 27th our committee gathered to stuff 27 backpacks with the generous amount of school supplies donated. The completed backpacks were then delivered to Family Centered Services of CT (www.familyct.org) to be integrated into their annual Backpack Program. It was great to be helping kids, many dealing with family crises, have what they need to start school this coming year.

Christmas in July toy drive for YNHH Toy Closet

We held a community collection on July 18th on the North Haven Green, with the hope that the community would come through and add to our already generous collection for YNHH Toy Closet. As you can see from the pictures below, we were visited by a small but mighty group of individuals that filled our table and more. All collected items will be delivered on Thursday July 30th. All told, this was yet another successful toy drive!

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

Donna Casciello

Lucille DeGregorio

Charlene Logan

Karen Buccini

Michelle Clemente

Georgianna Hull

Regina Najarian



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