



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
SEPTEMBER - 2026 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14

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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 fall!

We have a very busy and exciting fall planned, with many fun events on the calendar. For our newer members, these activities are a wonderful way to meet fellow members and become more involved. We hope you'll join us for one or more of these events.

Please join us for the Bocce Finals on September 4, 2026, at the Elks Lodge in Hamden. Our matches usually include plenty of excitement—and, most importantly, lots of laughter!

We also have several upcoming events planned:

Golf Tournament: Sunday, September 20 — Volunteers are still needed. Please let us know if you can help.

Heritage Month Activities: Homemade Sauce Competition: September 25

Fashion Show: Sunday, October 11

Murder Mystery Night: October 24

Connecticut Grand Lodge Columbus Luncheon: November 8

Christmas Party: December 6

Each year, the Connecticut Grand Lodge honors one member from each local lodge with a Meritorious Member Award. This year, our lodge has nominated Marybeth Madigan.

Marybeth is a long-time member of our lodge, and we hope you will join us on November 8 to celebrate this well-deserved honor. More information about the luncheon can be found in this newsletter.

Please read the newsletter for additional details about each event. Many members dedicate their time and energy to organizing these activities for our lodge. Please support their efforts by joining a committee, volunteering, or attending an event. These are great opportunities to meet fellow members, make new friends, and become more involved in the lodge—one of the reasons many of us joined in the first place.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on September 14!

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	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	
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

BOCCE

CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, Sept 3rd • 6:00 PM

Come cheer on your favorite team!

Semi Final Games:

Matt vs Larry's Team

and

Sharon vs Mark's Team

*Winners Play in the Championship Match
Right After the Semi Finals!*

10:09





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Help Make Our Annual Golf Outing a Success!

The Golf Committee is putting the finishing touches on our upcoming outing, and we would love your support to make it our best event yet. We are currently looking for help in the following areas:



Players: Do you know any golfers? Please invite your friends, family, and colleagues! Share the signup details with them today to help us fill the field.



Volunteers: We are looking for helping hands on the day of the event. Whether you can spare a few hours or the whole day, your time is greatly appreciated. Please contact Angela Vitti via email or see her at the next meeting to sign up.



Raffle Prizes: We are seeking donations for our raffle baskets. High-demand items include golf gear, automotive accessories, outdoor/sports equipment, or wine and liquor. Please bring donations to the meeting on September 14th. (Note: Empty baskets for assembly are also needed!)

If you are available to help assemble the gift baskets, please join us at the church on September 15th, at 7:00pm.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Golf Committee: Brenden & Larry Logan,
Dan Krause, Angela Vitti, Nathan Vestal,
and Neil Velleca.



* 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:



See other side for payment information

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE #2805

SAUCE MAKING COMPETITION & PASTA DINNER



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

**\$15.00 PER PERSON FOR PASTA DINNER
AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SAUCE**

**LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE
THEIR FAVORITE SAUCE
YOU MUST SIGN UP TO ATTEND
OR PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION
BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**

OR CALL SUEANN 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

Hi Everyone. Our Fashion Show is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for October 11, 2026, 10:30 to 2:30, at Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets are \$55.00 per person and sales are in full swing. Ask any Committee member for tickets, Karen, Cindy, Sally, Elaine, Denise, Marybeth, Sandra, Regina, or Anne. The deadline for sales is October 2nd. Please ask everyone you know to come and enjoy the food and fashions. We are also in need of gift cards and/or completed baskets for the raffle. Contact Regina 203-376-8524.

Thank you for your support,
The Fashion Show 2026 Committee
Thank you

TICKETS ON SALE AT LODGE MEETINGS OR CONTACT LENNY AT
LRIC56@YAHOO.COM OR 203-507-6509
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY SORRY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DOOR



THE NORTH HAVEN
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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



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presents the

2026 Annual
Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6 • 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Biagetti's Restaurant • West Haven, CT

Dinner Selections

Choose one entrée:

Prime Rib • NY Strip Steak • Baked Stuffed Shrimp •
Veal Parmigiana • Veal Ricardo • Stuffed Filet of Sole Sole —
Broiled Scrod • Chicken Parmigiana • Chicken Ricardo

Includes soup, salad, garlic bread, pasta, potato, vegetable, coffee/tea & dessert.

Admission

Members \$43 • Non-Members \$48

Tax & gratuity included

Sign-ups at September, October & November meetings

Final deadline: November 23, 2026

Contact : Donna Casciello

203-887-7308

donnacasciello@icloud.com

Community Outreach report for newsletter – 8/29/2026

We are thrilled to welcome Shirley Vanacore to our committee! Please contact Denise if you are interested in joining us.

Our Fall activities are listed as follows:

Cookies for North Haven Fire and Police

Members of our committee will be baking cookies. This is a project we will be handling on our own, but we want everyone to be aware of it. We will bake, assemble a few trays, and deliver them in person to our town's police and fire departments on October 12th.

Thanksgiving Food Drive for North Haven Community Services

We have been advised by Rob of North Haven Community Services that the town food bank is running low, and they are particularly concerned about their needs for Thanksgiving. They annually prepare bundles of food and turkeys for registered families in need for North Haven.

Our committee would like to ask our Lodge members for their assistance in collecting food specifically for this Thanksgiving Program. We ask that people review the list provided in this newsletter, and bring an item or two to our **September and/or October** meetings. We will also be collecting cash for those that prefer to give in that way. We will use the cash to buy frozen turkeys.

We will be delivering the food in late October, so they have it all in time to prepare their giving. Thanks in advance for supporting this effort.

Holiday Toy Drive for Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet

Please be reminded that we will hold our annual toy drive, collecting items at our November and December Lodge meetings. More info on what businesses will be housing our collection boxes next month.

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.

Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397)

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



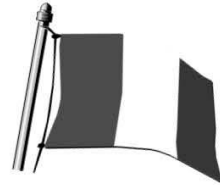
Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

Suggested Non-Perishable Food List

- Applesauce
- Canned Pumpkin
- Canned yams
- Cranberry sauce
- Bottled or canned turkey gravy
- Vegetable oil
- Stuffing mix
- Shelf Ready Milk
- Pudding Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Shelf Ready Milk
- Pudding Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cash for committee to buy turkeys (Please don't bring turkeys to Lodge meetings – contact Denise if you have cise to donate)

Thank you in advance for helping North Haven families!

Denise ~ 203-710-7397



**CT Grand Lodge Sons of Italy in America
2026 Columbus Luncheon
Sponsorship Form**

**Honoring a
Meritorious Member from Your Lodge**

**Use this form to send an ad for either award recipient.
November 8, 2026**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP (page size 5 ½ x 8 ½, black & white)

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Inside Covers	\$120.00
Center Pages	\$100.00
Full Page	\$75.00
½ Page	\$50.00
¼ Page	\$30.00
Booster Sponsor (one line of text)	\$15.00

PLEASE WRITE YOUR AD CHOICE HERE: _____

Please attach your ad copy (DO NOT STAPLE)

**Make checks payable to:
CT GRAND LODGE**

**For more information, please contact Cynthia Velleca-Fernandez 203.623.6259 or by email
c_fernandez3@outlook.com**

Mail Completed Form To (Deadline October 24, 2026):

**Cynthia Velleca-Fernandez
P.O. Box 94
North Haven, CT 06473**

Show your support for your friend and lodge member by taking an ad!

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut

Columbus Luncheon

Casa Mia at the Hawthorne

2421 Berlin Tpke, Berlin CT 06037

Sunday, November 8, 2026

12:00 pm Hot/Cold Hors D'oeuvres - Lunch to follow

Antipasto, Fried Calamari & Salad
Penne Vodka and Fettuccine Bolognese Pasta
Chicken Parmigiana, Stuffed Filet of Sole, Potato, & Vegetable
Coffee & Dessert
Wine & Soda at cash bar

\$55.00 per person

Children 12 & under \$20.00 Chicken Fingers & Fries

Entertainment

RSVP by October 30, 2026

Tear here and return with payment – tickets will not be sent your name will be at the door

Use this form for up to 10 guests for a full table;

1 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

2 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

3 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

4 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

5 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

6 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

7 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

8 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

9 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

10 Guest Name _____ Phone: _____

Amount of Check = No. of Guests _____ x \$55 = _____

Please provide a contact Address: _____

And Contact Phone Number: _____

Please make Checks Payable to CT Grand Lodge and send to:

Connecticut Grand Lodge

c/o Cynthia Velleca-Fernandez

P.O. Box 94

North Haven, CT 06473

Call or email Cynthia 203.623.6259 or c_fernandez3@outlook.com