



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  
OCTOBER - 2026 NEWSLETTER  
NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 12**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lric56@yahoo.com) or Sue at [snoozie321@outlook.com](mailto:snoozie321@outlook.com)

Deadline for newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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'm happy to report that our membership has grown to 165 this past month! Our lodge is stronger with the addition of these new members. Their participation brings more voices, fresh ideas, and opportunities to make new friends.

Now it's our job to make these members feel welcome. When you see a new member at a meeting, introduce yourself and invite them to join a committee. It's one of the best ways for them to get involved.

As we approach the end of the year, we have several fun events to look forward to and enjoy together. If you have not yet purchased tickets for any of the following events, please contact the chairperson for more information:

Fashion Show — October 11

Murder Mystery Night — October 24

Connecticut Grand Lodge Columbus Luncheon — November 8

Movie Night — November 13

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

Please read the newsletter for more 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 wonderful opportunities to meet fellow members, make new friends, and become more involved in the lodge, which is one of the reasons many of us joined in the first place.

Please join us for the committee meeting on October 19 and bring your new ideas for 2027.

I will not be able to attend our October 12 meeting. Vice President Frank Mentone will do a wonderful job leading the meeting, and I'm sure it will be entertaining!

Susan

\*\*\*\* MONDAY OCTOBER 12 2026 \*\*\*\*

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**October 12<sup>TH</sup> Lodge Meeting speaker:**  
Long Time Member, Matt Gill will present a look  
back at the Accomplishments and Discoveries of  
Christopher Columbus.

**Speaker will be after  
the business meeting!**



# HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY



"Solo Mio" follows Matt Taylor, an American groom left at the altar in Italy who decides to continue his prepaid honeymoon alone, unexpectedly finding friendship, healing, and new love with a local café owner named Gia.



## MOVIE NIGHT: *Solo Mio*



**Friday, November 13th at 6PM**

**Bring a Dessert to Share**

**\$15 Per Person**

Includes Pizza, Salad, Dessert, and Popcorn

Location: North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy at North Haven Congregational Church



Contact: Georgianna 203-988-8006 or Lucile Degregorio 203-804-6722



# 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

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|----------|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 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      |             |
| Friday   | 11/13/26   | Movie Night        |             |
| Monday   | 11/16/26   | Committee Meetings |             |
| Sunday   | 12/6/26    | Christmas party    |             |
| Monday   | 12/14/26   | Lodge Meeting      |             |

### 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](mailto: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



**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**



# 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](http://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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*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**



*North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy*  
Lodge 2805

*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

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 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 October meeting. 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

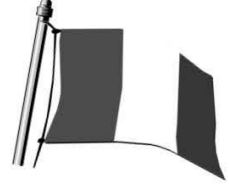
## Suggested Non-Perishable Food List

- 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 one to donate)
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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)**

|                                           |                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Back Cover</b>                         | <b>\$150.00</b> |
| <b>Inside Covers</b>                      | <b>\$120.00</b> |
| <b>Center Pages</b>                       | <b>\$100.00</b> |
| <b>Full Page</b>                          | <b>\$75.00</b>  |
| <b>½ Page</b>                             | <b>\$50.00</b>  |
| <b>¼ Page</b>                             | <b>\$30.00</b>  |
| <b>Booster Sponsor (one line of text)</b> | <b>\$15.00</b>  |

**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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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