North Haven
Sons and Daughters of Italy
Lodge 2805

Order
Sons and Daughters of Italy
IN AMERICA

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

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge # 2805
November- 2026 Newsletter
Next Meeting November 9

How to contact our officers

Susan Velleca, President	203-239-2999
Frank Mentone, Vice President	203-410-4254
Ralph Casciello, Orator	203-239-0285
Marybeth Madigan, Recording Secretary	Upon Request
Regina Najarian, Financial Secy.,	203-376-8524
Mark DeFranco, Treasurer,	203-213-5378
Len Ricciardelli, Immediate Past President	203-507-6509
Denise Krause, Past President,	203-710-7397
Neil Velleca Jr., Past President	203-239-2999
Marianne Ciarleglio, Mistress Ceremonies	203-239-2868

Guard, OPEN

Trustees:

Sharon Ricciardelli, 203-239-0215

Sallyann Gill, 203-645-8177

Nick Mastroianni, 203-430-0411

Gale Iannone 203-239-0454/Gary Takach, 203-623-4398

SueAnn Mentone, 203-710-4186

Angela Vitti,203-274-0001 / Jon Najarian, Upon Request

Website Address northhavenlodge2805.club

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,
The holiday season is almost here! While this is a busy time for all of us with family and friends, I hope you can carve out some time to join us at an upcoming event or meeting. We have a movie night on Friday, November 13, and our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6. Please read the newsletter for more details about each event. Our lodge thrives because of the members who volunteer their time to make these events happen. Please help them out by attending or offering a hand. It's the best way to make new friends and get more involved in the community we all love.
Don't forget to check out the Outreach Committee's section in this newsletter to see how they are helping the community and how you can join the committee or contribute to their current collections.
Our Social Committee is holding a 2027 Social Planning Meeting on Monday, November 16 at North Haven Congregational. We need your creativity! Please come share your ideas or sign up to help on a committee
Hope to see you at our Lodge Meeting on Monday, November 9.

Susan

Bocce winners this year are
Rich, Nathan, Glenn and Matt!
Congratulations! The team has decided to donate to Ben Haven (Autism) here in North Haven



MOVIE NIGHT: Solo Mio

"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.



Friday, November 13th at 6PM

$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

Bring a Dessert to Share

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

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 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



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 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 entré:

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 10/26/206

Holiday Toy Drive for Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet

Please be reminded that we are currently holding our annual toy drive, collecting new items at our December 14th Lodge meeting. These toys will benefit the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closets. This program provides a toy to any child (babies through teenagers) with a toy upon discharge of either their inpatient or emergency room stay. Please provide a new toy (with batteries if needed) or a small gift card for the teens if you are able!

We will also be setting up collection boxes throughout North Haven at the following businesses for our pick up by December 11th. If you miss our meeting, feel free to drop something off at one of them. We thank the business owners for their support of this collection. If you visit their business, please thank them as well.

Advanced Foot Care Specialists of CT, Dr. Richard DuRocher, 20 Washington Avenue
Arnold's Jewelers, 117 Washington Avenue
Hello Gorgeous Hair Studio, 460 Washington Avenue
Nick's Char-Pit, 22 Middletown Avenue
Studio Be Performing Art Studio, 117 Washington Avenue
Surge Fitness, 117 Washington Avenue
T & Company Hair Group, 540D Washington Avenue
The Terrace Hair Studio, 380 Washington Avenue

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, Regina Najarian, Donna Casciello,
Michelle Clemente, Ann Tullo, Lucille DeGregorio, Georgianna Hull,
Shirley Vanacore, Charlene Logan, Marianne Mirando

Cookies for North Haven Fire and Police

Members of our committee baked many, many cookies!
A huge thank you to Donna Casciello, Karen Buccini, Lucille DeGregorio, Michele Clemente for their generosity. We met, put the cookies into large covered trays, and delivered them to the North Haven Police Department and the North Haven Fire Headquarters, expressing our appreciation for their fine work for the Town of North Haven. Both groups were thrilled to receive them! (See pictures)









Thanksgiving Food Drive
for North Haven Community Services

Thank you to all our members for making our food drive a success!
Committee members (Pictured below Left to Right), Regina Najarian, Georgianna Hull, Ann Tullo,
and Charlene Logan, brought the food to
North Haven Community Services and delivered it to
Rob Snurkowski, coordinator of the Town Food Bank.

