



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy  
Lodge 2805  
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**NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805  
DECEMBER - 2024 NEWSLETTER  
NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 3RD**

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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>

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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

Looking back on this year our Lodge has a lot to be thankful for. We have held many fun and successful events. We continue to be blessed with many members willing to step up to run and work at these events. I would like to thank all of you who ran or worked at the events throughout the year. Our Lodge is successful because of our members and their willingness to volunteer and support the Lodge.

This year we also moved to a new meeting place, Hope Christian Church. I would like to thank all the members that helped us to clean, organize and move to our new location. With our new location we will have to make changes to how we do things. But we will also have new opportunities, some we might not see yet.

Our first event at Hope Christian Church was our lasagna dinner donated by Sam & Joanne. Because of their generosity the dinner was not only delicious but also a financial success.

If you are one of our many new members, I invite you to participate in our events, it's a way to meet people and make new friends. You are welcome to join any of our committees or we can start something new if you have an idea. We are always looking for new ideas and members for our committees. You can ask me or any committee member if you have any questions.

Also remember to bring a toy to the December meeting for our Community Outreach Toy Drive. See the newsletter for more information. Hope to see you at our Christmas Party our last event of the year.

If I don't see you, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Susan



**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**



# Happy Thanksgiving



**Join the Group for Dominoes.  
Friday, January 17, 2025  
Hope Christen Church  
Only \$10.00 per person  
To Reserve your spot call  
Peachy at 203-239-2868**



**Happy Valentine's Day  
Join your friends at a  
Valentine Porchetta Dinner.  
Friday, February 14, 2025  
Hope Christian Church Hall**

**Porchetta, Pasta, Vegetables, Salad,  
Desserts & Coffee or Tea.**

**\$25 for Members, \$30 for Non-Members  
For Tickets call Frank at  
203-410- 4254 or [fmentonejr@comcast.net](mailto:fmentonejr@comcast.net)**

## **iMember Emails you are receiving**

The Order has purchased, and we are starting to use a new Media Platform, iMember. There are many useful features including a Lodge calendar, contacts and networking. We will soon be providing access to all members. Right now, we will be starting with the email service.

For the last couple of months, you should have been receiving two emails from Susan for the Lodge. The first is from our old MailChimp service, if you subscribed, which is the problem with this service it is difficult to unsubscribe. The new iMember email reaches everyone who has provided us with their email address. A few members have told us that the emails are going into your spam or junk file. If you don't receive the second email please check and mark it as not junk.

You will know which is the new iMember email because it will come from the sender, right now it will come from my Susan email [snoozie321@outlook.com](mailto:snoozie321@outlook.com). We hope to fully launch this email service by January 1, 2025. If you have any questions you can respond to the emails from either service and we will get you more information.

You can also contact me with any questions, thanks Susan

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Carnevale Di Venezia**

The Grand Lodge of CT is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Carnevale Di Venezia on March 1, 2025, at Anthony's Lake Club in Danbury. At our first Carnevale the Grand Lodge raised \$25,000 for Help our Military Heros. This year we are holding the event to benefit Make a Wish Connecticut, and we hope to do even better. You can use the attached flyer to purchase tickets, which cost \$135 each. In addition to a wonderful dinner there will be a champagne toast, DJ for dancing, Photo Booth, raffle and more. We also have 50/50 tickets for \$25 each. The room is limited to 200 so if you are interested don't wait. You can contact Neil at 203-239-2999 or [navelleca@hotmail.com](mailto:navelleca@hotmail.com) for more information



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# *Carnevale Di Venezia*

March 1, 2025 | 6 PM - 10 PM

**Anthony's Lake Club**

*10 Christopher Columbus Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810*

*Proceeds to Benefit*



**\$135.00**

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IF NEEDED, MASKS FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR!*

CONTACT: [EVENTSWITHKO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EVENTSWITHKO@GMAIL.COM)

# Community Outreach committee report, 10/15/24

The Community Outreach committee met on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. We discussed many ideas for upcoming activities, and put the following ones in motion. We hope our Lodge members will be interested and willing to continue to support our efforts. Thank you in advance!

## **Christmas Toy Drive for YNHH Toy Closet**

We will be collecting toys for the Toy Closet at the November 5<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> monthly meetings. **The deadline will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, so we can sort and deliver the toys in time for Christmas. We will also be setting up our collection boxes in the next couple of weeks at the following businesses. We thank them for their support. If anyone knows of a local business willing to house our box, please let Donna know (203-239-0285); we would love to add them to the list.

Arnold's Jewelers, T & Co. Hair Group, Hello Gorgeous Hair Studio,  
Studio B, & Nick's Char Pit

And a few new ones that we are confirming

For those that are new, we collect and deliver new, unwrapped toys for the Toy Closet. The Toy Closet is a program that ensures all pediatric patients that visit Yale New Haven and affiliated hospitals receive a toy upon discharge. This is for all patients, no matter the income level or length of stay. The toys should be small to medium in size, so they will fit in the closets, and any necessary batteries should be supplied with the toy.

## **Upcoming Winter Activities Being Finalized**

We will also be cooking dinners for the Fisher House CT in West Haven. They provide temporary lodging for families of veterans that are receiving inpatient treatment at either the VA Hospital or YNHH at VA expense. We are hoping to do this in February - More info to come.

An opportunity has come our way to support the VA Hospital outpatient patients. This will entail collecting snacks for distribution to veterans after their outpatient appointments as they leave the facility. Again, we will have more details next month. Other ideas that will be explored is a pet food collection for Animal Haven, and another collection for 'RKids – 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! 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)

Donna Casciello, Georgianna Hull, Charlene Logan, & Regina Najarian