



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy
Lodge 2805
P.O. Box 193, North Haven, CT 06473

NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
MARCH - 2024 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING MARCH 5

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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

Spring will be here soon, but you can't tell by the weather.

I would like to remind you all about a couple of things:

- Don't forget the final day for payment of your dues is the March 5th Lodge Meeting. Don't let your membership lapse, send your dues in today or bring it to the meeting!
- Please note the change date for our yearly membership drive **MARCH 23rd**. We will be hosting a Corned Beef dinner where you can bring a family member or friend to join for the cost of the dinner. If they join that day, they will get dinner and membership for just \$20.00!

Don't forget our monthly Committee meeting on March 19th in the Church Hall. We will meet with the Golf and Car Show committees. Keep an eye out for more information on times and additional committees.

Hope to see some of you at the March 5th meeting. Have a blessed Easter Season!

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

Even Italians are Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

Celebrate our Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner &

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Saturday, March 23rd at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall at 7:00 PM

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, & Carrots.

Coffee & Desserts.

All Members who sign up a new member at the dinner will receive a voucher worth \$15.00 to be used for any in-house event.

Anyone who signs up for a membership at the dinner will get a 50% dues reduction for the full 2024 year.

Only \$20.00 per person.

For tickets contact Frank at 203-410-4254

or fmentonejr@comcast.net



Memorial Day Parade

We are looking for a committee to get ideas and start planning for this years Memorial Day Parade which is May 25 in North Haven. Looking to add at least a float type vehicle.

If you are interested on being on the committee, please come to the meeting on March 19th (time to be determined) or contact Angela at atangiem1002@gmail.com.

Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee is busy with the following activities. Please feel free to join us for any or all events - we welcome the support!

Red Cross Blood Drive: Our Spring Blood Drive has been confirmed and is on the Red Cross calendar (www.redcross.org, follow the "make an appointment" link)! Please note the date will be Wednesday, April 3rd and it will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please spread the word to all you know that give blood! Also, if anyone is willing to bake for this, please let Denise know. Donors are always pleasantly surprised to get home made treats after they donate blood.

New Project – Blankets:

Do you knit or crochet? Would you be interested in joining a group that will create blankets for the Arden House in Hamden and possibly other skilled nursing facilities? We are hoping to put an informal group together that would be interested in doing this. We are still deciding the details of what we will create - possibly lap blankets for full afghans? Crochet or Knit? If interested in this, please call or email Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397 or krau11@comcast.net).

Dinner for Ronald McDonald House: Another new endeavor we are putting together is cooking dinner for the Ronald McDonald House. We will be cooking a chicken dinner at their facility on Tuesday, March 12th. We have all the volunteers we are allowed for this date. If you are interested in helping offset the cost for this activity, we will be happy to receive small cash donations at the March meeting. Donations would surely assist us in stretching our budgeted dollars!

Columbus House Welcome Kit items: Our committee would like to once again assist the Columbus House in New Haven. Attached please see the flyer explaining the program. They put together "Welcome Kits" for those that leave the Columbus House for their own housing - these kits assist their transition and "welcome" them to their independent space. We would like to collect items listed under the Bedroom kits and the Bathroom kits. We are NOT asking each individual to provide all the items in these lists. Simply one or two items per person will add up nicely, and we will organize the kits. If interested in assisting with this collection, please bring items to the Lodge meetings on March 5th or April 2nd.

We would like to welcome two new members to our committee! Regina Najarian and Charlene Logan have joined us. We welcome any other Lodge members that would like to join the committee - please contact one of us.

Also, we thank each member that has supported our past activities and look forward to your support with these new ones. We can't continue to have the successful community impact without your support!!

Feel free to contact us with any questions or new ideas!

Our Committee:

Denise Mazzotta Krause, Georgianna Hull, Donna Casciello
Charlene Logan, and Regina Najarian



North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy's Community Outreach Committee is coordinating the collection of items listed below for Bedroom and Bathroom to support The Columbus House's Welcome Kits Program.



Most of those we serve have limited incomes and often need help with basic necessities once they secure housing. Help give them a warm welcome into their new home with some basic household items to get them started.

Please help by purchasing one of the kit options below, or purchase one of each kit to create a **FULL WELCOME KIT** (APPROX. COST \$300).

1 FUND KITS

Funding a Welcome Kit ensures people receive what they need and gives them the option to make their own decisions on sizes, colors and designs.

2 MAKE A KIT

Get together with family, friends, or co-workers and put together a kit, or two, or ten! Each kit will go directly to someone moving into a new home.

3 GIVE A GIFT CARD

Gift cards to Big Lots, Family Dollar Store, Target, Dollar Tree and Walmart are a great way to help. They can be used to purchase additional household items.



CLEANING KIT (APPROX. COST \$30)

- ☐ Bucket
- ☐ Mop
- ☐ Duster
- ☐ Broom
- ☐ Dust Pan
- ☐ Laundry Soap
- ☐ Laundry Basket
- ☐ Window Cleaner
- ☐ Powder Cleanser
- ☐ Sponges
- ☐ Cleaning Rags
- ☐ Disinfecting Wipes
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer



BEDROOM KIT (APPROX. COST \$120)

- ☐ Twin Sheet Set
- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Bed



BATHROOM KIT (APPROX. COST \$50)

- ☐ Shower Curtain/Rings
- ☐ Garbage Pail
- ☐ Bath Mat
- ☐ Bath Towels
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Toothbrush



KITCHEN KIT (APPROX. COST \$100)

- ☐ Dish Rack
- ☐ Dish Towels
- ☐ Pot Holders
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Paper Towels
- ☐ Reusable Plastic Cups
- ☐ Plates
- ☐ Pots/Pans
- ☐ Cooking Utensils
- ☐ Can Opener
- ☐ Flatware
- ☐ Garbage Pail

Please consider giving extra **GIFT CARDS** that can be added to a kit for the purchase of additional items.



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For more information or to schedule a drop-off please contact Sherree at 203-401-4400 ext. 138 or sdmarino@columbushouse.org

If you would like to fund a Welcome Kit, please make checks payable to "Columbus House" and include "Welcome Kits" in the memo. Mail to: Columbus House, PO Box 7093, New Haven, CT 06519.

You can also give online at www.columbushouse.org/welcomekits

Figure 1

Please drop off items by April 2nd Lodge meeting, or contact one of our members for more information:

Georgianna: 203-988-8006 **Denise:** 203-710-7397 **Donna:** 203-887-7308



North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805
2024 Membership Dues Bill

Make Checks Payable to:
North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

Due Date before or on March 5, 2024

To Renew Dues is \$45.00 per person Student, or Senior Dues (age 80 and over) are 25.00

Please Return this form with your Full Payment

Any Questions or concerns please contact SueAnn Mentone-203-710-4186 or Sue Velleca 203-239-2999

We are trying to keep our Lodge records up to date, if you would like to update your contact information it would be helpful. Please fill out for each member in your household.

Name:		
Phone:		email:
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Calculate Total Payment			
Member Type	Number of Members	Dues	Total (# of Members x Dues)
Regular Member		\$ 45.00	
Over 80		\$ 25.00	
Student		\$ 25.00	
		Total Due	

Please make checks payable to North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

Mail this form and payment to: North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805
Atten: SueAnn Mentone
P.O. Box 193
North Haven, CT. 06473

You may also bring payment to the January, February, or March Meetings.

Please pay before March 5, 2024 we don't want to lose you as a member.

***North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805
2024 Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner***

**Join us as we celebrate three
outstanding members of the community!**

Tickets are only \$55.00 per person!

For tickets or ads contact Frank.

Fmentonejr@comcast.net

203-410-4254



HONOREES

Senator Paul Cicarella

Georgianna Hull

Andrew Caporossi



Wednesday, May 22, 2024

5:30pm - 9:30pm

Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford, CT

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ADDRESS _____

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PHONE # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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By May 1, 2024

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