

North Haven Sons & Daughters
of Italy Lodge #2805
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**NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF
ITALY
LODGE # 2805
MARCH 2015 - NEWSLETTER**



OFFICERS

President: Denise Krause
Vice President: Sharon Ricciardelli
Orator: Matt Gill
Financial Secretary: Leonard Ricciardelli
Treasurer: Mark DeFranco
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Vestal
Immediate Past Pres: Neil Velleca Jr.
Mistress of Ceremonies: Cindy DeFranco
Master of Ceremonies: Brian Johnson
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Gale Iannone, Nick Mastroianni
Laurie Solimene, Gary Takach,
Nathan Vestal, Chris Wartko
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Lenny Ricciardelli
Nathan Vestal
* Arbitration Committee
Donna Casciello, Theresa
Marino, Nick Mastroianni,
Dolores Mazzotta, Glenn
Pantaleo, Dan Krause-Alternate
*Not members of Board of Directors



A Part of
the
Grand Lodge
of
Connecticut

COMMITTEES

Charities: Nathan Vestal &
Gary Takach
Culture: Matt Gill
Ways & Means: _____
Social: Donna Casciello
Membership: Susan Velleca
Member Development: Neil Velleca Jr
Scholarship: Cheryl Vestal
Library: Sharon Ricciardelli
Distinguished Citizen: Neil Velleca Sr
Good & Welfare: Donna Casciello
Festival: Lenny Ricciardelli
Meetings Hosts: Annie StAmand
Crafts: _____
Support Troops: Earl & Mary Lou Stamp
Dominoes: Dolores Mazzotta
Newsletter: Neil Velleca Jr
Publicity: Sharon Ricciardelli
We encourage all members to join a
committee. You will not be turned down,
and we are always looking for more help.
To join a committee, contact a committee
member or talk to Denise.



ANNOUNCEMENT!

DUES ARE NOW DUE.

IF YOU ARE RUNNING FOR A LODGE OFFICER YOU MUST HAVE YOUR DUES PAID BY THE MARCH MEETING.

41 MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING.

NEXT MEETING

****MARCH 3RD****

HOSTESSES;

Marianne Ciarleglio, Ann Lear, Camille Annunziata

As a reminder you get up to \$75.00 to purchase food items which can consist of just desserts. Coffee, water and soda are provided by the lodge.

Anyone interested in hosting please contact me at (860) 571-0498 or at ann.stamand@trincoll.edu. Thank you to all who have served during the year. Annie St.Amand

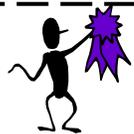


WEEKLY DOMINOES

We play Dominos every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm at the Lodge. This is open to ALL members and it's Free. You don't have to come every week to enjoy a nice afternoon of fun and conversation.



For more info contact Dolores Mazzotta (203) 234-8314



**BRING IN NEW MEMBERS
EARN REWARDS!**

2 MEMBERS	\$10 GIFT CARD
3 MEMBERS	\$20 GIFT CARD
4 MEMBERS	\$30 GIFT CARD
5 MEMBERS	FREE DUES

LODGE CALENDAR

May 9thComedy Night
May 30thMembership Dinner

NEWSLETTER: If you are running an event or you have something to share with other members please send info or pictures to Neil at navelleca@hotmail.com.

Newsletter raffle winner, Sue & Bill Lewis

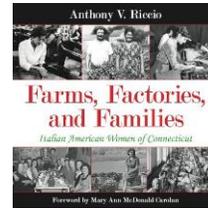
SUPPORT THE TROOPS!

Even though we do not have any men or women serving from our Lodge family or friends, please keep all service men and women and their families in your prayers this Christmas season.

Local Italian American Culture note:

Author Anthony Riccio will be appearing at the North Haven Library on Saturday March 7th 2015 at 1pm. He will present his new book

***"Farms, Factories and Families:
Italian American Women of Connecticut"***



"Farms, Factories and Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut" is the story of Italian American women who tell their largely unknown history in their own words, through oral history interviews and photographs.

The Lodge Culture Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month. Our goal is to promote our love of Italian culture through events, demonstrations, broadcasts, round table discussions, and any ideas you would like to discuss or plan.

Please call me if you have any questions about this important committee 203-640-2596.



Cheryl & Nathan Vestal welcomed their first grandchild a little boy, Cesare born on 12-24-14 to their son TY & daughter in law Danielle.



**Back by
Popular Demand!**



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805
Announces to all Members our 2nd Annual

COMEDY NIGHT Fundraiser

Saturday — May 9, 2015

Wallingford Elks Club
148 S. Main Street, Wallingford, CT

6:00 pm — doors open

7:00 pm — 3-course dinner (cash bar)

8:15 pm — show

**NEW ROSTER OF COMEDIANS
PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLES AND FUN PHOTO CORNER**

\$40 per member

For tickets please contact:
Gale at 203-239-0454

Comedy Night Planning Committee date and time to be announced
at the March monthly meeting.

DID YOU KNOW?



Luigi "Geno" Auriemma is an Italian-born American college basketball coach and the head coach of the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team. He has led UConn to nine NCAA Division I national championships, and has won six national Naismith College Coach of the Year awards. He had many assistant coaching positions before becoming head coach at Uconn in 1985.

Auriemma was also the head coach of the United States women's national basketball team from 2009 to 2014, winning the 2010 and 2014 World Championship, and the gold medal at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

He was born March 23, 1954, and emigrated with his family from Montella in southern Italy to Norristown, Pennsylvania, when he 7

Hello everyone!

It is February, and what a winter it has been! I hope you are all safe and warm through these past set of snow storms. I also think most of you will join me in hoping that the weather warms up soon, so we can start looking forward to Spring!

Speaking of looking forward, it is time for us as a Lodge to be very excited! We have a new location to hold our meetings and social events. We held our first Lodge meeting on February 3rd, and I think everyone that attended will agree that it was a perfect fit. So I look forward to the March meeting – there is a lot going on! The Culture Committee has a lot of great ideas. The Social Committee will be presenting their list of new events. We need you to join in the fun!

Another very important reason I invite all to attend our March meeting is to witness the installation of the 2015 roster of Officers. Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for the honor of serving as President of Lodge 2805 for the past two years. I am so proud to be a member of this Lodge, and being President was a wonderful experience – I always felt your support as we ventured into new territory, tried new events, repeated tried and true events, and faced the changes necessary for the health of the Lodge. Thank you all. I also want to take a moment to thank the group of Board Members and Trustees that worked so well with me for the past two years. While I publically presented ideas and verbalized the new directions we took, it was often due to the ideas of the group – I did very little on my own. Please know that I will do my best to be an active Immediate Past President, lending my support to our new leadership.

It is time for new leadership - I encourage you to rally behind Lenny Ricciardelli, our President Elect. He has a lot of great ideas, and much energy to lead us forward. The 2015 Board of Officers is a great mix of re-elected members with experience being on the Board, and some new people who will bring a fresh perspective! Be part of our history, and show your support for the new regime – come to the March meeting, and bring a friend!

Con i migliori auguri,

Denise Mazzotta Krause

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