

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



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President: Denise Krause  
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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.**

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE!

Free Membership Dinner, May 30<sup>th</sup> in the church hall for anyone who wishes to join our lodge. It is also Free for members who bring someone to join.



Membership is the key to keeping our lodge vibrant and active.

We will have a committee meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> to start planning the dinner. If you would like to help, please contact Sue or Neil at 203-239-2999 or [navelleca@hotmail.com](mailto:navelleca@hotmail.com). The meeting will be at our house, 14 Cella Terrace at 7:00 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**\*\*APRIL 7TH\*\***

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.

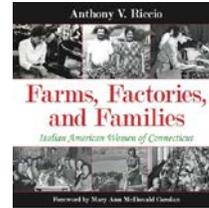
Anyone interested in hosting please contact me at (860) 571-0498 or at [ann.stamand@trincoll.edu](mailto:ann.stamand@trincoll.edu). Thank you to all who have served during the year. Annie St.Amand



### Local Italian American Culture note:

**Author Anthony Riccio will be appearing at the North Haven Library on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 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.***

### "Come to the Horse Races"

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Starting at 6:30 PM

at ST Frances  
Church Hall  
Meeting Place  
\$15.00 per person  
includes Lasagna  
Dinner with Salad  
& Bread, BYOB



Come to bet on your favorite hours!!

\$2.00 per bet, per horse, per race, you may be the big winner of the Night!

Contact Donna 203-239-0285 or Sharon 203-234-0215 for tickets



**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

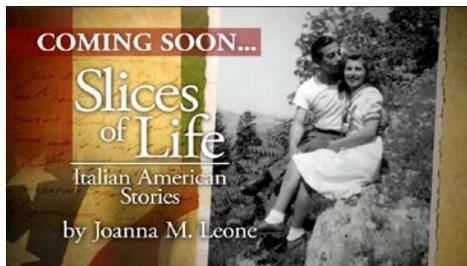
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	.....Comedy Night
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	.....Membership Dinner
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	.....Horse Racing
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	.....Membership Picnic
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	.....Pig Roast
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	.....Hot Movie Night
Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	.....Distinguished Citizen Dinner

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.



Please join us on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Frances Cabrini Church, for a night of traditional fun, and to also celebrate Mother's Day Italian Style. Joining us will be Joanna Leone Author of the book "Slices of Life"! This book is about special Italian American Traditions and Memories. You can share your traditions, stories, recipes, too! This evening will connect us all to our own Italian American Traditions. This is a free event. We would like some members to bring a dessert or snack to share. Please Contact Lenny or Sharon at 203-234-0215 or [Lric56@yahoo.com](mailto:Lric56@yahoo.com).



### Pictured is Our Youngest Lodge Member Gianluca Barecchia!



Gianluca finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall with 5 fencers from the North Haven High School Fencing team at the individual State Championships. There were over 300 in the competition, and it was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Hopkins.

Gianluca also made first team All-State.

He joined our Club in 2014 with his cousin Antonio and has played bocce with us and helped serve our meal at Comedy Night. Gianluca volunteers as a aide at Yale New Haven Hospital and is an Emergency Response volunteer for the North Branford Fire Department

### Annual Members-Only-Picnic



**Save the Date**—Sunday June 28, 2015. We will have the New Haven Pizza Truck from 4-7pm at the Church parking lot. Free to all members. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Get ready to socialize, eat delicious pizza and possibly play some games??? Let's hope we have good weather that day...Lenny, put the rosary beads out! Any questions, please contact Sally Gill 203-239-6611 Hope to see you ALL there!

**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.

**Join us for Trivia Night with the  
North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy!**



When: April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Where: St Frances Cabrini Church

57 Pond Hill Road

North Haven



Time: Doors open at 6:30, Contest starts at 7 PM

Cost: \$10.00 per person

This fun-filled evening is open to all interested. This is played with  
teams of 2 to 6 people and prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners.

There will be many different areas of interest for everyone to  
participate in. Bring your friends, relatives, anyone you want, and make  
up a team! This event is being hosted by Craig Ventura of Big Boy  
Entertainment.

Sign-ups will take place at the April monthly meeting.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up before the meeting,  
please contact Charlene Logan at 203-239-1019 or email me at  
[loganschnauzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loganschnauzer@sbcglobal.net)



**Let the Games Begin!!!!**

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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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