



## Club Announcements

November Dinner registration is \$60 per person and \$70 at the door.

**Annual dues of \$230 are due!**

**Late Fees after November 1 of \$30.00**

We encourage you to bring a guest to the November Men's Club meeting. It's your opportunity to introduce new faces to our gatherings, share the fellowship we enjoy, and keep our community strong.

## NOVEMBER BUFFET Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 Dinner at 6:30

A warm embrace of holiday favorites, served with a side of good company:

### **Appetizers:**

Chef's Choice

### **Salad:**

Crisp garden greens with classic fixings

### **Main Course:**

Carved Free-Range Turkey Breast

Smoked Cure 81 Ham

Mashed Potatoes

Artisan French Bread Stuffing

Mediterranean Vegetable Platter

### **Sides:**

Giblet Gravy

Cranberry-Apple Sauce

### **Dessert:**

Pumpkin Pie

**Come hungry. Leave festive.**

## Tradition in Harmony The Madrigals Return

As autumn settles in and the holidays draw near, we're thrilled to announce the return of a cherished Saratoga Men's Club tradition: a live performance by the Mountain View High School Madrigal Singers. These gifted vocalists will join us at our November meeting, filling the room with warmth, joy, and the kind of harmonies that make spirits soar.

Under the spirited direction of Jill Denny, the Madrigals perform over 75 times a year, sharing their music across the globe—from Iceland's wintry vistas to South Africa's sunlit savannahs. Their energy, artistry, and joy are contagious, and their visit is always a highlight of our fall calendar.

This annual performance is made possible thanks to the late Ed Porter, whose generosity and vision helped forge a lasting connection between our club and the Madrigals. We honor his legacy each time we welcome them to our stage.

To support their international tours, the Madrigals will offer CDs for sale at the meeting. It's a chance to take home a piece of the performance—and perhaps find the perfect stocking stuffer for a fellow music lover. Cash is appreciated.

Join us for an evening of song, camaraderie, and seasonal spirit. The Madrigals are back, and the holidays officially begin when they sing.

# From Guests to Members Let's Close the Circle

At our October meeting, something remarkable happened: 8–9 guests walked through the door – friends, colleagues, and neighbors invited by you. That's not a fluke. It is proof the Saratoga Men's Club still matters to men in our community, and that our members are willing to share it. You answered the call. You told your stories. You brought people in. Now comes the next step – turning those handshakes into memberships. Because a guest who leaves impressed is a good start. A guest who joins is how we secure the future.

So here's the November challenge:

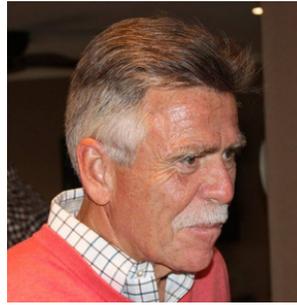
Follow up. Not with pressure or a sales pitch. A simple, sincere question is all you need: "What did you think? Would you like to make this your place, too?" That's it. Then hand them an application. Or better yet – walk them through it together at the next meeting. Make it easy. Make it personal. Let them see that joining isn't paperwork – it's belonging. We've already shown we can open the door. Now let's help them step through it as members.

Every new member isn't just a name on a roster. They're the next voice in the conversation, the next hand raising a glass, the next keeper of the traditions we love.

You brought them here.

Now let's welcome them home.

## Neal's Notes



At our Board Meeting, I floated the idea of placing a Saratoga Men's Club tribute at the Foothill Club—a nod to our shared community roots and a chance to showcase our legacy. Since 1918, the Saratoga Men's Club has been more than a gathering

place—it's been a steady thread in the fabric of local camaraderie, service, and storytelling.

The Odd Fellows Lodge recently created a commemorative display honoring its founding members, including Dr. R.L. Hogg and L.J. Hanchett, who also served as Men's Club presidents in the 1930s. Their dual roles remind us how deeply connected these organizations have been. I'd love to hear your thoughts at our next meeting on how we might honor our own founding story.

On April 20, 1912, a group of visionary individuals united in Saratoga to establish the Saratoga Odd Fellows Lodge #428, laying the foundation for a tradition of fellowship, service, and unwavering commitment to the principles of friendship, love, and truth.

Noble Grand, Edward Seagraves, PG.  
Vice Grand, William Albert Rice, PG.  
Recording Secretary, James M. Lipscomb, PG.  
Financial Secretary, Johnson Andrew Kerr  
Treasurer, Thomas Edward Smith, PG.  
R.S.N.G., James Henry Wilson, PG.  
Inside Guardian, Forest D. Sanders  
Chaplain, Earl E. Malone, PG.  
R.S.V.G., Robert Lawrence Hogg

In due form, twenty-three candidates were initiated into the mysteries of our Order, followed by the First, Second and Third Degrees.

FB. Smith, Orchardist, Age 34	E.C. Stamper, Carpenter, Age 35
H.E. Brandenburg, Orchardist, Age 54	C.R. Miller, Orchardist, Age 28
J.W. Marshall, Clerk, Age 29	L.J. Hanchett, Station Agent, Age 23
Ernest Ruch, Rancher, Age 44	L.H. Wakefield, Orchardist, Age 30
H.A. Tomlinson, Clerk, Age 22	E.C. Nerell, Carpenter, Age 29
M.G. Tomlinson, Grocer, Age 50	Johnnie N. Cox, Orchardist, Age 27
C.S. Pendleton, Orchardist, Age 47	Harry F. Scott, Carpenter, Age 29
John Rodoni, Contractor, Age 42	B.V. Young, Draftsman, Age 30
W.M. Seagraves, Contractor, Age 49	A. Metzger, Merchant, Age 31
B.E. Knapp, Engineer, Age 43	EM. Brooke, Orchardist, Age 49
F.H. Gardner, Carpenter, Age 32	Harland Macdonald, Farmer, Age 29
Fred St. John, Lather, Age 50	

For over a century, their dedication has shaped and strengthened our community, inspiring generations to carry forward their values.

*Dedicated With Honor  
Saratoga Odd Fellows Lodge  
September 2025*

Please make your check out to Saratoga Men's Club for \$60.00 per person (\$70.00 at the door),  
and include this slip in the return envelope.

Kindly have reservations back to SMC by Wednesday, November 12.

Mail checks to: Saratoga Men's Club P.O. Box 2552 Saratoga, CA 95070.

Check one of the following: I'll pay at the door \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie entrée \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Wine Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Did you know?***

Madrigal singing dates back to 16th-century Italy, where it was the Spotify of the Renaissance – poetry set to music, performed in intimate gatherings much like ours. So when the Madrigal Singers perform, they're channeling centuries of heartfelt storytelling in harmony

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FOR DINNER**

1. Go to the Saratoga Men's Club website: [SaratogaMensClub.com](http://SaratogaMensClub.com)
2. Underneath "Upcoming events" which is 1/2 way down the page, click on [current month] Meeting.
3. Underneath "On-Line Registration", click on Members.
4. Log in using your Clubrunner user name and password.
5. You may now register yourself by clicking on the highlighted "REGISTER ME".
6. The next page will ask you to "CONFIRM". On the right side of this page you may click on "REGISTER ADDITIONAL GUEST". Click on this and you can register a guest on the page that then comes up.
7. You may then proceed to "Pay by Credit Card" at the bottom of the page.
8. Enter the credit card details and confirm.
9. You will receive an email confirming your registration and payment.

**On-line registration closes the WEDNESDAY (November 12th) before the meeting.**