

This article was intended to be in our June Trestleboard, but due to a mistake, my May article was re-published in June. I have made some updates for a July publication.

I hate to start this article with an obituary, but with over half of our Lodge being over 70 years, it is just a sign of reality.

Brother Stan Walker passed away on March 17th at the age of 91 years. He was raised a Master Mason in Yerba Buena Lodge No. 403 on November 8, 1962 so he had been a Mason for over 63 years. He affiliated with Las Palmas in October of 1984 and in 2000 he transferred his membership from Las Palmas to Clovis. He affiliated with Hanford Lodge No. 269 in September of 2006 where he was a Life Member. He then returned to Las Palmas-Ponderosa with the consolidation of Clovis in 2015.

He served as chaplain of Clovis Lodge in 2011 and Hanford Lodge in 2012. He served as our Chaplain in 2025. Clovis Lodge awarded him the Hiram Award in 2012.

Brother Walker earned his Bachelor's degree from Stanford University. Two of his fellow classmates at Stanford were (later to be) Senator Diane Feinstein and (later to be) California Grand Master and US Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

After going through several career changes, he ended up in Fresno as a school teacher for 30 years.

In addition to being our Chaplain, for many years he took a serious part in the second section of the 3rd degree. He truly loved this part and gave it with much enthusiasm. Brother Stan, I will think of you every time we put on a 3rd degree.

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Brothers Bill Lyons, Stuart Hoskins and Dylan Oak have worked hard to bring electricity to the two gazeboes on our patio. At our BBQ's on the Patio, those who like to stay outside, as opposed to being in our air-conditioned card room, now have more light and a more festive atmosphere.

When we started these monthly BBQ's on the Patio a year ago, we purposefully moved the day of the month for them from various Mondays to some Thursdays. This was done so that the conflict with other Masonic affiliated bodies would be minimized. At the Stated Meeting in May, our Master announced that in the future, the date of the BBQ on the Patio would be 2nd Monday of every month. Hopefully this will make it easier for our Brothers to schedule this outing in advance. Even though we "go dark" in July and August, we will still have our monthly Stated Meetings and our BBQ's on the Patio.

I hope to see many of you Brothers and your male guests at our July 13th BBQ on the Patio. It is free and starts around 6:30.