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### Meet Our New Leaders



**Tom Ashley**  
**Grand Master**  
**2022~2023**

Grand Master, Thomas Ashley, was born in Redlands, California, on September 17, 1945. He grew up and graduated from high school in southern California. In 1964 he moved with his family to Sacramento, California and in 1966 joined the Air Force serving 4 years with one year in Viet Nam. After returning from the service he attended and graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a degree in Business. Tom has three sons, nine grandchildren and 5 1/2 great grandchildren. His grandson Alex Ashley, a former youth pilgrimage delegate, is currently serving in the Marines. He is currently stationed in Camp Pendleton in California. Tom served as Grand Master in 2004/2005 and 2015/2016 and as Grand Patriarch in 2016/2017 and has served on many committees and in various offices in the lodge and in Grand Lodge. He retired from the State of Idaho in 2010 where he worked with physically and mentally

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**DeeDee Hallquist**  
**Assembly President**  
**2022~2023**

I was born Roberta Lee Bonwell in Prineville, Oregon on Friday, May 13th, 1949, the 3rd child of Ardis and Lewis Bonwell. At about two weeks in my baby book, I began to be referred to as DeeDee, and here in White Bird I still am "DeeDee". At the age of 4 along with our mother, Ardis, stepfather Beryl Smith, brother Richard and sisters, Lydia, Carolynn and Laurie we moved to White Bird, Idaho.

Our youngest brother, Chuck, was born after we moved here.

We had a wonderful childhood running all over the hill behind our house, played around in the creek and when brother Rich was old enough to have a driver's license, we swam in the Salmon River at Skookumchuck Beach. Life was very active and pretty darn wonderful. Growing up, because of our stepfather Beryl Smith, we were called the Smith kids and many still refer to us that way.

In 1967, I married Macy Allen Jr. from Clarkston, WA and a couple of months later

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## COMING EVENTS 2022 ~ 2023

### NOVEMBER

- 4-5 NORTHWEST/PNW TBA
- 13 THANKSGIVING DINNER WHITE BIRD
- 17 THANKSGIVING DINNER MTN. HOME

### DECEMBER

- 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY NAMPA

### JANURARY

- 7 DIST. 4 JOINT INSTALL. 10:00 AM NAMPA

### FEBRUARY

- 3 JOINT PLANNING BRD 10:00 AM CALDWELL
- 18 IOOF DIST. 4 NAMPA

### MARCH

- 11 REB. DIST 3 & VISITATION 9:00 AM MTN HOME
- 13 IOOF DIST 7 & VISITATION CLEARWATER
- 18 REB DISTRICT 1 POCATELLO
- 25 IOOF DISTRICT 1 POCATELLO

### APRIL

- 1-2 NORTHWEST BRITISH COLUMBIA
- 1 ENCAMPMENT DIST 1 BOISE

## Tom Ashley Bio

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challenged individuals. Tom's home lodges are Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40 where he currently serves as Treasurer, Melba Rebekah Lodge #105, Temple Encampment #3 and Columbia Canton #3.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Mountain Home Lodge #19 is pleased to announce that this November, on the 17th at 6:30 pm, we will once again be hosting our annual Thanksgiving dinner. This dinner is open to all Odd Fellows, friends, families, and community members. We hope to see you there that evening for food, fellowship, and fun.

Submitted by Linda Hopkins



**Halloween Party!**

October 29<sup>th</sup> 6 to 8 p.m.

At the IOOF Hall in White Bird

Costume Contest - All ages  
 Pumpkin Carving Contest (bring pumpkins carved or decorated)  
 Scarecrow Contest (bring decorated)  
 kids and Adults

**Games**

Ring Toss      Shooting Gallery  
 Fish Pond      Cake walk

-----**Many More**-----

Everyone is welcome!! Refreshments will be Served!  
 Tickets 8 for \$1.00



**Annual Rebekah's Thanksgiving Dinner!**

IOOF Hall, Downtown White Bird

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

**Come down early for Bingo**  
 Bingo begins at 10:00 AM

**Dinner is served from Noon till Gone**  
 Get here early for the best pie selection, and just because you all know we cook up a darned good meal!

Same prices as always:  
 \$7 for adults  
 \$3 for kids from 6 - 12  
 \$2 for kids 5 and under

**Proceeds from this event go to support various worthwhile Rebekah projects.**



Dear Lodge Members,

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as Grand Master for this term. This was not planned by me but I am happy to serve the Order where ever there is a need. Our Grand Sessions have just been completed in Boise and were well organized an enjoyed by all who attended. Next year's Sessions will be held in Moscow and I hope many if not all of you will be able to attend. These sessions are important as well as being fun.

This year the Amos/Amosettes dinner and activity raised an impressive \$5,000 for Angel Wings, a cancer support charity. This is the type of things we are and should be doing in our Lodges and communities.

Let's make our presence known and show our communities and the Jurisdiction of Idaho just who we are and what we can do. Let us all exemplify everything our Order stands for, Friend, Love, and Truth, and Faith, Hope, and Charity, as well as, the golden rule. These represent the tenets of our Order. Let's all be good examples to our members and communities.

My first official visit will be to Mt. Home Lodge 19, on November 17th at their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The rest of my visits are yet to be scheduled but I will be contacting your lodge soon.

In F.L. & T.,  
Tom Ashley,  
Grand Master

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I sit here writing my first letter to you, I am humbled and amazed that I am now the Idaho Rebekah Assembly's President for the next 12 months. I hope I will be able to fulfill my duties to all of you as well as those before me.

I always think each new President and her officers begin with a clean slate and the opportunity to inspire our members to strive for more harmony within our Lodges, gain more members and hopefully at the end of the term, be leaving our Lodges stronger than they were before.

My pins are an open heart and a bee with part of a honeycomb. (I wanted a hive but couldn't find any that were even remotely affordable.) I think if we approach our lives and our Lodges with an open heart and open mind there isn't anything we can't accomplish. Especially if we all work together like the bees do. One for all and all for one.

My projects are to get new members, get our old members back at our meetings, get more of our members enrolled in Funeral Aid and to try to get everyone inspired to visit another Lodge. Especially the District Meetings. They are a great time to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends.

In FL&T.  
Roberta/DeeDee Hallquist  
Assembly President



## DeeDee Hallquist Bio

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we loaded our worldly possessions in our 1959 Thunderbird and headed to Seattle where Macy went to work for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer Newspaper, and I got a job with Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company. Most of my working years were spent in the accounting offices of commercial printing companies. After moving back to White Bird in 2009, I spent 8 summers working in Egegik, Alaska with sister, Laurie. That was quite an experience working with Sockeye Salmon commercial gillnet fishermen.

My daughters, Shawnean and Debra and my son, Macy III were born in the Seattle area. Overall, I spent 43 years in the Seattle area but in 2009 when it seemed like there was a population explosion of mostly rude people I said to my kids "Sorry kids, I've had enough of the big city, and I am going home to White Bird." And off I went.

I have 3 children (plus one more because he chose us as his family), eight grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Other than one great-grand-daughter in Colorado, the others all live north of Seattle. I usually manage to make several trips a year.

I love to garden and have been sewing one thing or the other since I was 10 years old. At that time, I wanted my mom to make me some doll clothes and she said "no, but I will show you how to make some patterns and then you can do it yourself". I usually have some kind of project going for my family's birthdays.

I joined the Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 here in White Bird in 2010, was Noble Grand in 2015 and have been Secretary many of the years since joining.

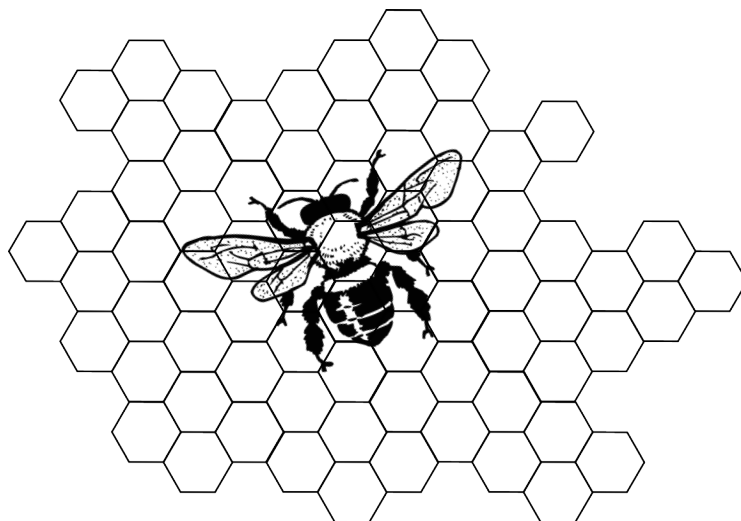
# Rebekah Assembly of Idaho



With George Mason □ Washington, DC □ May 2021

## Roberta "DeeDee" Hallquist President 2022 – 2023

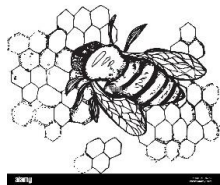
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but Live Today*





**Theme**

Keep an Open Heart and work as a Group towards *Beeing* all that you can.



**Motto**

*Cherish Yesterday, Dream Tomorrow but Live Today.*

**Emblems**

Open Heart  
Bee and Honeycomb

**Flowers**

All Flowers are beautiful, even the pretty weeds.

**Color**

Red

**Watchwords**

Friendship, Love and Truth  
Tolerance and Charity

**Guides**

Books of the Order  
Bible

**Special Projects**

Funeral Aid  
Arthritis Foundation  
Community Projects

**Aims and Challenges**

Not only get new members but to bring those current members back that were lost from meetings, due to Covid closures. Memorize your duties, because you care. Look around your community and see what your Lodge can help with.

**Scripture**

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.  
Proverbs 16:24

**Altar Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we pray for your guidance as we go through our daily lives, that You will guide us towards Your work and Your will. *Amen*

**Awards**

1. Most new members
2. Most members enrolled in Funeral Aid
3. Most visits to other Lodges. "Get out there and meet other members."

**Songs** God Bless America

\*\*On The Road Again \*\*  
Spirit Song

**Dedication**

To our Mother, Ardis Howerton, who was a 50+ year member. When I think of Mom and Lodge, I remember her really dressed up to attend the regular meetings. She was also Secretary for many years.

**Memory Book**

Please send at least one picture and a note regarding my visit.

Send to:

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**Contact me any time**

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**Pics From The General Banquet & Others**



Joe! No kissy, kissy



PSGM, Larry Ferguson, presented Glen Schultz with the medallion award.



Donnie Marvin received his Past Grand Treasurer's Jewel. Pinned by Pat Marvin



Having a little fun



Bob, All dressed up and looking handsome.

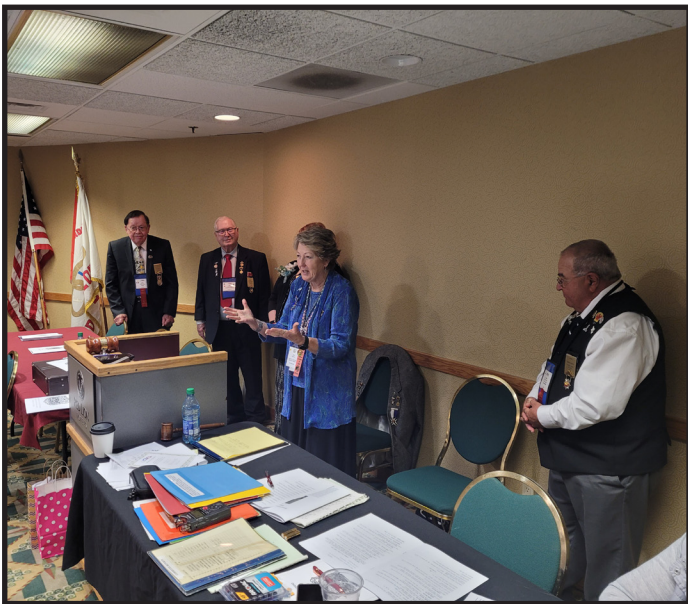


Ferry North looking stylish. Watch out ladies!



The happy couple, David & Merna Deland

## Scenes From 2022 Grand Sessions



Assembly President Deb, delivering important message to Grand Lodge



IARA Representative, Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit giving words of wisdom to Grand Lodge



Pat Marvin & Lydia Crane



Always Time to Socialize



Just Chillin'



It' Been A Long Day



Incoming Grand Officers  
2022 ~ 2023

Donnie Marvin, Dustin Irishwebb, David Deland, Merna Deland, Marge Harlan, Joe DeChristefero, David Livingston, Sandie Chandler, Tom Ashley, Dan Sanow and Bob Covert

## Amos/Amosette Pajama Party

The Amos Amosette Pajama themed dinner at the Grand Sessions worked hard to raise funds for the Angle Wings Network, and it shows. We raised \$5300.00 for the event. Angle Wings Network provides services to Cancer patients within a 70-mile radius of Weiser Idaho. All rural area providing them rides to Chemo and Radiation treatment in Boise, Nampa and Caldwell Idaho. They provide a host of other services such as palliative and passionate care for all. They are a non profit group and are all volunteers.

It was a fun night had by all we had a pajama parade, where everyone got to show off their Pajamas. We gave out cash prizes \$5.00 for third, \$10.00 for second and \$20.00 for first. Below are the Winners: Dustin IrishWebb 3rd, Deb Whitney 2nd, and Bob Covert 1st. Our group of judges were Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit, Past IARA President, from Missouri and Larry Ferguson Past Sovereign Grand Master, from West Virginia.

Submitted by Glen Schultz



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