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## Living Legacy—Melba #105

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 Living Legacy project for 2023 was donating funds to Melba Valley Historical Society. The Society is working on beautifying the grounds around the building. They are just starting this project, but have high hopes of planting grass and flowers and a tree or two. As you can see by the picture, a lot needs to be done. Hopefully our donation to provide plants will help them. We hope to be able to provide a picture next year showing what the Society has accomplished.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Pictures: What the area the Melba Valley Historical Society looks like today.



## President Roberta (DeeDee) Hallquist visit to Melba Rebekah Lodge #105



Assembly Officers



Margaret Odle & Connie Schultz



President DeeDee Speaking



Pres. DeeDee & NG Tom Ashley



Payette Visitors



Sandie & Janie



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COMING EVENTS 2023		
<b>JUNE</b>		
TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	MTN HOME
17	ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
17	GRAND ENCAMPMENT	BOISE
24	OWHEE #2	NAMPA
<b>JULY</b>		
15	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
29	HOE DOWN	MTN HOME
<b>AUGUST</b>		
2	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
5	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE
21-24	SGL/IARA	DES MOINES
26	OWYHEE #2	NAMPA
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
8	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
16	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
15-18	GRAND SESSIONS	BOISE
22	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
4-5	NORTHWEST/PACIFIC NW	TBD
12	THANKSGIVING DINNER	WHITE BIRD
16	THANKSGIVING DINNER	MTN HOME
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
9	CHRISTMAS PARTY	NAMPA

## BINGO FUN NIGHT

**WHEN:** JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 2023

**WHERE:** ODD FELLOWS HALL  
600 North Curtis, Boise, Idaho

**TIME:** 6 PM

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

**COST:** 50c Per Card per Game (there will be 10 games) Cards can be purchased in advance.  
Example: 4 cards per game = \$2.00 X 10 = \$20.00

**PRIZES:** PER GAME

**PROCEEDS:** To help The Unity Rebekah Lodge of Boise fund their community programs. The Unity Rebekah lodge is a Sister Lodge of Ada Lodge No.3 Odd Fellows of Boise.

**Everyone is invited**



**On June 20, 1782, the Second Continental Congress selected bald eagles as the national symbol of the United States.**



Hello again,

Another month has passed as time fly's by. Most, if not all, Lodges will be winding up activities this month and taking somewhat of a break for July and August.

Hopefully many lodges have been involved with scholarship and other programs in their local schools and this month will see the completion of those activities and programs for this school year. Helping to further education within our communities is an activity worthy of our support and can give us needed exposure and recognition in our communities.

See the calendar in this paper for summer activities in the order. Some of these activities are the Silver City Lodge meetings in June and August, GI Joe breakfast in Boise put on by Ada Lodge 3, our annual picnic in Boise at Kirsten Armstrong Park in August and I'm sure many other activities with your local lodges. We will also be having the Grand Encampment session and degree rally in Boise on June 17th. Plan to attend if you are an Encampment member.

The Assembly President and Grand Masters visits in May to the Idaho City Lodges was postponed until the September meetings due to two funerals on May 20th. Sadly Sister Vicky Kiele's husband Terry passed away and many members opted to attend his services in Kooskia that day. Also Past President of the Rebekah Assembly and very longtime member of the order, Anna Breeze,

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to say Thank You to all of you for the honors given me, the lovely gifts, the great food, your skits, funds for my travels and/or projects, and most of all the fellowship of meeting and greeting all of you over the last few of months. I want to compliment all of you on your Lodges and/or meeting places. I really enjoyed seeing the different buildings used in the service of our Odd Fellowship. The Melba #105 Lodge in Nampa is a wonderful representation of what they must have looked like in the "old" days.

I hope you enjoyed my different talks. I tried to be informative but relative. In these days of 'life with the cell phones' it is hard to be relatable to today's society. Unfortunately, I believe today's younger generation have lost the art of face-to-face communication. Personally, I would rather talk to someone face-to-face or verbally on the phone. Just so I don't sound old-fashioned, I do appreciate the ability to send a quick text or message but think it is severely overused.

I wanted to remind any of you Lodges that received my Bee pins to please make sure your Secretary/Treasurer has sent the check for them to Secretary Vicky Kiele. These funds will go toward my projects. Also, any of you that didn't get a copy of my Assembly top order form, please check with other members and/or let me know and I can send you one.

In FL&T, President DeeDee

## Grand Master's Letter

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passed way and her services were that day. Marge Harlan and I attended her services in Pocatello. Anna was a member of Ivy Rebekah Lodge and Portneuf Odd Fellow Lodge. I wish to express the condolences of the Grand Lodge of Idaho to both Vicky Kiele and her family and Crystal and David Livingston and all of Anna Breeze's family on their loss.

Let's all have a safe and fun summer and look forward to seeing some of you at the summer events before resuming meetings in September. Practice the Golden rule and the watchwords of our order, Friend, Love, and Truth.

Tom Ashley, Grand Master

## Nampa Odd Fellows

Nampa - Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40 gave three scholarships to graduating Seniors. Two of our winners were from Skyview High School, and one was from Nampa High School. Brother Tom Ashley and Sister Sandie Chandler presented certificates to Skyview Seniors, Kelton Blacker and Kylie McLaughlin. Kelton will be attending Idaho State University (ISU) where he will be striving for a Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy. Kylie will be attending Brigham Young University-Idaho and will deepen her understanding of animal health. Our third winner was Nampa High School Senior Ashley Gaona. Ashley will be attending University of Idaho and will be seeking a career in Medical Science. Our best wishes to these three students and hoping they reach their dreams.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

## Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 President Roberta (DeeDee) Hallquist's Official Visit



President Roberta  
DeeDee Hallquist and  
NG Paula Prewett



The Bee Sisters, the Bee Keeper, and of  
course, DD the Queen Bee

White Bird - We assembled at the Hall for a delicious lunch at 1:00 that Wednesday afternoon. We numbered fifteen Gems, and eight guests, which altogether included twelve Past Noble Grands. Special guests in attendance were Vicki Kiele, State Assembly Secretary, and Christina Supak, Assembly Vice President and District 6 Deputy President. We enjoyed DeeDee's message about the proper way to conduct ourselves during a meeting. We all need a reminder once in awhile. Christina Supack recited the unwritten work at a quick pace and all by memory. We were all very impressed by that. At a break in the meeting, a story was told and acted out about bees. Since bees are all female, they are also sisters. Some of us played the bees, wearing bee-antenna headbands with wings, and Paula Prewett played the beekeeper with her hat on and her bee veil. DeeDee's headband had antennas as well as a Crown, since she IS our Queen Bee. It was a poignant tale of how two of the sisters got in trouble, and how the rest of the sisters helped the two. The message here is: "Bee Sisters, Bee Teammates!" After the closing ceremony, we adjourned, embraced, and got on with our days.

Respectfully submitted, in FL&T,  
Mary Pedersen

## Melba Lodge #105

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 has been busy since the last article we sent to the paper. We entertained our Assembly President Roberta "DeeDee" Hallquist on March 22, 2023. We were honored to have our Assembly Secretary Sister Vicky Kiele, Assembly Treasurer Sister Pat Marvin, and District Deputy President of District 4 Sister Connie Schultz, Grand Master Brother Tom Ashley, Deputy Grand Master Sister Sandie Chandler, and Grand High Priest Bob Covert attending our meeting. We also had several Past Assembly Presidents, Sisters Jelene Baird, Vicky Kiele, Lydia Chrane, Georgia Wickham, Sharon McGaffick and Pat Marvin. Two of Sister DeeDee's appointed officers were also present, Sister Jelene Baird Assembly Chaplin and Sister Lydia Chrane Assembly Parliamentarian. Brother Bob Covert wrote a cute skit that the members of Melba #105 acted out for Sister DeeDee. Brother Tom Ashley presented a wrist corsage with pretty green leaves and other gifts to Sister DeeDee. Once the meeting closed we all ventured over to LaBaron's for lunch, everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

On March 23, 2023 several of us journeyed down to Unity Rebekah Lodge #8 to their official visit of Sister DeeDee Hallquist. Before the meeting we met for dinner. On March 25, 2023 again several of us traveled down to Mountain Home for Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4's District meeting and official visit of Assembly President Sister DeeDee Hallquist. Sister DeeDee made her official visit to Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22 in Payette, March 31, 2023 and once again, several members of Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 attended this meeting. On April 8, 2023 Melba #105 hosted District 4's meeting. The Lodges in District 4 are Unity #8, Harmony #22, Rose #18 and Melba #105. Sister Sharon McGaffick was the Chairperson, Sister Georgia Wickham was the Vice Chairperson and Sister Sandie Chandler was the Secretary. We had 10 members from different Lodges. Our distinguish guests were Sister DeeDee Hallquist, Assembly President, Sister Christina Supak Assembly Vice President, Sister Crystal Livingston Assembly Warden, Sister Vicky Kiele Assembly Secretary and Sister Pat Marvin Assembly Treasurer. We also had Grand Master Brother Tom Ashley, Deputy Grand Master Sister Sandie Chandler, and Grand Warden David Livingston, and Brother Bob Covert Grand High Priest of the Encampment.

### **Those attending our District meeting were:**

Guiding Star #4 had 1 member, Sister Pat Marvin

Unity # 8 had 2 members, Sisters Connie Schultz and Margaret Odel

Royal Gem #13 had 1 member, Sister DeeDee Hallquist

Harmony #22 had 2 members, Sister Paula Miller and Brother Mike Miller

Ivy #23 had 2 members, Sister Crystal Livingston and Brother David Livingston

White Pine #60 had 2 members, Sisters Christina Supak and Vicky Kiele

Melba #105 had 7 members, Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert, and Sisters Janie Clark, Pam York, Georgia Wickham, Sharon McGaffick and Sandie Chandler

Rose #18 did not have anyone.

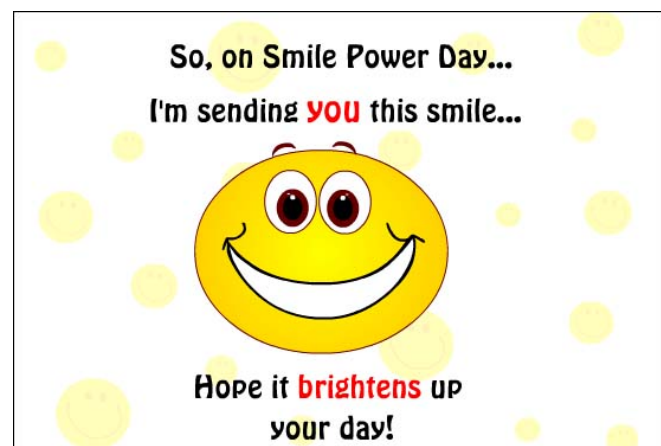
There were a lot of discussions and questions on the presentations the Lodges did. Overall it was a fun and enjoyable day.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

## Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 White Bird, 4-22-23 District 6 Meeting

The District Meeting started early that Saturday as we opened for Registration at 8:00. Sisters started coming in, registering, and buying some raffle tickets for President DeeDee's charity. Then they settled down for a cup of coffee or lemonade, some pastries and fruit, and their registration gift bag to enjoy. After that we met in the main Hall and took our places for the meeting. Paula Prewett was the District Meeting Chair, Lydia Chrane was the District Meeting Vice Chair and Debra Graham was the District Meeting Secretary. Some of our guests included Christina Supak, Vicky Kiele, David and Crystal Livingston, Pat and Donnie Marvin, Deb Whitney, Dixie Jackson, Christine Brown, Mel and Alice Baillie, Bernice Pullen and Jean White. We discussed many different topics during the meeting, Dee Dee and Vickie Kiele each gave an interesting address. We broke for lunch at noon, and I have to say: it was delicious! We served meats and cheeses, rolls, salads and desserts, fruit, two kinds of soup, and beverages. Each person was given a cute Bee keychain as a memento of the meeting. Christine Brown invited us to attend the District Meeting 2024 at their Lodge in Weippe, White Pine #60. We adjourned shortly after two in FL&T.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Pedersen



## Anna Edith Alvord Breeze 1931 - 2023



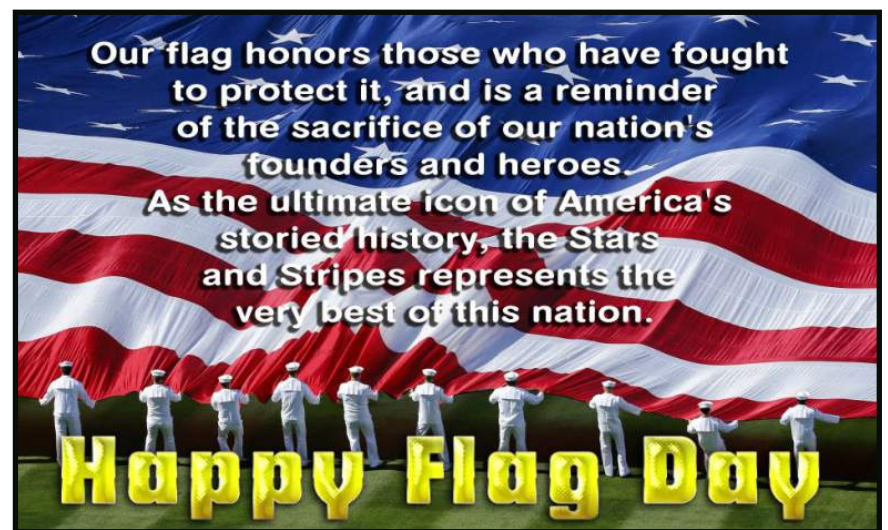
Loving mother, grandmother, wife, and friend, Anna Edith Alvord Breeze, 91, of Bannock County, passed away peacefully in her home on May 12, 2023, due to complications from a fall.

Anna was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, on September 28, 1931, to Tom Edmund Alvord, and Sadie Ray Knight Alvord. She was married to Matt Breeze on August 9, 1974, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple, and were happily married for 37 years. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and held various offices within the church, her favorite being a librarian.

She graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1949. By 1958 she had completed her higher education and obtained a master's degree from Idaho State University.

Anna worked as a secretary and teacher for the Aberdeen School District, a teacher for the Blackfoot School District, and taught with the Center for New Directions at Idaho State University.

Anna joined Bingham Rebekah's of Aberdeen at 18 and was a member of the Rebekah's and Independent Order of Odd Fellows at the time of her passing. She was an Idaho Rebekah Assembly President from 2001-2002.



### History of Flag Day

Flag Day 2023 falls on June 14. The date on which the holiday falls on remain the same, but the day of the week changes each year.

The history of Flag Day 2023 dates back to June 14, 1777, when British symbols of the Grand Union flag were replaced with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes (one for each state) by the Continental Congress. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag. Cigrand's efforts to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916.

However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

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