

Daughters of Norway Grand Lodge History of Conventions by Jill Beatty GL Historian 2023-2025

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1	March 5, 1908	Seattle, WA First GL Board meeting held at the home of Clara Larsen, Valkyrien #1	Clara (Mrs. Oluf) Larsen, Valkyrien #1	3	Valkyrien #1	February 24, 1908 "Articles of Incorporation of the Daughters of Norway of the Pacific Coast, Seattle Washington" signed by ten women from Valkyrien, Embla and Freya lodges and filed with the Secretary of State. Lodge meetings were held twice a month.
2	1909	Seattle, WA	Clara (Mrs. Oluf) Larsen, Valkyrien #1	5	Valkyrien #1	1909- D of N sisters participated in the exposition and parade for <i>Norway Day at the Alaska, Yukon, and Pacific</i> in Seattle. S of N Leif Erickson Lodge #1 began in Seattle in 1903. Valkyrien Lodge #1 began in 1905. Together they built Norway Hall on Boren Avenue (now a Seattle landmark), which opened in 1909.
3	1910	Tacoma, WA	Martha Helgestad, Embla #2	10	Embla #2	Martha Helgestad started 19 lodges in her four years 1910-1914 as GL President.
	1911	Tacoma, WA ?	Martha Helgestad, Embla #2	11	Embla #2 ?	No minutes found
4	June 10, 1912	Portland, OR Dania Hall	Martha Helgestad, Embla #2	15	Fylke #6 Portland	Drill Team for Embla #2 began in 1912. At the meeting, they voted <i>not</i> to join with the Sons of Norway. GL Officers were: President, Judge, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Marshal, Inner & Outer Guard, & Two Trustees

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5	June 16-17, 1913	Hoquiam, WA	Martha Helgestad, Embla #2	22	Thelma #12 Hoquiam	Approved new lodges can start with only 12 members. GL Secretary salary approved to \$75. GL President to \$50.
6	March 30-31, 1914	Seattle, WA	Martha Helgestad, Embla #2	23	Valkyrien #1 Breidablik #10	Lodges: WA, OR, CA, ID, MT, AK, & British Columbia Assistant Secretary position approved.
7	June 1-2, 1915	San Francisco, CA	Agnes Berndtzen, Valkyrien #1	23	Anna Kolbjørnsen #4	Subordinate lodges have the right to decide the upper age limit for members. Doctor Certificates required for good health are sent to GL Secretary, with report after new member initiated. Funeral Song written by Mrs. Foss approved.
8	June 9-10, 1916	Astoria, OR	Clara Larsen, Valkyrien #1	22	Stjernen #7	First Lodge to close; Helge #14 in Aberdeen, WA
9	June 29-30, 1917	Tacoma, WA	Marie Lund, Valkyrien #1	22	Embla #2 Norden #2 Joint Sons and Daughters Convention	America entered WWI on April 6, 1917. Two British Columbia Canadian Lodges are struggling.
	1918	None	Marie Lund, Valkyrien #1	22		No Convention meeting in 1918 due to the war. Sisters helped with the Red Cross.
10	June 13-14, 1919	Stanwood, WA	Marie Lund, Valkyrien #1	17	Ingeborg #24	Five lodges closed in 1919. New Ritual Books. Committee formed to discuss joining "D of N of the East (Midwest)"

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11	June 4-5, 1920	Seattle, WA	Clara (Mrs. L.P.) Larsen, Embla #2	16	Valkyrien #1	Second Canadian lodge closed.
12	June 10-11, 1921	Portland, OR	Clara (Mrs. L.P.) Larsen, Embla #2	16		US Congress passed "Emergency Quota Act," which limits the number of immigrants to the US.
	1922	None	Karen Aalbu, Valkyrien #1	16		No meeting in 1922 due to the economy.
13	June 8-9, 1923	Tacoma, WA	Karen Aalbu, Valkyrien #1	16		1 st Songbook "Sange med Musikk og Tekst" Til Bruk Ved Passende Anledninger Døtre av Norge-Losjer Utgitt av Storlosjen Døtre av Norge Paa Pacific-Kysten – 1923 (7 songs written by and for members)
14	June 20-21, 1924	Seattle, WA	Clara (Mrs. L.P.) Larsen, Embla #2	15	Embla #2	Age limit changed from 16 to 15- Voted to meet biennially.
15	June 18-19, 1926	Oakland, CA	Clara (Mrs. L.P.) Larsen, Embla #2	13		"The Immigration Act of 1924" further limits immigration to the US.
16	June 22-23, 1928	Astoria, OR	Karen Aalbu, Valkyrien #1	11		
17	June 12-13, 1930	San Francisco, CA	Karen Aalbu, Valkyrien #	11		Membership changed to allow women married to men of Norwegian ancestry if they were a Sons of Norway member.
18	July 1-2, 1932	Seattle, WA Olympic Hotel	Karen Aalbu, Valkyrien #1	11	Valkyrien #1	1 st Memorial Service held for sisters who had passed. This tradition continued at all future Conventions. Wearing white clothing is optional today.

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19	June 22-23, 1934	Hoquiam, WA	Inga Frodesen, Valkyrien #1	12		
20	August 6-8, 1936	Seattle, WA Olympic Hotel	Inga Frodesen, Valkyrien #1	12	Valkyrien #1	D of N Constitution, Bylaws and Ritual translated into English. First issue of the Døtre newspaper published Dec 15 th in Norwegian. In 1937 an excursion of the DofNPC was made to Norway.
21	June 23-26, 1938	Tacoma, WA Hotel Winthrop Normanna Hall	Marie Berglund, Embla #2	12	Embla #2 Norden #2 Joint Sons and Daughters Convention	WWII 1939 in Europe Crown Princess Martha made an honorary member during visit to America.
22	April 11-13, 1940	Portland, OR Congress Hotel Norse Hall	Marie Berglund, Embla #2	12	Sons of Norway Grieg #15 Lodge host- Joint Convention	April 9, 1940, Germany invaded Norway- most lodges supported the Red Cross.
23	June 11-13, 1942	Everett, WA	Gyda Christofersen, Thelma #26	11		Support of the Red Cross and mother Norway thru "Norway Relief" and "Little Camp Norway" in British Columbia. This is where Norwegian men came to train in order to join the American armed forces. Approved Lodges could use English in meetings.
24	June 7-10, 1944	Spokane, WA	Gyda Christofersen, Thelma #26	11	Sons of Norway Tordenskjold Lodge #5 hosts Joint Convention	There are no minutes to reference in the Translated Minutes of Conventions, Red book printed in 2004 for this year. However, they were read at the next Convention for approval. English added to supplement Norwegian in the newspaper.

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						Art. VI, par. 2 "The sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the English language."
25	August 7-10, 1946	Oakland, CA Norway Hall in Piedmont, CA	Kaspara Gorud, Valkyrien #1	11	Gjøa #18	GL Board to revisit the recommendation to negotiate with the Daughters of Norway Board of the East (Midwest) and report at the next Convention.
26	June 9-12, 1948	Seattle, WA	Kaspara Gorud, Valkyrien #1	11	Breidablik # 10	Added a ceremony to the ritual 1) for use at annual memorial services and 2) draping the Charter after a member's death. The question regarding the merger with the East D of N (Midwest) was voted down. First time past Grand Lodge Presidents received a pin or recognition. (4 were present)
27	June 21-25, 1950	Astoria, OR	Esther B. Anderson, Gjøa #18	11	Stjernen #7	Sons & Daughters Joint Convention *1950 the D of N of the East (Midwest) voted to merge with the Sons of Norway. Sessions of the Grand Lodge will be held in English.
28	June 11-15, 1952	Everett, WA Normanna Hall	Esther B. Anderson, Gjøa #18	9	Thelma #26 Normanna #3 Sons & Daughters Joint Convention	D of N Pacific Coast voted to remain separate and not merge with the Sons of Norway.

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30	July 18-21, 1956	San Francisco, CA	Helen Wiseth, Anna Kolbjørnsen#4	10	Anna Kolbjørnsen#4	July 20, 1956- "DNPC changed the name of the corporation to "Daughters of Norway", dropping the words "of the Pacific Coast", because the East (Midwest) D of N had merged with the S of N. Memorial Scholarship Fund began. Døtre Newspaper published in English. Crown Princess Martha Lodge #28- Hayward, CA instituted at this Convention.
31	June 18-21, 1958	Tacoma, WA Winthrop Hotel	Adeline Sather, Stjernen #7	10	Embla #2 Norden #2 Sons and Daughters Joint Convention	The 50th Golden Anniversary of D of N. The last Sons & Daughters Joint Convention held.
32	June 15-18, 1960	Butte, MT	Ida Apalseth. Embla #2	10	Solheim #20	
33	June 13-16, 1962	Everett, WA Masonic Temple	Dorothy Anne Honeychurch, Solheim #20	10	Camilla Collette #25	
34	June 24-27, 1964	Oakland, CA Lemington Hotel	Olive Rod, Camillia Collette #25	10	Gjøa #18	150 th Anniversary of Norway's Constitution
35	June 22-25, 1966	Ballard, WA Norway Center	Gunvor Bjerkeseth, Breidablik #10	10	Breidablik # 10	"Songs With Words" for Daughters of Norway Lodges songbook published by the Daughters of Norway, 1 st Printing -1923, 2 nd printing revised- 1967. Contained 15 songs.

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37	June 19-21, 1970	Everett, WA	Ingeborg Ladderud, Thelma #26	9		Membership Change: "to unite in a fraternal bond, women of Scandinavian birth and extraction including women of Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Finnish, and Icelandic origin, whether on the side of the mother or father, or by marriage to a man of Norwegian birth or extraction"
38	1972	Seattle, WA Norway Center	Olive Rudsdil, Embla #2	10	Valkyrien #1	First Lodge in 15 years founded Sonja Henie #29 in Reno, NV
39	June 20-22, 1974	Oakland, CA Edgewater Hyatt House	Dagny Shevheim, Valkyrien #1	10	Crown Princess Martha #28	In 1973 ceased issuing burial certificates
40	June 24-26, 1976	Tacoma, WA Doric Motor Hotel	Hazel Kinkade, Crown Princess Martha #28	10	Embla #2	
41	July 20-22, 1978	Butte, MT	Marjorie Dunstan, Solheim #20	10	Solheim #20	
42	July 26-28, 1980	Silvana, WA Smokey Point Motor Inn	Irene Vognild, Camilla Collette #25	10	Camilla Collette #25	Bowling at 3pm on Friday!
43	July 8-10, 1982	Reno, NV	Perralina Foster (Palm) Sonja Henie #29	10	Sonja Henie #29	Grand Lodge President Perralina Established nominating committee for GL officers
44	July 12-14, 1984	Astoria, OR Thunderbird Motel	Louise Thomas, Valkyrien #1	10		
45	July 17-19, 1986	Seattle, WA	Florence Buck, Embla #2	12	Breidablik #10	In 1985 Constitutional change to eliminate the use of the "ballot box" that used black marbles for voting.

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						Organizational Chair position established.
46	July 21-12, 1988	Everett, WA	Mabel Torget, Breidablik #10	17		80 th Anniversary of D of N
47	June 27-30, 1990	Oakland, CA Airport Hyatt Hotel	Marilyn Ball, Stjernen #7	19	Crown Princess Martha #28	Marilyn Ball backed out, and Vice President Laurel Schmoke ran this Convention.
48	June 24-27, 1992	Seattle, WA University Plaza Hotel	Laurel Schmoke, Sonja Henie #29	19	Valkyrien #1	
49	July 21-23, 1994	Tukwila, WA Double Tree Inn	Susan Stamp, Solheim #20 (her mother Marjorie Dunstan served as a GL President in 1978)	19		1995 was the 50-year anniversary of May 8 th , 1945, Liberation Day in Norway from the Nazi tyranny.
50	July 18-20, 1996	Tacoma, WA Best Western Executive Inn, Fife, WA	Sylvia Rogenes, GjØa #18	19	Embla #2	Sylvia Rogenes was diagnosed with cancer, and Vice President Janet Ruud ran this Convention as well as being on the Convention Planning Committee. Silent Auction introduced. Financial Secretary office began.
51	July 8-11, 1998	San Mateo, CA Villa Hotel	Janet Lee Ruud, Embla #2	18	Anna Kolbjørnsdatter #36	Committee work began on translation of early GL meeting minutes. Associate membership established. Tubfrim collection began. Eliminated voting on new members. Added to Membership eligibility "Have a <i>slektning</i> " (relative) married to a person of Norwegian birth or descent
52	July 13-16, 2000	Reno, NV Harrah's Hotel	Kay Aycock, Solveig #31	19	Sonja Henie #29	Membership Committee Chair established.

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						Døtre of Norway Web Site investigative work began with Carol Pease first webmaster. Established Tubfrim (stamps) program with Norway.
53	July 18-20, 2002	Portland, OR Doubletree Hotel	Karin Gorud Scoville, Valkyrien #1 <i>(her mother Kaspara Gorud served as a GL President in 1946)</i>	19	Frida Hansen #37	WEBSITE up in 2001, Carol Pease as webmaster.
54	July 15-17, 2004	Whidbey Island, WA Trinity Lutheran Church	Joanne Mansfield, Frida Hansen #37	21	Ester Moe #39	Translated Minutes of the 1912-1950 GL Meetings from Norwegian to English book completed and printed. Available for sale. Katie Allen became webmaster.
55	July 13-15, 2006	Lynnwood, WA Embassy Suites	Tove Van Der Maas, Pillar Guri #30	22	Valkyrien #1	"We're Proud to Be Daughters of Norway" song by Eileen Christianson Bianchi (Sonja Henie #29) adopted as official anthem for the Grand Lodge D of N
56	July 17-19, 2008	Tacoma, WA Hotel Murano	Carol Maxson Kemp, Embla #2	23	Embla #2	Endowment Fund established. Døtre Advertising Manager established. Forms and Documents Chair established. New D of N Logo established (<i>work began in January 2007 by Carol Pease and Katie Allen</i>).
57*	July 22-24, 2010	Costa Mesa, CA Hilton Hotel	Mary Knutson Sullivan, Frida Hansen #37	27	Turid Jespersen #44	GL Board Officers changed: to add Financial Secretary and remove Chaplain.

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58	July 19-21, 2012	Bellingham, WA Best Western Lakeway Inn & Conference Ctr	Ellen Hinds, Nellie Gerdrum #41	28	Nellie Gerdrum #41	Inner and Outer Guards name changed to Greeters, can be elected or appointed. Entire Constitution and Bylaws reviewed and updated.
59	July 17-19, 2014	Minneapolis, MN Radisson Blu Mall of America Bloomington, MN	Heidi Dragsten Barcia, Sonja Henie #29	29	Eva Nansen #46 Pauline Fjelde #51	Døtre of Norge website updated. Kathy Jo Haugan serves as webmaster.
60	July 22-24, 2016	Burlingame, CA SF Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel	Ronna Ellingson Clymens, Turid Jespersen #44	28	Sigrud Undset #32, Anne Grimdalen #34	New editor and printer established for Døtre av Norge news magazine.
61	July 26-28, 2018	Seaside, OR Seaside Civic & Convention Center	Janna L. Armbruster, Hulda Garborg #49	30	Stjernen #7, Frida Hansen #37, Agnes Mathilde Wergeland #52	3 rd edition "Sangbok for Døtre av Norge Losjer" Songbook for Daughters of Norway Lodges <i>Utgitt av Storlosjen, Døtre av Norge</i> -Co-Editors Beth Kollé and Janet Ruud, published by the Grand Lodge, Daughters of Norway 2018.
	2020	None	Karen Bartos, Elise Wærenskjold #48	30		No Convention was held due to the <i>Worldwide Pandemic Covid 19</i> restrictions that began March 2019. Lodges used "Zoom" a video conferencing platform, used through a computer desktop or mobile app, which allowed users to connect online for video conference meetings, webinars, and live chats. New Webmaster Kirsten Smistad.

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62	July 22-24, 2021	Bremerton, WA Kitsap Conference Center	Karen Bartos, Elise Wærenskjold #48	30	Pillar Guri #30, Nina Grieg #40, Thea Foss #45	GL President Karen Bartos served for three years due to the <i>Worldwide Pandemic Covid 19</i> restrictions. The Bylaws requiring that the GL Secretary had to be a resident of the state of Washington were eliminated. The Constitution amended Membership to include spouse/domestic partner.
63	July 13-15, 2023	Reno, NV Silver Legacy Resort	Karen Karpen, Sigrid Undset #32	31	Sonja Henie #29, Queen Maud #42, Elise Wærenskjold #48	Membership: include women of Sámi birth or descent or have a spouse/domestic partner of the same. Sharon Norem Knudsen created and published the <i>D of N Namesakes and Banners</i> book, a three-year project.
64	July 17-19 2025	Sioux Falls, SD Sioux Falls Convention Center	Joy Tweedt Cook, Hulda Garborg #49	32	Rosanna Gutterud Johnsrud # 53 Borghild M. Dahl #54 Mina Aasen #55	200 Year Anniversary of the sailing ship the " <i>Sloop Restoration</i> " from Stavanger, Norway to New York, in 1825. D of N Lodges took part in the "Crossings Celebrations." Kathy Jo Haugan returns to serve as webmaster.
<i>*I discovered in doing this research the Convention number printed in the 2010 program, stated it was the 51st. Most likely due to a simple typo of 51 instead of 57. Subsequent printed programs followed that numbering pattern up until 2023. In 2025, it was our 64th Convention, reflecting 117 years since the February 24th, 1908 incorporation. While the ten women did fill out the paperwork for the Daughters of Norway to be incorporated on February 20th, our official Date of Incorporation was February 24th, 1908. There is a very poor copy of the original from February 24th, 1908. Jill Beatty Grand Lodge Historian 2023-2025.</i>						
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