

Grand Lodge Presidents 1908-1988



MRS. INGEBORG LADDERUD
1968 - 1970
THELMA LODGE No. 26



MRS. OLIVE RUDSIL
1970 - 1972
EMBLA LODGE No. 2



MRS. MARJORIE DUNSTAN
1976 - 1978
SOLHEIM LODGE No. 20



MRS. FERRALINA FOSTER
1978 - 1980
SONJA HENTIE LODGE No. 29



MRS. DAGNY SHERVHEIM
1972 - 1974
VALKYRTEN LODGE No. 1



MRS. HAZEL KINKADE
1974 - 1976
CROWN PRINCESS MARTHA LODGE No. 28



MRS. IRENE VOGNILD
1980 - 1982
CAMILLA COLLETT LODGE
No. 25



MRS. LOUISE THOMAS
1982 - 1984
VALKYRTEN LODGE No. 1



MRS. FLORENCE BUCK
1984 - 1986
EMBLA LODGE No. 2



MRS. MABEL TORGET
1986 - 1988
BREIDABLIK LODGE No. 10

Grand Lodge Officers 1988-1990



Grand Lodge - 1988-1990
Rear L-R: Marilyn Ball, Laurel Schmoke,
& Kay Aycock. Front L-R: Shirley Hansen
Lora Hanchett, Emilie Pedersen, Mabel
Torget, Gerd Michels, & Dorothy Veith

Anna Kolbjørnsdatter Arneberg 1667-1736

A Norwegian national heroine known for her participation in the Battle of Norderhov during the Great Northern War

Born at the Sørums vicarage at Romerike in Akershus



Laurel Schmoke, Grand Lodge President 1990-1992



**Laurel also ran the
1990 Convention**



**Sonja Henie #29
Reno, NV**

Gina Krog 1847-1916



**Born in Flakstad
Municipality,
Lofoten**

**Norwegian
politician and
women's rights
activist, editor**

Susan Stamp Grand Lodge President 1992-1994



Three Grand Lodge Presidents

**Susan, her mother, Marjorie
Dunstan, & Dorothy Anne
Honeychurch - Solheim Lodge #29,
Butte, Montana**



Daughters of Norway Historic Regalia



Janet Lee Ruud Grand Lodge President 1996-1998

**Janet in her
Sunnmørsbunad
with her sister Ann
Kolzing in 2014**

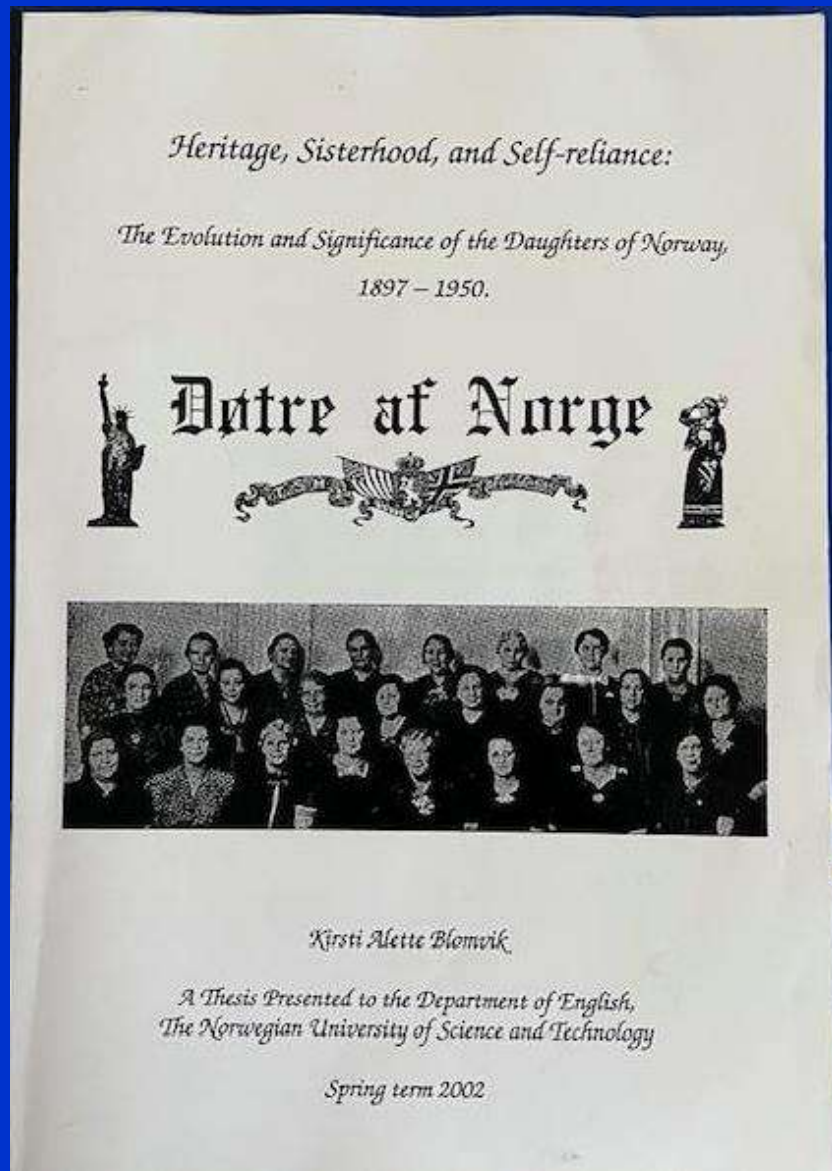


*Janet Lee Ruud, Grand Lodge
President, 1996-1998*



**Embla
Lodge #2**

Thesis by Kirsti Alette Blomvik in 2002



“Heritage Sisterhood and Self- reliance”

Nina Hagerup Grieg (1845-1935)

**Nina was a
Danish–Norwegian
lyric soprano**

Born in Bergen

**Married to
composer Edvard
Grieg**



Queen Maud 1869-1938



**Queen consort of Norway
from 1905 to 1938**

Grand Lodge Presidents



Silvia S. Rogenes
1994-1996



Kay Jondal Aycok
1998-2000



Joanne Mansfield
2002-2004

Ester Moe 1905-1995

**Norwegian-American pioneer
school-teacher on Whidbey
Island.**

**Born in Great Falls, Montana,
and moved to WA.**

**President Franklin Delano
Roosevelt appointed Ester as
Postmaster of the Clinton,
WA Post Office**



Karin Gorud Scovill Grand Lodge President 2000-2002



Karin Gorud Scovill
Grand Lodge President, 2000-2002

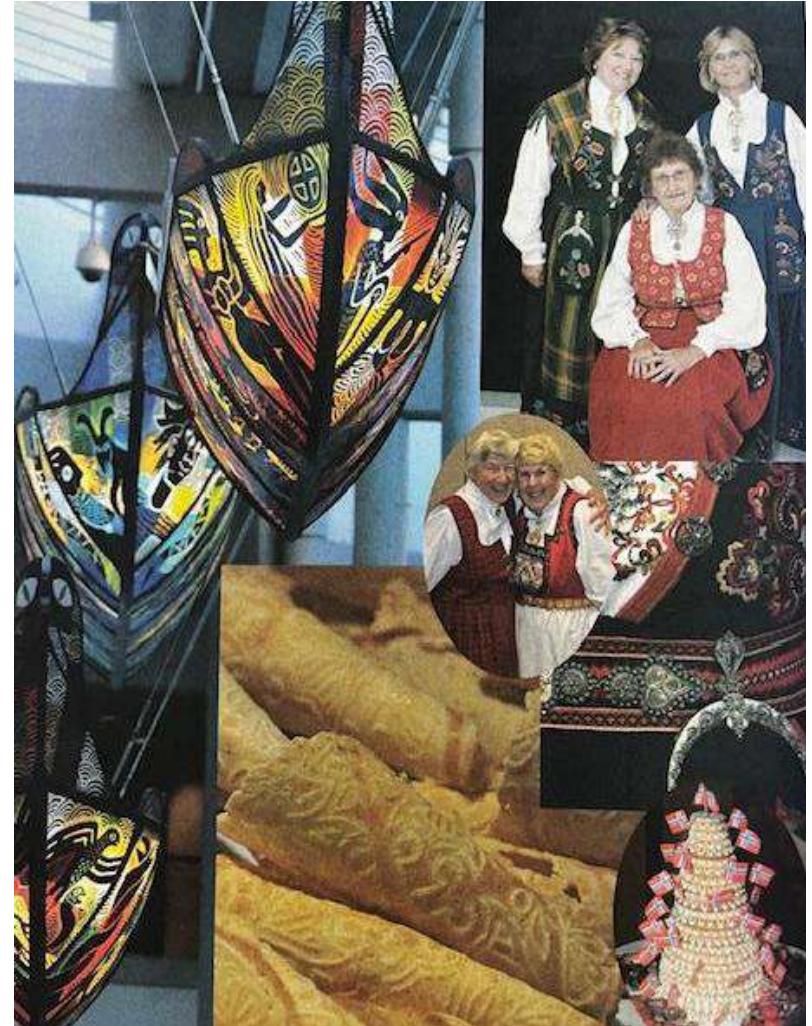


**Completed Translation
of Convention Minutes
1912-1950 project 2004**

Carol Maxson Kemp, Grand Lodge President 2006-2008



**Embla #2
Tacoma, WA**



Mary Knutson Sullivan Grand Lodge President 2008-2010



**Frida Hansen Lodge # 37,
Portland, OR**

Frida Hansen 1855-1931



Norwegian textile artist in the Art
Nouveau style
Born *Frederikke Bolette Petersen* in
Stavanger, Norway

Pauline Fjelde No. 51- Minneapolis September 25, 2010



In Loving Memory of Claudia Pratt, Charter Member, and grand-niece of Pauline Fjelde

Pauline Fjelde 1861-1923

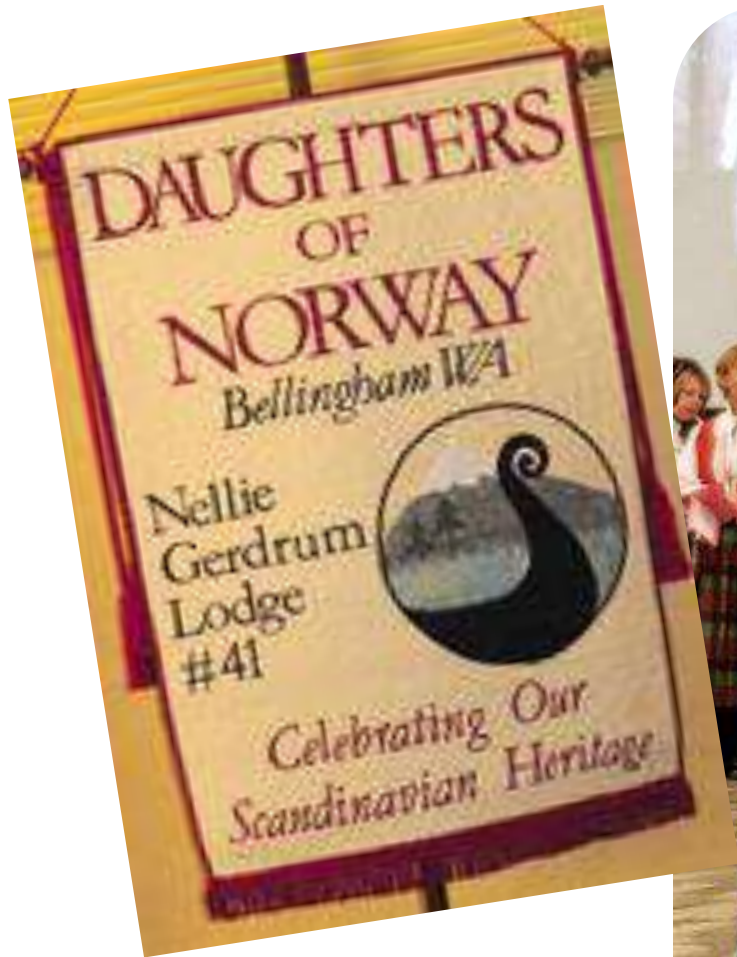


Born in Ålesund, Møre og Romsdal region of Norway

She was a highly skilled textile artist



Ellen Hinds, Grand Lodge President 2010-2012



**Nellie Gerdrum
Lodge #41
Bellingham, WA**

Nellie Gerdrum 1858-1937

**Born Patronella Reiersdatter
at Løken farm in Elverum
Parish, Hedmark County**

**Homesteaded 130 acres
located on Silver Lake in the
Mt. Baker foothills of
Whatcom County, WA**



Our Logo evolved... then and now



The Original DNPC Logo



Heidi Dragsten Barcia, Grand Lodge President 2012-2014



Sonja Henie #29
Reno, NV

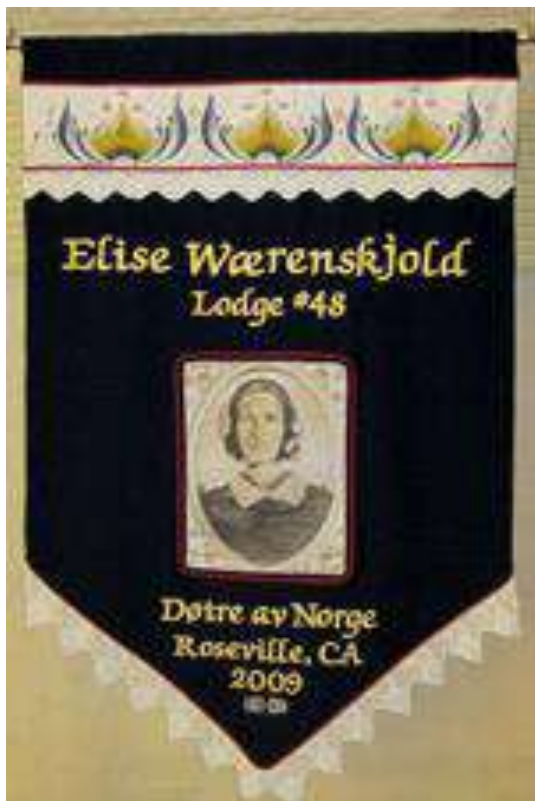


Sonja Henie 1912-1969

- Born in Kristiania [now Oslo], Norway
- Norwegian figure skater and film star.



Grand Lodge President Karen Bartos & Judy Felker



**Elise Wærenskjold Lodge #48 in Roseville, CA
Founded March 15, 2009**

Elise Wærenskjold 1815-1895

- Editor of *Norge og Amerika* publication, community activist & writer
- Elise Wærenskjold is known as “The Lady with the Pen”
- born in Dypvåg parish, in Kristiansand



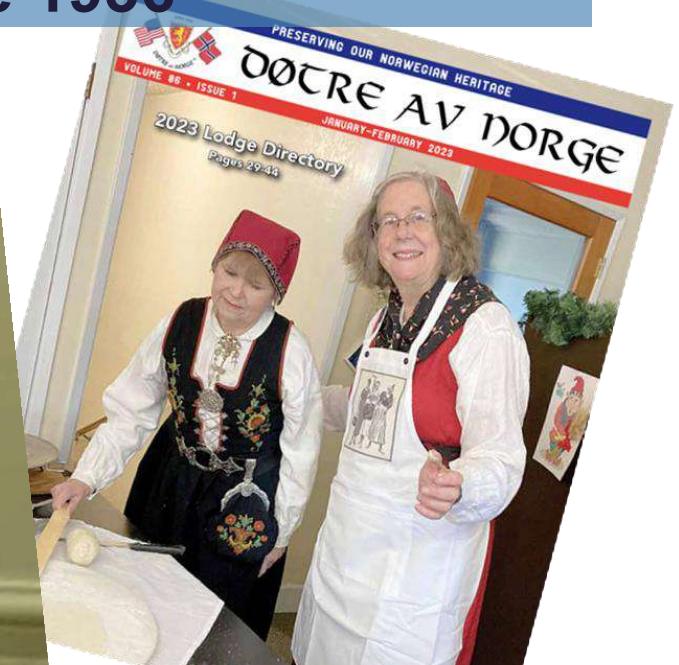
Currently -32 Lodges & ~1800 members



Ten States

- Washington.....13
- California.....7
- Oregon.....3
- Nevada.....2
- North Dakota.....2
- Montana.....1
- Nebraska.....1
- Iowa.....1
- Minnesota.....1
- South Dakota.....1
- ~60 Associate members live all through the country- join where Lodges are not available

News Magazine since 1936



Grand Lodge President's Letter

My dear sisters,

This beautiful autumn has been full of many Daughters of Norway events, making it an exciting time to be a part of this wonderful sisterhood. Our fall board meeting took place in Roseville, Calif., with our Elise Wærenskjold #48 sisters hosting us in a great spirit of *hygge*. Tusen takk Søstre!

During our "Midwest Adventure to Høstfest," Mina Aasen Lodge #55 hosted a sweet Meet and Greet, where we met sisters from Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington state, California and Nevada. Other highlights of the journey included learning about the Rune Stone in Alexander, Minn., and a visit



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Mange takk to our WEBMASTERS!

Mange tusen takk to our past, current and future webmasters!



Carol Pease



Katie Allen



Kathy Jo Haugan



Kirsten Smistad

FACEBOOK - “Social Media Communications”



Daughters of Norway, Anna Kolbjørnsdatter Lodge #36, San Francisco is at Sjømannskirken i San Francisco.

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March 25 at 5:54 PM · San Francisco, CA · 🌐

There was an abundance of creativity and talent on display and available for purchase at the Nordic Makers Market, with Swedish, Danish, and Norwegian artists presenting their artwork. So many beautiful things to choose from! We also enjoyed a delicious lunch of open-faced sandwiches, waffles, and cakes including Kvæfjordkake, the world's best cake!



Freya (Freyja, Friia)

The Norsk warrior goddess of fertility, love and beauty. The leader of the Valkyries.

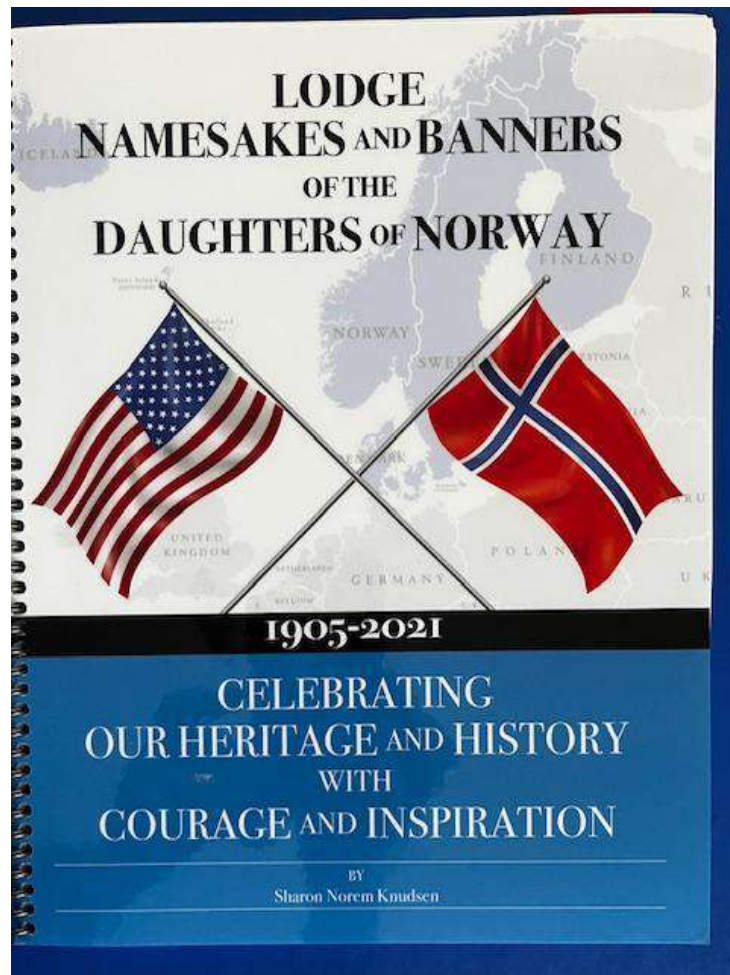


Eva Nansen Lodge #46- Des Moines, Iowa November 5, 2006



Grand Lodge Trustee Sharon Norem Knudsen created & published our ***Lodge Namesakes and Banners of the D of N*** book in 2022 (seated center in red blazer)

Lodge Namesakes and Banners ~ book 2022



Eva Helene Sars Nansen 1859-1907

**Norwegian romance
opera singer,
born in Christiania,
Akershus, Norway
first woman in Norway to
wear “trousers” while
skiing!
Married explorer Fridtjof
Nansen**



Agnes Mathilde Wergeland 1857–1914



- **Norwegian-American historian, professor, feminist and poet**
- **The first woman ever to earn a doctoral degree in Norway**



Hulda Garborg 1862-1934

**Norwegian writer,
novelist, playwright,
poet, folk dancer, &
theatre instructor.**

***Norwegian
Romanticism period***

Karen **Hulda** Bergersen was born on the
farm Såstad in Stange, Hedmark



Ronna Ellingson Clymens, Grand Lodge President 2014-2016



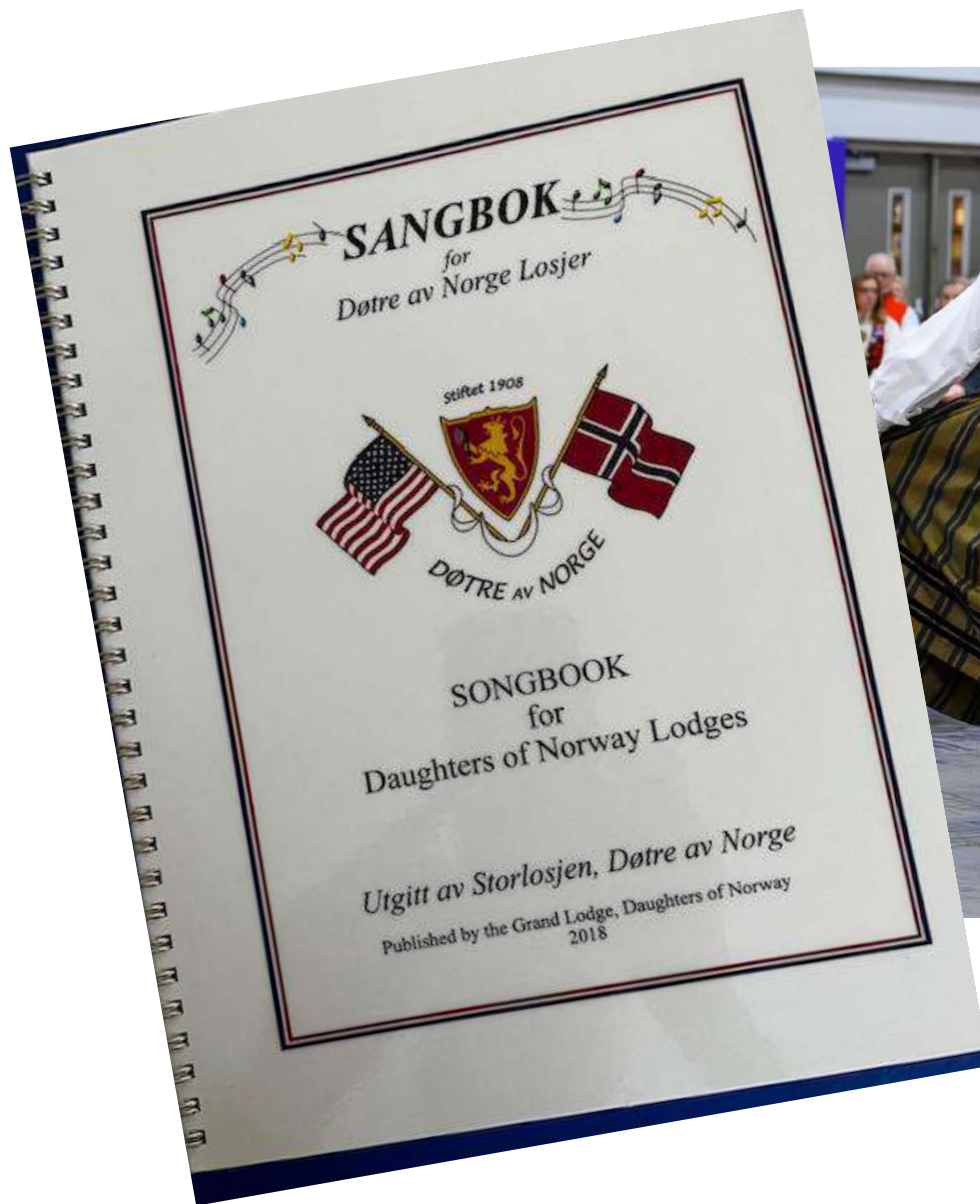
**Turid Jespersen #44
Mission Viejo, CA**

Turid Jespersen 1917-1991 born in Oslo



**Norwegian downhill ski
racer, became a courier
for the Norwegian
Resistance**

Daughters of Norway 3rd Songbook 2018



Jana Armbruster, Grand Lodge President 2016-2018

**Hulda Garborg #49
and
Founder of
Gudrid the Far-Traveler
Lodge #56 in Omaha, NE**



Life Changed with Covid and ZOOMING



Looking forward to Zooming again

62nd Convention in Bremerton, WA 2021



Thea Foss 1858-1927



**Born in the village
of Eidsberg,
Østfold, Norway.**

**Thea Christiansen
Foss was the founder
of Foss Maritime, the
largest tugboat
company in the
western United States.**



Karen Bartos, Grand Lodge President 2018-2021!

Karen served for *Three* years due to the Covid Pandemic.

Elise Wærenskjold #48
Roseville, CA



Sisterhood of Lasting Friendships



Sisters join & Support Other Nordic Organizations



Karen Karpen, Grand Lodge President 2021-2023

Sigrid Undset #32



2021 – 2023 Grand Lodge Executive Board

Sigrid Undset 1882-1949

In 1928, Sigrid Undset won the Nobel Prize for Literature for her historical novels of life in medieval Norway.



63rd Convention 2023, Reno Nevada



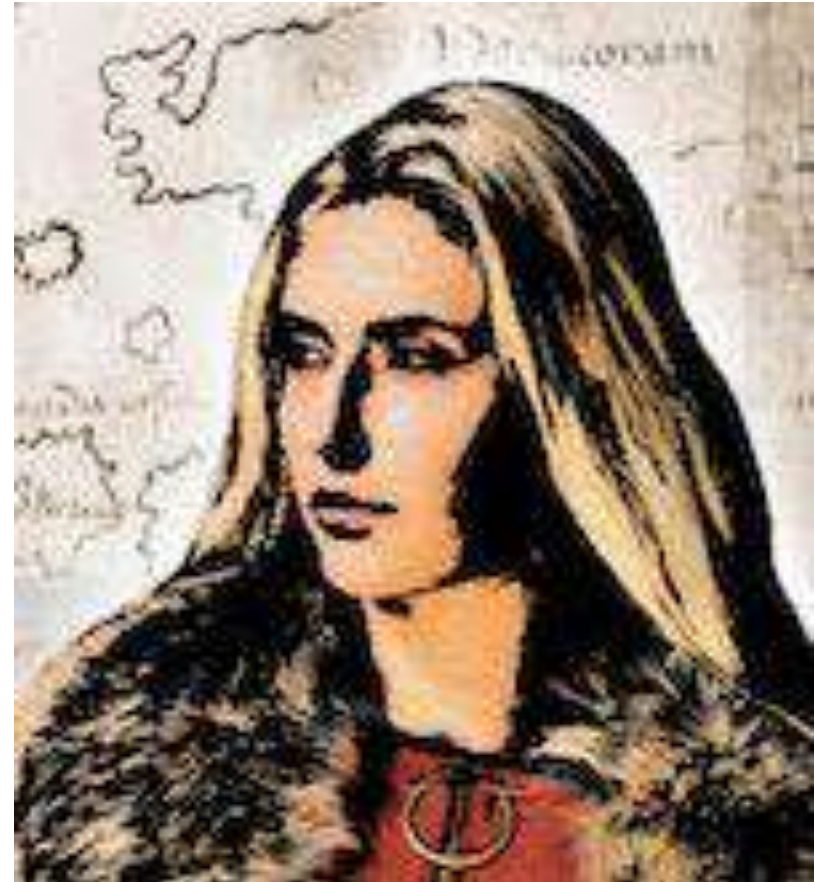
**Dorothy Ann Honeychurch (center)
Grand Lodge President 1960-1962**



Gudrid the Far-Traveler (a.k.a. Gudrid Thorbjarnardóttir)

Our Second newest Lodge 2023

- Born in Iceland c. 980 AD.
- A descendant of Norwegian Vikings
- Participated in the voyages of Erik the Red and Leif Eriksson.



**On Sunday, May 18, 2025, the Daughters of Norway
officially welcomed our newest lodge, Skaði Lodge #57**



Velkommen Søster!

Skaði Lodge #57, North Bend, Washington



Gratulerer to our 2025 Convention Hosts

Rosanna Gutterud Johnsrud Lodge #53

Founded: October 11, 2014, Fargo,
North Dakota/Moorhead, Minnesota

Borghild M.Dahl Lodge #54

Founded: May 6, 2017, Sioux Falls, SD

Mina Aasen Lodge #55

Founded: September 25, 2018, Minot, ND



Borghild Margrethe Dahl 1890-1984

Parents from the Rendal area
of Hedmark.

Norwegian-American professor
and author, who triumphed
over blindness



Rosanna Gutterud Johnsrud 1912-2002



- Born on a farm near Fairdale, North Dakota
- a playwright, poet and musician.

- At the age of 17 she published her first poem



- Her famous poem, is "Two Flags"

Mina Aasen 1890-1974



Army Nurse- Veteran of WW1 and WW2, P.O.W., known as the "*Angels of Bataan and Corregidor*" in the Philippines



Born in Willmar, MN her parents were homesteaders from Telemark area

Mange Tusen Takk, in continuing our legacy
Our Grand Lodge Officers for 2023-2025



Joy Tweedt Cook, Grand Lodge President 2023-2025



Hulda Garborg
Lodge #49



Our 64th Convention!
In Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Daughters of Norway Pride





We follow in our sisters footsteps...



Remember our history and share it!

Jill Beatty Grand Lodge Historian 2023-2025

“We’re Proud to be Daughters of Norway!”

