



## **DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY**

Døtre av Norge

# **CONTACT US**

If you wish to join our sisterhood, or want to learn more about our organization and upcoming events, visit our website at:

#### daughtersofnorway.org

Or fill out the following information down below, and submit it to one of our lodge officers so they may send you more information.

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## **ABOUT US**

Daughters of Norway (*Døtre av Norge*) was founded on February 20, 1908 in the State of Washington, with the purpose of "uniting into a sisterhood, women who wish to preserve Norwegian heritage; maintain among members a knowledge of the history, culture and language of Norway; and build a strong support system and bond of friendship within the sisterhood." Inspiration for the Daughters of Norway organization was spurred on by Norwegian immigrants' desire to preserve their heritage in their new home country, particularly after the country of Norway gained official independence from Sweden in 1905.

Daughters of Norway began as a sisterhood of three lodges on the west coast of the United States, and today has grown into a sisterhood of thirty-one lodges spanning across ten different states. The structure of our organization consists of a Grand Lodge as our governing body, with individual sister lodges under the Grand Lodge. While the country and heritage of Norway is the main focus of our organization, we also accept members of Swedish, Danish, Icelandic, Finnish, and Sami heritage.



Convention Delegates, 1916

## WHAT WE DO

As a cultural sisterhood, we seek to educate our members about the country and heritage of Norway (and the broader Nordic identity) through monthly meetings held by our individual lodges. These meetings often include cultural activities and programs, with topics such as:

- Historical events and figures
- Language, art, and music
- Norwegian/Scandinavian cuisine

- Heritage festivals
- Handcraft activities
- Folk attire (bunader)

#### And more!

We also hold a Daughters of Norway Convention every other year, overseen by the Grand Lodge and hosted by individual sister lodges. As a sisterhood, we also strive to support fellow members in times of both joy and sorrow, and we provide scholarship opportunities for members or those related to a Daughters of Norway member.

