



# EMBLA NYHETER

## EMBLA LODGE NO. 2 DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

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### SENIOR LUNCHEON

Honoring 82 senior Embla members at 11:30 a.m. Normanna Hall. Luncheon catered by Normanna Auxiliary. Program - Toven Barnakor and the Old Time Fiddlers. Members, guests, husbands, family and friends invited. \$7.00 payable at door. Reservations necessary by July 12. Call - leave message - Bernice (564-4407) Mildred (752-4486) or Janet (759-8285).

### LOOKING FORWARD

July 2 - 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei. Business Meeting. Convention delegates reports.

July 18 - Senior Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. Normanna Hall. Honored guests \$0 - other guests \$7. Reservations necessary by July 12. Call - leave message - Bernice (564-4407) Mildred (752-4486) or Janet (759-8285).

July 25 - Embla Scholarship applications due to Anna Christensen.

August 6 - Business Meeting Gloria Dei 7:30 p.m.

September 3 - Gloria Dei. "Display and Sell" 6 p.m. Display and Sell tables ready for members and guests. 7:30 p.m. - 15 min.

Business Meeting. 7:45 p.m. "Bunads" talk and display by Esther Van Noy. Any Embla member may Display and Sell - do reserve a table by calling Bernice at 564-4407. 10% of table sales returned to Embla. Invite your guests, friends, husbands and family to this event. Come and enjoy, or even start your Christmas shopping. Nice time to wear your bunad. Refreshments, of course.

September 17 - 6:00 p.m. Potluck supper - Gloria Dei. Harmony, Norden #2, Nordlandslaget and Normanna Male Chorus have been invited to join Embla for Potluck. Ione's rosemaled clock will go home with the lucky winner. The Leikarring will dance. Bring your "special" cooking or baking, your friends, husbands and family.

October 9-10-11 - Scandinavian Days at Puyallup Fair Grounds.

October 15 - Gloria Dei. 6:45 p.m. Demonstrations. 7:30 p.m. Long form initiation. Please encourage interested women to join Embla on this evening. Continued demonstrations followed by refreshments. A "just right": occasion to wear your bunad!

November 5 - 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei. Business Meeting. Select

Nominating Committee.

November 21 - Saturday at Gloria Dei. 11:30 a.m. Smorbrod Demonstration. 12 noon - Lunch. Honor Past Presidents of Embla. Program - *Lindsey Bells* - Bell ringers from First Presbyterian Church. Hostesses are the 1992 Embla Board Members.

December 3 - 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei. Business Meeting. Election of 1993 Embla Officers. *Christmas in Norway* - Sister Bodil Lovoll. *Christmas Story* - Sister Dorothy Burnson. Norwegian Christmas Carol singalong.

December 12 - Saturday 2 - 4 p.m. Normanna Hall. Christmas Party with Norden #2.

### Fall Cooking Classes

Scandinavian Cultural Center at Pacific Lutheran University. Tentative dates and schedule - Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to noon  
October 21 & 28 Nov. 4 & 11  
Thursday - 7 p.m. October 29  
Chairman - Janet Hurlbut

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Sister Nora Gerritzen died on June 14, 1992. Nora was initiated into Embla November 4, 1982.

## LOOKING BACK -

April 2 - Gloria Dei, 6:15 Grand Lodge Convention delegates and alternates meet. 7:30 p.m. Business meeting. Scholarship Raffle Rabbit was won by Sister Junette Moye. Motion moved, seconded, and passed.

Sister Tonia Bales selected as Embla's Princess, representing Norway for Scandinavian Days, October 9-10-11.

Hostesses - Elsie Schwind, Thelma Lund, Julie Ausnes and Betty West. Attendance - Members 28 and Guests - 0.

April 11 - Luncheon at SCC celebrating Embla's 85th Birthday observance. Goodwill Style Show of early 1900 fashions. Kranskake from Elsie Schwind. Eleven honored guests plus 77 guests - attendance 88.

April 25 - Norwegian Heritage Day at SCC, PLU. Embla Sales Table, Sandwiches, Rommegrot and Bake Sale.

May 1 - Embla #2 guests of Norden #2 at Normanna Hall.

May 7 - 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei. Business Meeting "17th of May in Norway" written by Millie Bond and read by Elsie Schwind. Sister Tonia Bales spoke of her family, interests and school activities. "Princess Tonia" is a third generation Embla member. Her mother, Karen Bales, and grandmother, Corinne Olsen, have long been members of Embla.

Motions moved, seconded and passed:

During the 1992 Daughters of Norway Convention, Embla will: 1) Pass out wrapped candies to those in attendance, 2) Give an Embla tote bag to outgoing Presi-

dent Laurel and another to the Grand Lodge incoming President. and 3) Have flowers in President Laurel's room.

Motion moved, seconded and passed: Allow each delegate up to \$75 for Convention expenses outside of registration fee.

Hostesses - Frida Gerla, Solveig Johnson, Bea Hammerstrom and Kelly Leegard. Attendance - 34 members and 2 guests.

May 16 - Cottesmore "Scandi Day" - Embla Sale Table.

May 17 - Chartered bus to Ballard for Norwegian Constitution Day celebration. Parade and dinner. Embla members proudly walked in the Parade while displaying a new Lodge "Walking Banner". Our sincere thanks to Sister Mary Ann Aker for designing and painting this great banner and to Sister Esther Van Noy for contributing her sewing and ideas.

May 31 - Funeral services were held for Sister Olga Bringolf. Olga was initiated into Embla membership on June 3, 1976.

June 5 - Gloria Dei - 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting. Three new members initiated. Discussion of Constitutional changes to be presented at the Grand Lodge Convention. Attendance - Members 35 and Guests - 0. Hostesses - Noreen Moll, Junette Madsen, Elaine Anderson and Mary Ann Aker.

June 18 - St. Hans Fest at 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei. Rommegrot by Noreen Moll, Anne Elgood and Konnie Kasemeir. Strawberry shortcake served by Shirley Foreman, Laurianne Adam, Freda Hauge and Millie Bond. Sandwiches by Elsie Schwind, Julie

Ausnes and Hazel Starkey. Chairman Shirley Foreman. Program: "St. Hans in Norway" by Marit Bakken. Barnakor from Our Savior's Lutheran Church - directed by Diane Zimmerman. *St. Hans Historical Skit* - written and directed by Iona Dhaese.

Attendance over 102 members and guests were served and entertained.

## GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

JUNE 24, 25, 26 and 27th

Daughters of Norway Grand Lodge Convention, University Plaza Hotel Seattle

Embla delegates - Bernice Rohrs, Esther Van Noy, Olive Rudsdil, Mary Nero, Elsie Schwind, Laurianne Adam, Janet Hurlbut, Elaine Anderson, Thelma Lund, Audrey Loomis, Iona Dhaese and Anna Christensen.

Embla's delegates beautifully performed "The First Daughters of Norway", a skit written and directed by Iona Dhaese. Olive Rudsdil was the leader of the Convention Escort Team. Mary Nero was the musician. Vickie Day sang at the Banquet.

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**COMPLETED EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** due to Chairman Anna Christensen by July 25. Embla's 1992 Scholarship will be awarded September 3 at "Display and Sell". Call Anna (627-8404) for applications and more information.

**NEW RAFFLE** to benefit Embla's Scholarship fund! Sister Iona Dhaese has donated one of her beautiful rosemaled and hand crafted clocks for this new raffle. Donation - 50 cents per chance or 2 chances for \$1. Your winning number is available at Embla meetings. Drawing at Potluck supper, September 17th.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY**

The Daughters of Norway actually started in 1905. Four Norwegian women set about organizing a Norwegian group which would be separate from the Sons of Norway.

By 1908 there were three Lodges - at that time the Daughters decided it was time to form a "Grand Lodge" - the three lodges being Valkyrien #1 of Seattle, Embla #2 of Tacoma and Freya #3 of Spokane.

On Feb. 20 1908 the Grand Lodge was officially organized. Mrs. Olaf Larsen, a member of Valkyrien was elected as Grand Lodge President. The second Grand Lodge President was Martha Helgestad of Embla. Under her term of office nineteen more lodges were organized in just four years.

1909 - The World's Fair was held in Seattle and the Daughters participated on "Norway Day".

1914 - There were local lodges in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and Alaska. During the First World War some of the local lodges were lost.

1920 - The Grand Lodge met in Seattle - 27 delegates and 11 officers.

1923 - The Daughters consisted of fifteen lodges and a membership of 901.

1924 - It was decided that the Grand Lodge would have a Convention every two years on the even years.

1936 - The first issue of the "Dotre av Norge" was published, a Norwegian language paper until 1944 - when English was added. The paper has had six editors. Also in 1936 the Constitution and Laws and Ritual were translated into English.

1942 - There were eleven lodges and World War II was underway. They worked for "Norway Relief" - tons of food and clothing were collected and sent to Norway - also raised money to help support the running of "Little Camp Norway" in British Columbia where Norwegian men came to train to join the American Armed Forces.

1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund was started.

1970 - Changes were made "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 mother or father or by marriage to a man of Norwegian birth or extraction.

1992 - Today we stand strong with 19 lodges and 1098 members.

*[Speech given by Mabel Torget of Breidablik #10, Grand Lodge Past President, at Embla's 85th Birthday, April 11, 1992]*

### **REMEMBER WHEN/**

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Honored Guest - Nora Anderson at Embla's 85th Birthday Celebration

I joined Embla #2 in 1940.

The reason I joined was because my husband's mother, Carrie Anderson, thought since I was Norwegian I would enjoy joining. She asked me and I said yes. So we went to every meeting. In those days everything was in Norwegian.

I had belonged about four years when I was elected Marshall and I had that station for five years. Then I was elected Vice President. We had to memorize our duties. In 1949 Hildur Truedson Hanson was elected President but she could not speak Norwegian so, she and I got together and we brought it up at Lodge and they all agreed to change to English. It was a good idea to change to English because we had so many new members who could not speak Norwegian.

Then in 1951 I was elected President. One of the things I enjoyed most was that before the meeting started I went around and shook hands with everyone so I got to know everyone by name. I really enjoyed Embla. I had so many nice friends. We always had two business meetings and they lasted until 10 or 11 o'clock each time.

One other thing I enjoyed was being in our Drill Team. There were sixteen of us then. We had beautiful red and black uniforms and white shoes. We went to all the Conventions and we were the installing team of all the new officers. I have really enjoyed Embla #2 for 52 years.

Thank you everyone for being special friends to me.

## EMBLA OF YORE

When Bernice asked me to tell a little about what we used to do at Embla in the 50's and 60's it meant that I had to put on my thinking cap and start remembering. Now as some of you know that can be a problem, especially at my age where I find myself going from one room to another and then not remembering what I went there for. Well, I think with the help of looking through some old copies of the Dotre of Norge paper, I have managed to remember a few things.

One thing different back then was that the majority of members were immigrants and it was such fun to hear those delightful Norwegian accents. Of course, it was a great privilege and joy to get to know and work with those ladies. As most of the members at that time knew how to speak and sing Norsk, cook the best Norwegian food, do Hardanger and beadwork and knew all about Norway and it's traditions, our programs and entertainment were for fun. And fun we did have. We used to put on a lot of skits, have auctions and white elephant sales, where the auctioneers always created a lot of laughs and fun. We had costume parties, funny hat shows, cake walks and card parties and Embla's Drill Team was there at the center of it all. We also visited other lodges regularly. We would rent a bus and take off for a great evening visiting with our sisters. Our return trip would be filled with singing and laughter all the way home. Then our sister lodges would visit us and we would at times entertain as many as 75 or more.

One of the biggest events each year was our smorgasbord, which included a bake sale and handiwork sale. The price was \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. That included all the Norwegian goodies you could eat. We used to serve huge crowds. The members would work for many days, cooking and serving and of course, cleaning up which would last until well after midnight. More than one husband was heard to say, "Why don't you take your bed and sleep up there?"

Back in those days we received the Dotre of Norge each month and our Daughters of Norway cookbook sold for \$1.50. We had a Sick Committee of four or five ladies from different sections of the city and they would visit the sick and shut-ins. That way our shut-ins were visited regularly.

Other events I remember were the Children's Daffodil Parade, which was great fun as we would dress the children in various costumes. One year we dressed the girls as daffodils, wearing yellow tights. If I remember correctly, my daughter, Annette, didn't speak to me for awhile as she wasn't too happy having to march down the middle of Pacific Avenue in bright yellow tights. Of course, the year Sigurda Amot (past leader of the Leikarring) and Gina Brewington (past Embla President) dressed as trolls, wearing huge heads was the year our group really stole the show. The 17th of May was celebrated with the Sons of Norway and the Normanna Male Chorus. We also joined with them for the Children's Christmas Party and a picnic in the summertime.

Back in the 50's our installation of officers was a big event. We would fill the auditorium and balcony of Normanna Hall. Installation was followed by refreshments and dancing of polkas, schottisches, and hambos.

Embla has always been involved in community service. Back in the early 50's the USO was still active and we would serve Sunday night supper every once in awhile for a 100 or more servicemen and their families. We would furnish hot dishes, salads and Norwegian cookies, which were a great favorite. Also, members of Embla would go out to Madigan Army Hospital and bring cookies. We brought programs and goodies to the Lutheran Home when it was in Puyallup.

In 1958 at the Winthrop Hotel a Festival of Nations was held, with over 60 organizations participating. Embla had one of the nicest booths, with Norwegian artifacts and demonstrations. That was the forerunner of our current Scandinavian Days. It seemed that all those organizations only in Scandinavia went forward. The downtown stores in the following years allowed us to use their windows in which we would display the beautiful Norwegian items belonging to our members. I remember Marie Berglund, a past Embla and Grand Lodge President, sitting in the corner window at Rhodes Department Store with her spinning wheel. Also at Sears one of our members demonstrated Krumkaka and when you walked into the store it was like walking into a home with the good smell of baking. At that time Scandinavian

flags were attached to each light standard on Pacific Avenue and on Broadway. It was such a thrill to drive down the street and see all those beautiful flags flying in the wind.

When I served as President of Embla in 1964-65 we began an Officers Tea, where the officers would serve as hostesses. All our members were invited and asked to bring with them someone eligible for membership. It was quite successful and we did obtain new members this way. At the same time I asked Anna Hopen to teach a Norwegian Class as by then some of us wanted to learn to speak Norsk. Between she and Professor Gulhaugen it was a fun endeavor.

As I close I want to say how lucky I am that my mother, Ida Apalseth, brought me into Embla 49 years ago. My thanks to Embla for electing me to serve as president. I feel especially honored to have served as Grand Lodge President in 1970-71. I am proud that mother and I were the first and only mother and daughter to serve as Embla President. We are also the first Grand Lodge mother and daughter to serve as President. I am happy also that my two daughters have been members of Embla for many years. For all these years the Daughters of Norway has been a very important part of my life. I have many memories of all the beautiful women I have known and enjoyed working with and all the good times we shared. I am so proud of Embla and on this her 85th birthday. I wish her continued growth and much success in the future. [given by Olive Rudsil at the 85th Birthday Celebration of Embla]

## NORWAY'S 17TH OF MAY

In Norway the 17th of May is the day above all days. Spring is sweeping thru the land, and the pretty Birch trees are giving the landscape a fresh green look. Many homes have flag-poles in their yards, and everyone has the flag on high this day. Waving flags set Norway ablaze in red, white and blue.

As a child I remember looking forward to this day. It meant a day filled with activities and fun. People were up and out early this day, everyone dressed in their Sunday best. All the children gathered at the schoolhouse for the children's parade in the morning, and it was much excitement with all the band music and every child carried a flag. What an unforgettable sight and sound it was!

Many of the children had bunads, and everyone had the red, white and blue slayle (ribbon) pinned on their shirts. We sang the many National songs we had learned and the "hip hip hurrah" filled the air over and over again.

The adults' parade started in the early afternoon. All organizations were present with their own banners, and the general public came to walk in the parade or watch on the sidelines. After the parade there would be speeches to listen to and more singing. Young and old alike would gather to listen to the speaker give words of praise for our fine land, tell a little of its history and how we became an independent and self-ruling nation by the signing of the Norwegian Constitution on May 17th, 1814. And of course, on such a day filled

with patriotic pride, there was lots of good food to eat and drink.

To finish the day, there would be dancing in different locations, and most of the people who liked to dance felt they had enough energy left to sing and dance into the "small" hours.

HURRAH for the 17th of Mai.  
*Milly Bond*

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Audrey and William Loomis celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 5, 1992. Congratulations to both of you!

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17th Mai 1992

Ballard - Norway Constitution Day  
Embla Marches in Parade  
Banner by Mary Ann Aker

Front: Bernice Rohrs, Elda Sulerud,  
Aggie Thoreson and Mildred Baker  
Second: Marion Eberle, June Powers,  
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Back: Elene Emerson, Thelma Lund,  
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