



Local Lodge Bylaws

Article I

1. The name of this Lodge shall be: _____ Valhall _____, No. 25, Sons of Norway.

San Diego _____ CA _____ 6 _____
City State/Province District

2. Regular Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Lodge itself shall determine. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of Sons of Norway.

Article II

Membership, Qualifications and Privileges

1. To become a member of Sons of Norway, the applicant must possess requirements outlined in the Constitution. Membership in the Lodge is effective immediately upon ONE of the following (check one):

- payment of dues; or
 affirmative vote of the Lodge.

2. The Membership shall consist of insurance and non-insurance members either of whom may be Life, Golden, or Honorary members in accordance with the Constitution.
3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be extended to all members who were 65 years of age or older, and who had been members in good standing in the Society for 30 years or more by Jan. 1, 1999. Years of membership need not be consecutive. Life membership shall be extended to any member who has served as President of the International Lodge.
4. GOLDEN MEMBERSHIP shall be extended to all members who attained 65 years of age after Jan. 1, 1999, and who have been members in good standing in the Society for 30 years or more. Years of membership need not be consecutive.
5. In all respects, these Life or Golden members shall enjoy all rights and benefits they previously held in the Lodge as full dues paying members. Those transferring to another Local Lodge shall maintain their Life or Golden membership status.
6. All members shall enjoy equal privileges, except that only those with insurance shall have the right to vote on matters concerning insurance.
7. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP. Members possessing a current membership card of a different Lodge may petition for affiliate membership. Affiliate members may not vote within the Lodge for, or become, District or International convention delegates from this Lodge and are not counted in the member totals for determining representation.



Article III **Fees and Dues**

U.S. Lodges

1. The International Lodge will set dues for all Lodges in the United States. All Lodges are subject to an identical dues structure. A member's dues will be divided into three parts – one part to International, one part to the District, and one part to the Local Lodge. Only a vote by the International Lodge can change the dues amount.
2. In the unlikely event that a Local Lodge doesn't need its share of the dues collected, it is allowed to refund the Local dues income to its paying members.
3. Life Members are exempt from all dues – International, District, and Local.
4. Members who achieve Golden status before January 1, 2018 will pay 50 percent of International Dues and 100% of District dues. Members who achieve Golden status after December 31, 2017 will not receive a discounted dues rate.
5. Affiliate members. In addition to their primary Lodge, some members may wish to join another Local Lodge which would be considered an Affiliate membership. For each additional Lodge joined, the affiliate member will be charged only the Local Lodge portion of dues.
6. Members of U.S. Lodges will have the option to pay their dues by automatic monthly withdrawal from their U.S. bank account.
7. No fee shall be charged for issuance of a transfer card nor for membership by transfer.

Canadian and Norwegian Lodges *[These apply only through Dec. 31, 2019, after which a simplified dues structure will be implemented.]*

8. The International Lodge will set dues only for International and will do so in the Local currency (Canadian dollars or Norwegian Kroner). Sons of Norway headquarters will not adjust dues based on the exchange rate. Dues paid by credit card from a non-US bank may be subject to an exchange rate and/or servicing fee set by the bank and/or credit card processor.
9. Canadian and Norwegian Districts and Local Lodges will set their portions of the dues. This includes the Canadian Lodges in District 4.
10. Unge Venner (youth) members in Canada and Norway will be exempt from dues if they are a lineal descendent of a Sons of Norway member.
11. No fee shall be charged for issuance of a transfer card nor for membership by transfer.



***Article IV
Good Standing***

1. A member who is in arrears 120 days in the payment of dues shall not be eligible for any benefits of the Lodge, and will be subject to suspension in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution.
2. A member who pays all back dues will be reinstated effective with their original date of membership.

***Article V
Lodge Funds***

1. Appropriations to defray the operational expenses of the Lodge require only a simple majority vote for adoption. Other appropriations from the Lodge funds require a two-thirds majority of votes cast for adoption.
2. The Lodge can maintain one or more funds. The General Fund will be used to defray the operational expenses of the Lodge.
3. The Financial Officers of the Lodge are covered by a blanket position bond, as provided in the Constitution, with a deductible for each claim. A surety bond is maintained by International Headquarters, in accordance with the Constitution.
4. THE LODGE elects (choose one)
 - a. to retain the positions of Financial Secretary and Treasurer with duties as described in the relevant sections of the Charter and Constitutions of Sons of Norway,
 - OR –
 - b. to have a Membership Secretary and a Treasurer with duties as described in the relevant sections of the Charter and Constitutions of Sons of Norway.
5. The Lodge shall participate in the mandatory liability insurance for District and Local Lodges as secured by the International Headquarters. This insurance does not cover Lodge-owned real estate or buildings, or liquor liability claims.

***Article VI
Changes in and Approval of Bylaws***

1. These Bylaws may be repealed or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting, provided that such Bylaw changes were presented in writing and read at the prior meeting of the Lodge.



2. These Bylaws, and any changes thereto, will become effective upon approval by the International Headquarters.
3. The Bylaws of this Lodge are subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Charter and Constitution of the International Lodge of Sons of Norway.

**Article VII
Miscellaneous**

(Items not specifically referenced in the template should be appended here.)



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Date Adopted: 10 day of June, 2019.

Members of Bylaw Committee:

Janet Weber
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Signed: Murray Lee
Lodge President

Signed: Jonas Kystad Coulon
Lodge Secretary

Sons of Norway

Date Adopted: _____ day of _____, 20____.

These bylaws approved on: 27th day of September, 2019.

By: Eivind Steiberg
Chief Executive Officer

By: Dave Ness
Legal Counsel
Dave Ness
12-17-2019