



SONS OF NORWAY

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LOCAL LODGE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

1. The NAME OF THIS LODGE shall be: **Valhalla** No. **341**, Sons of Norway.

Calgary

Alberta

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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 By-laws 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 01/01/1999.

4. GOLDEN Membership shall be extended after 01/01/1999 to all members who are 65 years of age or older, and who have been members in good standing in the Society for 30 years or more.

5. ALL MEMBERS SHALL ENJOY equal privileges, except that only those with insurance shall have the right to vote on matters concerning insurance.

6. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP. Members possessing a current membership card of a different lodge may petition for affiliate membership. Affiliate members shall pay local lodge dues directly to the treasurer. Affiliate members may not vote within the lodge for, or become, district or convention delegates from this lodge and are not counted in the member totals for determining representation.

ARTICLE III

Fees and Dues

1. THE INITIATION FEE for insurance members and Junior Lodge members shall be waived; for members without insurance, the initiation fee shall be \$ **waived**.

2. THE LOCAL LODGE DUES shall be \$ **1.00** / \$ **1.00** (spouse) per year, plus an additional amount representing the District and International Dues. Local dues for members age 16-23 shall be \$ **.50** , plus an additional amount representing the District and International Dues.

3. LIFE MEMBERS are exempt from payment of International and District dues and are/are not exempt from payment of local lodge dues, which are collected by the local lodge.

4. GOLDEN MEMBERS are billed by International headquarters for 50% of International and 100% District dues and are/are not exempt from payment of local lodge dues. THE LOCAL LODGE DUES shall be \$ **1.00** per year.

5. 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 shall be subject to suspension in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution.
2. A MEMBER who pays all back dues and assessments shall be reinstated effective with their original date of membership.

ARTICLE V

Lodge Funds

1. APPROPRIATIONS to defray the running expenses of the Lodge shall require only a simple majority vote for adoption. Other appropriations from the Lodge funds shall require a two-thirds majority of votes cast for adoption.
2. THE LODGE shall maintain one or more funds. The General Fund shall be used to defray the running 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, which surety bond is maintained by the Home Office, 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 whose duties are as specified in the Charter and Constitutions of Sons of Norway and a Treasurer whose duties are as described in 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 By-laws

1. These By-laws may be repealed or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting, provided that such By-law changes were presented in writing and read at the prior meeting of the Lodge.
2. These By-laws, and any changes thereto, shall become effective upon approval by the International Headquarters.
3. The By-laws of this Lodge are subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Charter and Constitution of the International Lodge of Sons of Norway.

Date Adopted: _____ day of _____, 20____.

<p><u>Names of By-Law Committee:</u></p> <p>Sonia Kennedy Roy Swanberg Knut Haga</p>

Signed: _____
President

Signed: _____
Secretary

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THESE BY-LAWS APPROVED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

By: _____
Chief Executive Officer

By: _____
Legal Counsel