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## LOCAL LODGE BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

1. The NAME OF THIS LODGE shall be: Vonheim Lodge, No. 108, Sons of Norway, Minneapolis, Minnesota District 1.
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 payment of dues.
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

#### **Election and Appointment of Officers**

1. THE TERM OF OFFICE is to be 2 years except for the Trustee positions which are to be elected for 6 years and serve staggered cycles of 2, 4 and 6 years.
2. THE OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED are as specified in the Sons of Norway Constitution plus the 3 Trustees, Sports and Recreation Director and Youth Director position.
3. OTHER OFFICERS MAY BE APPOINTED by the President as needed to operate the lodge.

### ARTICLE IV

#### **Fees and Dues**

1. THE INITIATION FEE for all members shall be waived.
2. THE LOCAL LODGE DUES shall be \$4 per year, plus an additional amount representing the District and International Dues. Local dues for members age 16-23 shall be \$4 per year, 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 not exempt from payment of local lodge dues. THE LOCAL LODGE DUES shall be \$4 per year.

5. NO FEE shall be charged for issuance of a transfer card nor for membership by transfer.

**ARTICLE V**

**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 VI**

**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 a General Fund, Housing Fund and Scholarship and Charitable Fund. The General Fund and Housing Fund shall be used to defray the running expenses of the Lodge. The Scholarship and Charitable Fund shall be developed from donations and contributions from the lodge, members and others to be invested by the Trustees. The principal of the Scholarship and Charitable Fund is to remain intact. The annual earnings of this fund may be used to furnish scholarships and other charitable contributions as determined by the board of directors.

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 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. o

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 VII**

**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 \_\_\_\_.

**Names of By-Law Committee:**  
Merle Tingelstad, President  
Russ Tokheim, Vice President  
Gene Brandvold, Sports and Recreation Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**SONS OF NORWAY**

THESE BY-LAWS APPROVED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Executive Officer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Counsel