

**DISTRICT LODGE NO. SIX**  
**SONS OF NORWAY**  
**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

***Name and Territory***

- Par. 1      The name of the District Lodge shall be "District Lodge Number Six, Sons of Norway". It shall include California, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Hawaii.

**ARTICLE II**

***Authority***

- Par. 2      The District Lodge shall have first instance authority over the local lodges within the District, shall direct all the organization work within its boundaries, decide on appeals from local lodges or from members from the same, and further have authority to deal with all the questions not expressly reserved by the International Lodge or which concern the Order as a whole.

**ARTICLE III**

***Organization***

- Par. 3      The District Lodge shall consist of the Officers of the District Lodge and representatives from Local Lodges, and elected International Officers and Director(s) within the District.

- Par. 4      The Officers of the District shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and the Zone Directors elected from each zone as outlined in Par. 6. No member of the District Board of Directors, with the exception of Secretary and Treasurer may be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms in any one office.

In the event new lodges are established in the District but not within any one Zone as established by the District Board, the District Board shall assign such new lodge to the Zone it most logically belongs.

- Par. 5      The District Officers with the exception of Zone Directors shall be elected at large in the same sequence described in Par. 4; each Zone shall caucus separately and elect their Zone Director.

- Par. 6      The Executive Committee of the District board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer.

Par. 7 The District shall consist of eight zones (Zone 4 is inactive):

- Zone 1 Eight lodges; total members = 818  
International delegates = 2; members to pool = 18
- Fram #13; Roald Amundsen #48; Snowshoe Thompson #78; Viking #89; Shastafjell #108; Gulldalen #128; Hvite Fjell #151, Vikings of Lake #166
- Zone 2 Eight lodges; total members = 743  
International delegates = 1; members to pool = 343
- Bjornstjerne Bjornson #14; Victory #43; Andrew Furuseth #49; Garborg #56, Freya #62; Solheim #69, Olav #82, Centennial #161
- Zone 3 Seven lodges; total members = 981  
International delegates = 2; members to pool = 181
- Henrik Ibsen #7; Nordahl Grieg #52; Snørre #61, Scandia #75, Aasgaarden #112; Stordalen #115, Vigeland #155
- Zone 5 Nine lodges; total members = 1,153  
International delegates = 3; members to pool = 353
- Fridtjof Nansen #9; Peer Gynt #22; Ulabrand #24; Ivar Aasen #45; Norrona #50; Solbakken #64; Edvard Grieg #74; Norseman #91, Stillehavet #116
- Zone 6 Eight lodges; total members = 898  
International delegates = 2; members to pool = 98
- Valhall #25; Norge #60; Sundfjord #65; Soldalen #67; Solskinn #150; Vegas Viking #152; Vinland #159; Desert Troll #165
- Zone 7 Seven lodges; total members = 695  
International delegate = 1; members to pool = 295
- Leif Erikson #83; Desert Fjord #133; Sol Byer #134; Trolldalen #139; Overtro Fjell #153, Nordic Pines #167, Sola #168
- Zone 8 Seven lodges; total members = 1,062  
International delegates = 2; members to pool = 262
- Fjellheim #107; Trollheim # 110; Stein Fjell #114; Vesterheim #118; Vestafjell #146; Fjelldalen #162; Storfjell #169

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### ***District Dues***

Par. 8 District Six Lodge, effective January 1, 1989 imposed a per capita tax pursuant to Paragraph 93 of the Charter, Constitutions and By-laws in the sum of \$1.00 per member. District dues were increased to \$2.00 annually effective January 1, 1995

and to \$3.00 annually effective January 1, 2003. Fraternal Fee added effective July 1, 2004 of \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$3.00 depending on lodge's proximity to Camp Norge. Increase District dues by \$1.50 effective January 1, 2007, making District dues \$4.50. (note: International dues decreased by \$1.50 at this time, so it was revenue neutral to members). Increase District dues by \$5.00 effective January 1, 2009, making District dues \$9.50.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### ***Meetings and Representation***

- Par. 9 The District shall meet for regular meetings every second year. The meeting shall last for three days, the time to be decided by the District Board. Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or when a majority of the lodges in the District request such a meeting.
- Par. 10 Every lodge within the District shall be entitled to two delegates for the lodge and one for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, based on the last semi-annual report prior to the election. All members in good standing, with at least three months membership in a lodge, are eligible as delegates. In lodges not in existence for three months at the time of election, all members are eligible, regardless of length of membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### ***Traveling Expenses***

- Par. 11 No monies for the delegates travel expenses will be allotted by the District

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### ***Committees***

- Par. 12 The President shall appoint committees for the Convention in accordance with the Constitution, Chapter 12 Par. 3.12.1

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

##### ***Loss of Rights***

- Par. 13 Representatives of the District Board who leave the meeting without valid excuse or permission before the meeting is over lose all claim to traveling expenses.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### ***Salary and Traveling Expenses***

- Par. 14 The District Lodge authorizes amount of salary, travel and per diem for approved travel and meetings.
- Par. 15 The District Secretary will receive an annual salary, paid quarterly.
- Par. 16 The District Treasurer will be paid an annual stipend.
- Par. 17 All District Board members may receive compensation for actual travel expenses and per diem for approved travel.
- Par. 18 Travel expenses of representatives to the International Lodge meeting shall consist of an amount proposed by the District Board prior to the District Six Lodge Meeting. The District Board's proposal shall then be forwarded to the Finance Committee for action. Remuneration of expenses shall be voted on prior to the election of delegates to the International Lodge meeting.

**ARTICLE X**  
***Biennial Reports***

Par. 19 The District Board shall, every two years, issue a printed report of the previous two years' work. The Secretary shall edit the same and shall also in ample time before the District meeting, send a copy to each elected Delegate and a copy to each member of the District Board. S/He shall also send one copy to each of the local lodges within the District and also to the officers of the International Lodge. S/He shall either have the names of the representatives printed in the report or send same to all representatives before the meeting. S/He shall also send in a complete and clear report of the transactions of the meeting to the official organ of the Order.

**ARTICLE XI**  
***Lodge Visits***

Par. 20 The President shall visit the local lodges or send another member of the Board whenever he or she deems it necessary. It shall also be the duty of the officers of the District to instruct the local lodges in ritualistic work.

**ARTICLE XII**  
***Referendum***

Par. 21 The President shall, whenever possible, use the system of Referendum during the period between Board meetings and have members of the Board vote by mail on questions of importance.

Par. 22 Whenever time does not permit a referendum, the Executive Board shall have to make decisions.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
***Vacancies***

Par. 23 Whenever vacancies occur on the District Board due to resignation, death or removal from office, the vacancies shall be filled by the District Board.

Par. 24 The District Board shall, by a majority vote of all its members, have the power to remove from office any member of the Board by reason of incompetence, moral or physical weakness, embezzlement, or neglect of duties, provided the accused has been given a chance to defend himself or herself. Should a member of the Board, without its approval, be absent from their home for a period of more than six months, he shall forfeit his office and a new member shall be elected at the next Board meeting.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
***Election of Delegates and Alternates to the  
International Lodge Meeting***

Par. 25 The District shall use the Zones defined in Article III, Par. 6 for the purposes of electing delegates and alternates to the International Lodge Meeting, based on the semi-annual report immediately prior to the District Lodge Meeting.

Par. 26 The District Secretary shall allocate in the Report Book prior to each convention the number of delegates to which each Zone is entitled in proportion to its membership.

- Par. 27 After the nomination and election of District Officers in accordance with Article III, Par. 4, each Zone shall caucus and shall elect from its members the Zone Director and the delegates to which it is entitled; they shall also elect an alternate for each delegate.
- Par. 28 The delegates and alternates who were elected in caucus shall be approved at the Convention. No additional nominations can be made.
- Par. 29 In addition to the two delegates for the District provided for by the International Lodge Constitution, the remaining fraction of 400 members in each of the various zones shall be pooled and delegates elected at large in accordance with the number of members of which that pool consists. Also, a corresponding number of alternates shall be elected at large, who, in order of their election, shall fill vacancies, the first filling the first vacancy, etc. These nominations shall be from the floor of the convention.
- Par. 30 In the event an elected delegate is unable to attend the International Lodge convention, his place shall be filled by the alternate designated for him. In the event neither the delegate nor his designated alternate can attend, then that place shall be filled in the following order: First alternate-at-large, second alternate-at-large, or one of the remaining alternates from the zone involved, selected by the President.
- Par. 31 Each lodge may nominate delegates in the zone caucus, but may have only one elected delegate per 400 members or major fraction thereof, exclusive of delegates at large.
- Par. 32 Zones shall be defined by the District Board with consideration to geographic areas, lodge membership and local lodge(s) concerns, but not to allow any zone to become less than 400 members for election of an International delegate, Local lodge zone assignments may only be changed biennially, to take effect at the District Six Convention. (Zone 4 placed on hiatus in June, 2004)

Current (December 31, 2009) adult membership figures are as follows:

	<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DELEGATES</b>	<b>MEMBERS TO POOL</b>
Zone 1	818	2	18
Zone 2	743	1	343
Zone 3	981	2	181
Zone 5	1153	2	353
Zone 6	898	2	98
Zone 7	695	1	340
Zone 8	1,062	2	262
Lodge 6-000	273		273
Lodge 6-999	308		308
+Future lodges = 44	6,975	12	2,175
ZONE DELEGATES		12	
DISTRICT DELEGATES		2	
DELEGATES AT LARGE		5	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	

**ARTICLE XV**

***Nomination of International Lodge Directors***

Par. 33 The Sixth District Lodge shall nominate the International Lodge Director and Alternate to which it is entitled, at the Biennial District Lodge Meeting from among its newly elected delegates to the International Lodge Meeting and its present representative on the International Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XVI**

***Amendments to the Bylaws***

Par. 34 These bylaws may be altered, augmented, or repealed at any regular or special District Lodge meeting by a two-thirds majority of the qualified voters' ballots.



Adopted at the Convention in Santa Barbara, CA ..... October 1952

Amended at the following Conventions/District Lodge Meetings:

- Santa Cruz, CA ..... June 1954
- Eureka, CA ..... June 1956
- Oakland, CA ..... June 1964
- Los Angeles, CA ..... June 1966
- Pasadena, CA ..... June 1970
- Concord, CA ..... June 1976
- North Hollywood, CA ..... June 1978
- Colorado Springs, CO ..... June 1980
- Santa Clara, CA ..... June 1982
- Long Beach, CA ..... June 1984
- Visalia, CA ..... June 1986
- Napa, CA ..... June 1988
- Golden, CO ..... June 1990
- Eureka, CA ..... June 1992
- San Diego, CA ..... June 1994
- Sparks, NV ..... June, 1996
- Sacramento, CA ..... June, 1998
- Tempe, AZ ..... June 2000
- Westminster, CO ..... June 2002
- Sacramento, CA ..... June 2004
- Ventura, CA ..... June 2006
- San Ramon, CA ..... June 2008
- Modesto, CA ..... June 2010