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**By-Laws**  
OF THE  
**Norlina Council**  
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# By-Laws, Norlina Council

## ARTICLE I

Section 1. The stated meetings of this Council shall be held April 1st to October 1st at 8:15 p. m.; October 1 to April 1 at 7:45 p. m.

Section 2. Special meets shall be convened by the Councilor on the death of a member or at any other time at the written request of seven members in good standing.

Section 3. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that for which such meeting is especially called.

## ARTICLE II

Section 1. The fee for initiation shall be five dollars.

Section 2. For reinstatement, same as initiation; for admission by card, one dollar; for dismissal certificate, one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Section 3. The whole fee must accompany the card, dismissal certificate or for proposition for reinstatement, but if for initiation, one half of the fee must accompany the proposition, the same to be returned if the candidate is rejected; the fee shall be forfeited if the candidate for initiation fails to present himself within six weeks after notice of his election, unless he is prevented by sickness or other unavoidable occurrence.

Section 4. Any person properly qualified may be admitted to honorary membership on payment of five dollars.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Recording Secretary to notify each candidate of his election or rejection within one week thereafter.

## ARTICLE III

### Fee For Cards and Dismissal Certificates

Any member receiving a traveling or withdrawal card shall pay twenty-five cents for the same, and

for the dismissal certificate upon his written request for same and payment of one dollar and twenty-five cents, provided, however, that a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to grant a dismissal certificate.

## ARTICLE IV

### Dues

Section 1. The monthly dues of beneficiary members shall be one dollar.

Section 2. The first money that a member pays into this council shall be credited on account of assessments, fines, funeral dues, or any other debt (except for money borrowed) owing to the Council, before any shall be credited for his monthly dues.

## ARTICLE V

### Sick Benefits

Section 1. Any brother having been a member of this council for sixty days and otherwise qualified as required by the constitution and by-laws of this council, shall, in case of sickness or disability, from any cause of illness originating after his initiation into this order and while such brother is in good standing in this council, receive the sum of three dollars per week during illness as long as council deems necessary; less than a week's sickness or disability shall be recognized by this council.

Section 2. Any member who is sixty days or more in arrears and is taken sick or disabled, shall not, upon the payment of such arrearages, be entitled to sick benefit for any part of the same sickness or disability.

Section 3. In case of sickness or disability, it shall be the duty of the brother claiming benefits to report himself or have himself reported to the relief committee, the recording secretary, financial secretary or the council in session.

Section 4. Any brother whose sickness or disability is of such a nature as not to confine himself to the house shall report to one of the relief committee at least once a week, and such brother fail-

ing to report shall be considered as well and so reported.

Section 5. When this Council has obtained a membership of one hundred it shall be in case of the death of the wife of a member entitled to benefits, fifty dollars shall be allowed to defray her funeral expense, and on death of a member in good standing she shall receive \$100.00.

## ARTICLE VI

### Relief Committee

The relief committee shall visit all sick and disabled members of the council (except in contagious or infectious diseases) residing within the limit of the committee, once a week or oftener if necessary, as long as the sickness or disability continues, and pay him such benefit as the by-laws provides (see Article X, Sec. 1, Constitution.)

## ARTICLE VII

### Delinquent Committee

✓ The councilor shall, at the commencement of his term, appoint a committee on delinquents, which shall consist of five members, of which the financial secretary shall be chairman. They shall use all lawful means with the delinquents as may effect a payment of their dues.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Special Committees

Section 1. All special committees shall consist of three members unless otherwise ordered.

Section 2. All committees appointed for special purposes shall report verbally their proceedings at each stated meeting, except when a definite time has been named for making a report, and their final report shall be made in writing or verbal at the discretion of the council.

Section 3. All reports required to be in writing shall be signed by a majority of the committee: provided, that a report from the minority may also be received. No committee shall be discharged

until all debts contracted by it are paid, and the receipt thereof deposited with the recording secretary.

Section 4. The election or rejection of a candidate discharges an investigation committee without a motion to that effect.

## ARTICLE IX.

### Elections

Section 1. At the time specified in Article II Section I of the constitution the officers named in said section shall be elected. One trustee shall be elected in May and November of each year for a period of eighteen months.

Section 2. The election board shall consist of a judge, a clerk and two tellers. The judge shall have power of the Councillor during an election. No member shall act as judge, clerk or teller of his own election.

Section 3. The clerk shall furnish the judge a statement of the votes cast, and the judge shall at once announce the result of the ballot.

Section 4. At every election of officers the Financial Secretary shall have a correct list prepared of all members entitled to vote.

## ARTICLE X

### Finance, Treasurer and Trustees

Section 1. The Treasurer shall give bond with approved security to the trustees in the sum of \$500.00.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall hold all bonds and other papers of value except his own bond which shall be held by the trustees.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall require all orders presented to him for payment to be endorsed by the party receiving the amount.

Section 4. The Trustees shall invest the funds of the Council in such manner as the Council shall direct. They shall return or pay to the Council all monies realized from the sale of bonds, drawn from a bank, and all monies received from divi-



dends, interest or other investments. They shall report at the first stated meeting in January, April, July and October the entire financial condition of the Council.

Section 5. No investment of funds of the Council shall be made which would reduce the cash in the treasurer's hands to less than \$100.00.

## ARTICLE XI.

### Arrearages

The financial secretary shall, at the end of each quarter, forward to each member a statement of his account; also furnish to the council the names of such members as are sixty days or over in arrears, and the Councilor shall direct the recording secretary to notify said members that unless their arrearages or amount thereof sufficient to reduce their arrearages to less than sixty days dues, is paid by the fourth meeting thereafter, they will be suspended. The Councilor shall, unless otherwise ordered by the council, in open council declare such members suspended for non-payment of dues.

## ARTICLE XII

### Forfeiture of Office and Fines

Section 1. Any officer absenting himself from the council without legal excuse for seven consecutive meeting nights shall forfeit his office.

Section 2. Any member absenting himself from the council with legal excuse for seven consecutive meeting nights shall be fined at the discretion of the council.

Section 3. A member changing his residence shall notify the financial secretary in writing and any notice sent to the last address as given by the member shall be legal.

Section 4. Any member who shall deface or destroy any property belonging to this council shall replace the same or pay its equivalent in money.

Section 5. Sickness of self or family, attending

the sick, or other unavoidable occurrence, shall constitute a legal excuse.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### Reinstatement of Members Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues.

Section 1. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues, desiring to be reinstated, shall make application in writing, or be proposed by a member of this Council, which application shall be referred to a committee of investigation, who shall report as to his fitness to become a member at a subsequent meeting when a ballot shall be taken as in other applications for membership.

Section 2. A person elected for reinstatement into this council shall not be considered a member until he pays the full rate of a new initiated member, and in such case shall be entitled to benefits.

### ARTICLE XIV

#### Salaries

The Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary shall receive the salary of one dollar per month each.

### ARTICLE XV

#### Amendments

No additions, alterations or amendments to these by-laws shall be made unless a motion therefor is presented in writing at a regular meeting, with the name of the mover and seconder. It shall be read at each of the two following meetings, and debate thereon shall be permitted at the third regular meeting following the motion to amend; the amendment or motion shall be considered, and if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present, shall be adopted but shall not go into effect until approved by the State Council committee on laws.



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