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NOVEMBER 24 - 26, 1995

WILKES-BARRE, PA

# SPIRITUAL AWARENESS



WE THE COMMITTEE, WELCOME YOU TO THE BEEHIVE AREA'S SIXTH CONVENTION.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS OFFERS ONLY ONE PROMISE, AND THAT IS FREEDOM FROM ACTIVE ADDICTION, THE SOLUTION THAT ELUDED US FOR SO LONG. WE WILL BE FREED FROM OUR SELF MADE-PRISONS, LIVING JUST FOR TODAY, WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US. WE ARE OFTEN AMAZED AT HOW THINGS WORK OUT FOR US. WE ARE RECOVERING IN THE HERE AND NOW AND THE FUTURE BECOMES AN EXCITING JOURNEY. IF WE HAD WRITTEN DOWN OUR LIST OF EXPECTATIONS WHEN WE CAME TO THE PROGRAM, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN CHEATING OURSELVES. HOPELESS LIVING PROBLEMS HAVE BECOME JOYOUSLY CHANGED. OUR DISEASE HAS BEEN ARRESTED, AND NOW ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

WE BECOME INCREASINGLY OPEN-MINDED AND OPEN TO IDEAS IN ALL AREAS OF OUR LIVES. THROUGH ACTIVE LISTENING, WE HEAR THINGS THAT WORK FOR US. THIS ABILITY TO LISTEN IS A GIFT AND GROWS AS WE GROW SPIRITUALLY. LIFE TAKES ON A NEW MEANING WHEN WE OPEN OURSELVES TO THIS GIFT. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE, WE MUST BE WILLING TO GIVE.

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## IDENTITY STATEMENT

IN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, WE ARE PRESENTED WITH A DILEMMA. WHEN N.A. MEMBERS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS "ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS," "CROSS ADDICTED," OR TALK ABOUT LIVING "CLEAN AND SOBER," THE CLARITY OF THE N.A. MESSAGE IS BLURRED. TO SPEAK IN THIS MANNER SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE TWO DISEASES; THAT ONE DRUG IS SEPARATE FROM THE REST. NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN DRUGS. OUR IDENTIFICATION AS ADDICTS IS ALL INCLUSIVE, ALLOWING US TO CONCENTRATE ON OUR SIMILARITIES, NOT OUR DIFFERENCES.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS OFFERED IN THE SPIRIT OF N.A. UNITY. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS REQUEST IS NOT MADE IN ORDER TO RULE, CENSOR OR DICTATE BEHAVIOR. WE MAKE THIS REQUEST TO HELP PROVIDE AN ATMOSPHERE OF RECOVERY, WHERE WE CAN HEAR THE SIMPLE AND LIFESAVING MESSAGE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS.

## STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS OUR PRESENT, WE WELCOME YOU. HOWEVER IN KEEPING WITH OUR TRADITIONS WE NEED TO MAINTAIN PERSONAL ANONYMITY AT THE LEVEL OF PRESS, RADIO, AND FILMS. THIS IS TO PROTECT THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE REPUTATION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, PLEASE SEE A MEMBER OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

## THE TWELVE STEPS OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, AND ARE WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO GET IT, THEN YOU ARE READY TO TAKE CERTAIN STEPS. THESE ARE THE PRINCIPLES THAT MADE OUR RECOVERY POSSIBLE.

1. WE ADMITTED THAT WE WERE POWERLESS OVER OUR ADDICTION, THAT OUR LIVES HAD BECOME UNMANAGEABLE.
2. WE CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES COULD RESTORE US TO SANITY.
3. WE MADE A DECISION TO TURN OUR WILL AND OUR LIVES OVER TO THE CARE OF GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM.
4. WE MADE A SEARCHING AND FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY OF OURSELVES.
5. WE ADMITTED TO GOD, TO OURSELVES AND TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING THE EXACT NATURE OF OUR WRONGS.
6. WE WERE ENTIRELY READY TO HAVE GOD REMOVE THESE DEFECTS OF CHARACTER.
7. WE HUMBLY ASKED HIM TO REMOVE OUR SHORTCOMINGS.
8. WE MADE A LIST OF ALL PERSONS WE HAD HARMED, AND BECAME WILLING TO MAKE AMENDS TO THEM ALL.
9. WE MADE DIRECT AMENDS TO SUCH PEOPLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE, EXCEPT WHEN TO DO SO WOULD INJURE THEM OR OTHERS.
10. WE CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY, AND WHEN WE WERE WRONG PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.
11. WE SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDIATION TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT WITH GOD, AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM, PRAYING FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL FOR US, AND THE POWER TO CARRY THAT OUT.
12. HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AS A RESULT OF THESE STEPS, WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO ADDICTS AND TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A BIG ORDER, AND WE CAN'T DO IT ALL AT ONCE. WE DIDN'T BECOME ADDICTED IN ONE DAY, SO REMEMBER—*EASY DOES IT.*

## WHO IS AN ADDICT

MOST OF US DO NOT HAVE TO THINK TWICE ABOUT THIS QUESTION. WE KNOW OUR WHOLE LIFE AND THINKING WAS CENTERED IN DRUGS IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. THE GETTING AND USING AND FINDING WAYS AND MEANS TO GET MORE. WE LIVED TO USE AND USED TO LIVE. VERY SIMPLY AN ADDICT IS A MAN OR WOMAN WHOSE LIFE IS CONTROLLED BY DRUGS. WE ARE PEOPLE IN THE GRIP OF A CONTINUING AND PROGRESSIVE ILLNESS WHOSE ENDS ARE ALWAYS THE SAME: JAILS, INSTITUTIONS AND DEATH.

**FRIDAY**

5:00PM - 6:30PM	STEPS 1,2,3 GIFTS OF RECOVERY	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
8:00PM	OPENING SPEAKER	BANQUET ROOM
10:30PM - 12:00AM	KEEPING IT SIMPLE TRADITIONS 1,2,3	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
12:30AM-2:00AM	GUEST SPEAKER	ROOM 178
2:00AM	MARATHON MEETING STARTS	ROOM 100

**SATURDAY**

8:00AM - 9:00AM	JUST FOR TODAY	ROOM 178
9:00AM - 10:30AM	STEPS 4,5,6 ILLNESS IN RECOVERY	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
10:45AM - 12:00PM	SPONSORSHIP TRADITIONS 4,5,6	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
12:15PM - 1:30PM	STEPS 7,8,9 LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
1:45PM - 3:00PM	LETTING SECRETS GO TRADITIONS 7,8,9	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
3:15PM - 4:30PM	SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY GOD OF OUR UNDERSTANDING	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
4:30PM - 5:30PM	STEPS 10,11,12 SHARING OUR RECOVERY	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
6:00PM	BANQUET DINNER	BANQUET ROOM
8:00PM	BANQUET SPEAKER	BANQUET ROOM
10:30PM - 11:30AM	TRADITIONS 10,11,12 OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE	ROOM 178 ROOM 179
12:00AM-1:30AM	GUEST SPEAKER	ROOM 178

**SUNDAY**

8:00AM	BREAKFAST	BANQUET ROOM
8:30 - 9:45AM	MENS SPONSORSHIP	ROOM 178
10:00AM	SPIRITUAL SPEAKER	BANQUET ROOM
12:00PM	OUTSIDE AREA & REGION MERCHANDISE SALES	BANQUET ROOM

NOTE: ALL AREAS & REGIONS WHO HAVE MERCHANDISE TO SELL SHOULD CHECK IN WITH THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE. YOU MUST HAVE A LETTER FROM YOUR AREA OR REGION. NO PERSONAL MERCHANDISE SALES ARE ALLOWED.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

FRIDAY	10:00PM - 2:00AM	DANCE	BANQUET ROOM
SATURDAY	10:00PM - 2:00AM	DANCE	BANQUET ROOM

**REGISTRATION**

FRIDAY	1:00PM - 7:00PM	MAIN LOBBY
	10:00PM - 11:00PM	MAIN LOBBY
SATURDAY	9:00AM - 4:30PM	MAIN LOBBY

**JUST FOR TODAY****TELL YOURSELF:**

**JUST FOR TODAY** MY THOUGHTS WILL BE ON MY RECOVERY, LIVING AND ENJOYING LIFE WITHOUT THE USE OF DRUGS.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I WILL HAVE FAITH IN SOMEONE IN N.A. WHO BELIEVES IN ME AND WANTS TO HELP ME IN MY RECOVERY

**JUST FOR TODAY** I WILL HAVE A PROGRAM, I WILL TRY TO FOLLOW IT TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

**JUST FOR TODAY** THROUGH N.A. I WILL TRY TO GET A BETTER PERSPECTIVE ON MY LIFE.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I WILL BE UNAFRAID. MY THOUGHTS WILL BE ON MY NEW ASSOCIATIONS, PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT USING AND WHO HAVE FOUND A NEW WAY OF LIFE. SO LONG AS I FOLLOW THAT WAY, I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.



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- GET A SPONSOR!!!!
- 90 MEETINGS IN 90 DAYS
- GET A PHONE NUMBER AT EACH MEETING
- DIAL THEM, DON'T FILE THEM...