"Recovery: God's Message to Change"

Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous XVIII

April 18-20, 2003 Radisson Hotel Valley Forge King of Prussia, PA

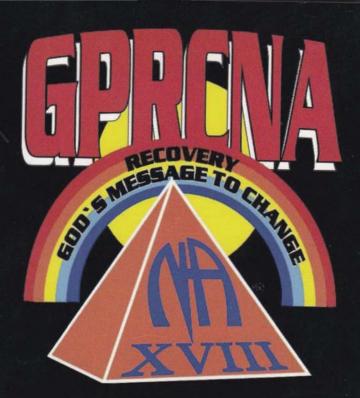
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APRIL 18TH, 19TH, 20TH, 2003

Radisson Hotel Valley Forge King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

THE TWELVE STEPS

- We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable.
- We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.
- We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- 7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
- We made direct amends to such people wherever 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 meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only 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.

REGISTRATION BADGES ARE REQUIRED AT ALL EVENTS

WELCOME

We would like to welcome you to the

18th Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention
Of

Narcotics Anonymous

Our theme:

"Recovery-God's Message To Change"

Recovery - an active change of ideas and attitudes.) Because if we change these, our behaviors don't stand a chance. Active: ongoing, never ending, always growing, perpetuated and or motivated by pain; and that's where God comes in because who wants to hurt all by their lonesome? A God of our own, always there and then some... friends and family, dare we say a fellowship? Our foundation is: "I can't, but we can!" Man, ain't that a trip...

Our message is: It's possible (hope), even if we can't see it. Our promise is: no more bondage (freedom), but we don't have to be it (choice). "To" implies a process and we all know this is true. Some of us have changed and changed and changed until we turned blue, and still found no freedom, and it's no secret why; The triangle of self obsession says:

"We must grow up or die!"

THE GPRCNA XVIII CONVENTION COMMITTEE

* basic text, pg. 21

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DISCLAIMER & RESPONSIBILTY STATEMENT

N.A.'S 11th Tradition Reads:

"OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY IS BASED ON ATTRACTION RATHER THAN PROMOTION; WE NEED ALWAYS MAINTAIN PERSONAL ANONYMITY AT THE LEVEL OF PRESS, RADIO, AND FILMS." We ask that everyone attending this convention respect our members' anonymity by not using full face photographs, last names, or personal details when describing this convention to others.

It is our responsibility to inform you that the hotel has its own security force. Their only purpose is for the hotel's internal security. For this reason, and because we wish to come back again, we are asking that you maintain an atmosphere of recovery at all times. Parents and guardians, please be mindful of your children and do not let them roam throughout the hotel alone.

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR DISEASE, BUT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR RECOVERY!

Please be responsible in your conduct and maintain courtesy when dealing with other members of the fellowship and the hotel staff.

Thank You, THE GPRCNA XVIII CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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CLARITY STATEMENT

In Narcotics Anonymous we are faced with a dilemma:

When an N.A. Member identifies himself as "An Addict and Alcoholic," "Cross Addicted," or speaks in terms of 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 similarities, not differences.

This statement is offered in the spirit of N.A. Unity. Please remember that 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, unconfusing and lifesaving message of Narcotics Anonymous.

WHY WE ASK YOU TO REGISTER

Registration is important because the money that is collected from registration is used to pay for all convention related expenses.

We believe that once participants understand that the fees from registration make the event possible and that the funds collected are used to plan present and future conventions, the reasons for registration should be clear. It is the support of each participant's registration or donation that helps make our convention a success.

SUGGESTIONS

In order to make this a memorable occasion, we suggest the following:

- Reach out and hug each other.
- Allow the flow of recovery to come into you. Go with the flow and become a vital part of this fellowship event.
- Reach out to as many friends in recovery as possible, especially the ones you haven't met yet. Get their names, addresses, and phone numbers and use them when you get home.
- Make an effort to get to a service workshop and learn about the spiritual principles in service work.
- · Carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

CONVENTION SET-UP

REGISTRATION - Adams Room (Radisson)

Friday 3:00PM - 9:00PM & 10:00PM - 1:00AM Saturday 9:00AM - 12:30PM & 1:30PM - 12:30AM

ON SITE REGISTRATION - Conv. Ctr (near Monroe)

Friday 6:00PM - 10:00PM Saturday 2:00PM - 5:30PM & 8:00PM - 11:00PM

MERCHANDISE - GS Rooms #8 & #9 (Scanticon)

Friday 3:00PM - 8:00PM & 9:00PM - 12:30AM Saturday 9:00AM - 5:00PM & 10:00PM - 1:30AM Sunday 9:00AM - 1:30PM

HOSPITALITY

Smoking - New Jersey Room (Convention Center) 3:00PM Friday To 12:00PM Sunday

Non-Smoking - Valley Forge Park Ballroom (Scanticon)

3:00PM Friday To 12:00PM Sunday
*(Chess, Spades & Pinochle Tournaments will be held on Saturday)

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CONVENTION SET-UP (continued)

HOSPITALITY

For Children - GS Room #5 (Scanticon) Friday 3:00PM - 6:00PM & 10:00PM - 2:00AM Saturday 9:00AM - 3:00PM & 8:00PM - 2:00AM

For Teens - Lehigh Room (Convention Center)
Friday 8:00PM - 1:30AM
Saturday 10:00AM - 4:30PM & 8:00PM - 1:30AM

PROGRAMMING: Speaker & Chairperson Check-In location is in the '76 Foyer (Radisson) and is available on Friday from 3:00PM - 12:00AM, and Saturday from 9:00AM -12:00 Midnight. Anyone scheduled to chair or speak at a meeting should check-in at Programming upon arrival, and again 30 minutes before your scheduled meeting.

CONVENTION INFORMATION: is also located in the '76 Foyer (Radisson) and will be available on Friday from 3:00PM - 8:00PM, and Saturday from 9:00AM-8:00PM.

TAPE / CD SALES:

GS Rooms #6 and #7 (Scanticon - next to Merchandise)

Friday 10:00PM - Midnight

Saturday 10:00AM - 7:00PM & 10:00PM - 1:00AM

Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:30PM

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ACTIVITIES

	FRIDAY	
MONT. &	7:00PM - 9:00PM	Opening Meeting
LANCASTER		
MONROE	9:00PM - 11:00PM	Jazz Café
DELAWARE	11:30PM - 1:00AM	Dance
	SATURDAY	
MONROE	12:30PM - 2:00PM	Jazz Café (w/Monnette Sudler)
MONROE	2:00PM - 3:00PM	Café (with poetry, talents, & karaoke)
V. FORGE PARK BALLROOM	2:00PM - 3:00PM	NA Auction
MONROE	3:00PM - 4:30PM	Jazz Café (w/Monnette Sudler)
MONROE	4:30PM - 7:00PM	Karaoke (& talents)
MONT. &	5:30PM - 7:00PM	**Banquet**
LANCASTER	7:00PM - 9:00PM	Main Meeting
"	10:00PM - 1:30AM	**Entertainment**
	Live with "Pieces	of a Dream" & Comedy

Only those events marked (**) require ticket purchase at Registration

Dance

10:00PM - 2:00AM

DELAWARE

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ACTIVITIES

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SUNDAY

MONT. & LANCASTER 8:00AM - 10:00AM 10:00AM - 12 NOON **Brunch**
Closing Meeting

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Only those events marked (**) require ticket purchase at Registration

TICKET PRICES

**BANQUET	\$30.00
**BRUNCH	\$15.00
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featuring: "Pieces of a Dream" & Comedy

A Reminder To All Those Attending Our Convention...

That *everyone*, including teens and children, is required to register and must wear their registration badges at all times while at the hotel. Please keep in mind that you will be held responsible for any theft or damage of property in your hotel room. You are also responsible for keeping your children with you at all times, unless they are in the Children's Hospitality Room (Scanticon, GS-5.) Any child or children found wandering through the hotel will be escorted to their parent or guardian.

Enjoy The Convention!
THE GPRCNA XVIII CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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MARATHON MEETING SCHEDULE

GETTYSBURG ROOMS A & B (Scanticon)

MARATHON MEETINGS START ON THE HOUR EVERY HOUR FROM 4:00PM FRIDAY THROUGH 11:00AM SUNDAY

FRIDAY

4:00PM	HONEST RELATIONSHIPS
5:00PM	CHOICES
6:00PM	WHO REALLY GETS BETTER?
7:00PM	ANY LENGTHS
8:00PM	KEEP COMING BACK
9:00PM	TRUST
10:00PM	GIVING IT AWAY
11:00PM	THAT ONE SPECIAL PERSON

SATURDAY

IIDNIGHT	INVENTORY
1:00AM	TRUE COURAGE
2:00AM	THE LIGHT OF EXPOSURE
3:00AM	DEFECTS
4:00AM	A FULL LIFE
5:00AM	SURRENDER SELF WILL
6:00AM	THE "G" WORD
7:00AM	SEEING OURSELVES IN OTHERS
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MARATHON MEETING SCHEDULE

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GETTYSBURG ROOMS A & B (Scanticon)

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SATURDAY

8:00AM	RIGHT BACK UP
9:00AM	ATTITUDES
10:00AM	MEMBERSHIP
11:00AM	FEAR OF CHANGE
12NOON	NEVER FAILING POWER
1:00PM	SECRETS
2:00PM	HONESTY & SPIRITUALITY
3:00PM	NEW HORIZONS
4:00PM	SELF-WORTH & SERVICE
5:00PM	BECOMING ENTIRELY READY
6:00PM	BALANCING THE SCALES
7:00PM	AS WE UNDERSTAND
8:00PM	CARRY ME
9:00PM	A SIMPLE PROGRAM
10:00PM	PATIENCE
11:00PM	HUMILITY IN ACTION

MARATHON MEETING SCHEDULE

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GETTYSBURG ROOMS A & B (Scanticon)

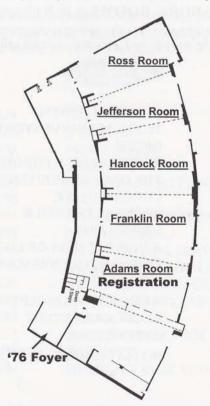
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SUNDAY

V	IDNIGHT	ACTIVE LISTENING
	1:00AM	TENTH STEP INVENTORY
	2:00AM	ORDER
	3:00AM	RESENTMENT & FORGIVENESS
	4:00AM	THE ONLY REQUIREMENT
	5:00AM	CHOOSING LIFE
	6:00AM	REGULAR PRAYER &
		MEDITATION
	7:00AM	A NEW PATTERN OF LIVING
	8:00AM	LIVING WITH UNRESOLVED
		PROBLEMS
	9:00AM	A GROWING CONCEPT OF GOD
	10:00AM	REGULAR MEETING
		ATTENDANCE
	11:00AM	NO MATTER WHAT

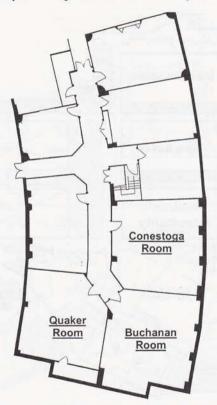
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RADISSON HOTEL VALLEY FORGE (Independence Ballroom)



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RADISSON HOTEL VALLEY FORGE (Pennsylvania Corridor)

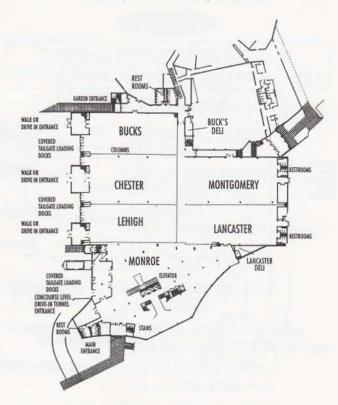


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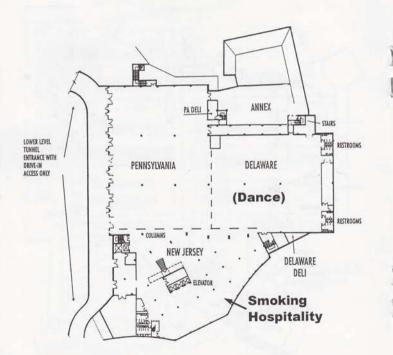


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CONVENTION CENTER (Main Level)



CONVENTION CENTER (Concourse Level)



CONVENTION
MEETING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

7:00PM - 9:00PM OPENING MEETING

MONTGOMERY & LANCASTER ROOMS

10:00PM - 11:45PM

ROSS

WHY ARE WE HERE?

WHO IS AN ADDICT

HANCOCK

THE JOY IS IN THE JOURNEY

KEEP COMING BACK

CONESTOGA

SURRENDER

GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION

10:30PM - 12:15AM

JEFFERSON

COURAGE TO CHANGE

GRATITUDE

FRANKLIN

START BY FORGIVING SELF
THE STEPS ARE OUR SOLUTION

BUCHANAN FOR THE NEWCOMER

THE 3 INDISPENSABLES

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FRIDAY

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MIDNIGHT - 1:45AM

ROSS*

FAITH

(bilingual)

HOPE

HANCOCK

SPONSORSHIP

AN AWAKENING OF THE SPIRIT

CONESTOGA*

PRINCIPLES BEFORE

(youth workshop)

PERSONALITIES

BUILDING OUR LIVES AROUND

THE MESSAGE

12:30AM - 2:15AM

JEFFERSON

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU, IF WE

CAN'T HEAR YOU?

WHEN FAITH IS MISSING

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CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

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12:30AM - 2:15AM

FRANKLIN

MISTAKING MY WILL FOR

GOD'S WILL

TAKING A RISK

BUCHANAN

FORGIVENESS

LETTING GO OF RESENTMENTS

SATURDAY

10:00AM - 10:50AM

ROSS

HOLDING ON TO FAMILIAR PAIN

HANCOCK

THE LIE IS DEAD

CONESTOGA*

HONESTY (youth workshop)

10:30AM - 11:20AM

JEFFERSON

F.E.A.R. (FACE EVERYTHING AND RECOVER)

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SATURDAY

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10:30AM - 11:20AM

FRANKLIN CARRYING THE MESSAGE, NOT

THE ADDICT

BUCHANAN WALKING THE WAY WE TALK

11:00AM - 11:50AM

ROSS WE DO RECOVER

HANCOCK LETTING GO OF EGO &

PRACTICING HUMILITY

CONESTOGA SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

QUAKER REGIONAL SERVICES: (Mtg. List)

11:30AM - 12:20PM

JEFFERSON* WE BECOME A VISION OF HOPE

(bilingual)

FRANKLIN LEARNING HOW TO LIVE

BUCHANAN FEAR IS A LACK OF FAITH

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CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

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12NOON - 12:50PM

ROSS A LOVING GOD

HANCOCK MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT

CONESTOGA THE SPIRITUAL GROUNDWORK
BEFORE MAKING AMENDS

QUAKER REGIONAL SERVICES: (Policy)

12:30PM - 1:50PM

JEFFERSON A RELATIONSHIP WITH

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES

FRANKLIN THE IMPORTANCE OF

GUIDANCE IN RECOVERY

BUCHANAN SURRENDER IN THE MIST OF

THE STORM

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1:00PM - 1:50PM

ROSS STEPS 1,2, & 3

HANCOCK MISERY IS OPTIONAL

CONESTOGA OUR SYMBOL

REGIONAL SERVICES: QUAKER

(Literature Review)

1:30PM - 2:20PM

JEFFERSON TRADITIONS 1-6

OBSESSION & COMPULSION FRANKLIN

WITHOUT DRUGS

BUCHANAN* ARROGANCE OR SELF-ESTEEM?

(youth workshop)

2:00PM - 2:50PM

ROSS STEPS 4 & 5

HANCOCK COCKINESS: A RED-LIGHT

INDICATOR

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REGISTRATION BADGES ARE REQUIRED AT ALL EVENTS

CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

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2:00PM - 2:50PM

CONESTOGA

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

QUAKER REGIONAL SERVICES:

(Phone Line)

2:30PM - 3:20PM

JEFFERSON TRADITIONS 7 - 12

FRANKLIN A SPIRITUAL, NOT RELIGIOUS

PROGRAM

BUCHANAN SELF RESPECT

3:00PM - 3:50PM

ROSS STEPS 6 & 7

HANCOCK STICK WITH THE WINNERS

CONESTOGA NEVER ALONE, NEVER AGAIN.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS QUAKER REGIONAL SERVICES:

(Hospitals and Institutions - H.&I.)

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3:00PM - 4:20PM

JEFFERSON LIVING THE SERENITY

PRAYER

FRANKLIN UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

BUCHANAN THE LANGUAGE OF EMPATHY

4:00PM - 4:50PM

ROSS STEPS 8 & 9

HANCOCK ADDICTION: IT'S MORE THAN

THE USE OF DRUGS

CONESTOGA PARENTING IN RECOVERY

QUAKER REGIONAL SERVICES: (Public Information - P.I.)

4:30PM - 5:20PM

JEFFERSON RECOVERY & RELAPSE

FRANKLIN THE STEPS: THE WAY WE LIVE

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CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

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4:30PM - 5:20PM

BUCHANAN LIVING IN RECOVERY - NOT

LIVING INSANE

5:00PM - 5:50PM

ROSS* STEPS 10, 11, & 12 (bilingual)

HANCOCK THE WAR IS OVER

CONESTOGA TO DISAGREE WITHOUT BEING

DISAGREEABLE

QUAKER REGIONAL SERVICES: (Unity)

5:30PM - 7:00PM BANQUET DINNER
MONTGOMERY & LANCASTER ROOMS

7:00PM - 9:00PM BANQUET MEETING

MONTGOMERY & LANCASTER ROOMS

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10:00PM - 11:45PM

ROSS SELF LOVE

STORMS ARE A PART OF LIFE

HANCOCK PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION

THE MASKS MUST GO

CONESTOGA YOU CAN'T HEAL WHAT YOU

CAN'T FEEL

GETTING TO THE EXACT

NATURE

10:30PM - 12:15AM

JEFFERSON LET GO, LET GOD

HAPPINESS

FRANKLIN THE TRIANGLE OF SELF

OBSESSION

LIKE YOURSELF & OTHERS

WILL, TOO

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CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

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10:30PM - 12:15AM

BUCHANAN CHANGE OR DIE

LOVE & RESPECT: IT'S NOT A

CLICHE

MIDNIGHT - 1:45AM

ROSS LOVING YOU MORE OR LOVING

ME LESS

SECRETS & RESERVATION

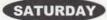
HANCOCK LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS

DON'T USE - NO MATTER WHAT

CONESTOGA GETTING TO THE OTHER SIDE

I FOUND A HOME

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12:30AM - 2:15AM

JEFFERSON THE IMPORTANCE OF A GROUP

HOME

DOING THE SAME THING, EXPECTING DIFFERENT

RESULTS

FRANKLIN WE CAME TO BELIEVE

I CAN'T, HE CAN, I THINK I'LL

LET HIM

BUCHANAN LIFE

OUR MESSAGE IS HOPE

SUNDAY

10:00AM - 12NOON CLOSING MEETING

MONTGOMERY & LANCASTER ROOMS

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NOTES

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS

- To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.
- The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA group.
- The NA groups delegate to the service structure, the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.
- Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.
- For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.
- Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.
- All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for the body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in the decision making process.
- Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.
- All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision making process.
- Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.
- NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.
- 12. In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government.

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

- Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.
- For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.
- The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
- Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.
- 5. Each group has but one primary purpose to carry the message to the addict that still suffers.
- 6. An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- Every NA group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.
- Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9. NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
- Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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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 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.

