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Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept XII

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principal; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never performs acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

DECEMBER SOBER ANNIVERSARIES

MO S., 17 YEARS
Unity Place, Bowie

MIKE A., 41 YEARS
Happy Sunday South Shore
Recovery Club



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

AAIG FINANCIAL SUMMARY





NEWS & FYI

ATTENTION **INTERGROUP** **REPRESENTATIVES** **ELECTION FOR** **2025 OFFICERS**

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 7pm



Meeting ID: 730 188 7817

Password: SOBER

NOMINATIONS **2025 EXECUTIVE** **COMMITTEE**

CHAIR

Ramsey W.

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CHRISTMAS
alcatraz
NEW YEARS



PRESENTED BY HOME GROUPS

**7AM • 9AM WOMEN ONLY • 10AM
12PM • 2:30PM • 4PM • 5:30PM
7PM • 8:30PM**



CHRISTMAS
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PRESENTED BY HOME GROUPS

**FIRST MEETING STARTS AT 7:30AM,
FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS EVERY 90
MINUTES THEREAFTER UNTIL 1:30PM**

FOOD FROM 11AM-2PM

A black and white portrait of Bill Wilson, an older man with short hair, looking slightly to the right. The portrait is centered at the top of the page.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM BILL W.

TO ALL MEMBERS

Greetings on our Tenth Christmas

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Yes, it's in the air! The Spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least, are loved by God; when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before.

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a Greater Power Who is Love, Who is Just and Who can be Trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World. How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing its full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity: we have found prosperity where there was poverty; peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos.

Great indeed, our blessings!

And so -- Merry Christmas to you all -- from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

Bill Wilson

THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING

Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



1 Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



2 Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



3 Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



4 Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebra-

tions given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



5 Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



6 If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



7 Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



8 Worship in your own way.



9 Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



10 Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."



11 Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



12 "Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

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Happy Holidays