

The Stand

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Step Five

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

All of A.A.'s Twelve Steps ask us to go contrary to our natural desires...they all deflate our egos. When it comes to ego deflation, few Steps are harder to take than Five. But scarcely any Step is more necessary to longtime sobriety and peace of mind than this one.

Sister Mary Ignatia (1889-1966)

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May 6, 2018

"All AA progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words: humility and responsibility."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1966, "The Guidance of AA's World Affairs", The Language of the Heart

[SWTA 68 Summer Workshop](#)

July 20 - July 22

Victoria, Tx.

Save The Date July 20-22 at Hilton Garden Inn in Victoria

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Concept Five

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

Newcomers to A.A.’s General Service Conference are often surprised at the pains taken by the presiding officer to make sure the minority has a second opportunity to present its views. Even after extensive debate on an issue, followed by a vote in which a “substantial unanimity” is reached, those opposed are polled individually to see if they wish to speak further to their minority view. In fact, numerous instances can be cited in which this minority view is so compelling the Conference has then reversed itself.

From your DCM

May 4th is my sobriety birthday, and I am celebrating eight years this year. I am so grateful for a God of my understanding who brought all the necessary people into my life in order to have successful sobriety. Being blessed with many years of ES&H in the form of sponsorship has been key to the beginning of a new life for me. I am blessed with many sponsees who have afforded me the opportunities to give away my gift in order to keep it.

My career in service began as GSR for the Guadalupe Group in Kerrville. Having enjoyed two years as GSR, then two years as Alternate DCM prepared me for being the DCM. I am so grateful to follow in Sandy T.’s footsteps I love the SWTA 68 people and the service ladder that has been a huge blessing. There is so much to be grateful for. Thanks to all of you!

Yours in service,
Tracy M.

Honey, I’m home

An intoxicated husband tried to stealthily crawl into bed, but the woman woke up. “You’re drunk again, aren’t you?” she asked. “How can you tell?” he responded. With a stern look, she said, “Because you live next door with your wife.”
Paul C. Oceanside, CA.

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Quarterly speaker meetings:

First Wednesday of:

March

June

September

December

Hamburgers 6:00-speaker 7:00

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Speaker meeting the second

Saturday of the month at 6:00pm

Boerne Hwy Group

Last Fri of month 8:00 pm

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72nd Texas State Convention

June 22-24, 2018

The Westin Hotel

4545 W. John Carpenter Fwy

Irving, TX

972-929-4500

txaaconvention.org

National AA Technnology Workshop

Sept. 13-16, 2018

Wingate by Windham

Round Rock

512-341-7000

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Tradition Five

Each group has but one primary purpose...to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Every newcomer learns (some of us the hard way) that the business of staying sober must have top priority. If we fail at that, we can't succeed at anything else. The Fifth Tradition tells us that groups should remember their "one primary purpose."

Often, unthinking enthusiasm puts a group off the main track. One, for instance, offered an "expanded A.A. program" that included helping newcomers find jobs. Tradition Five doesn't frown on the individual A.A. who tells another about a good opening. But when the group turns itself into an employment agency, newcomers may get confused about their primary purpose. A.A.'s function is to help them get sober—then they can find work for themselves.

No matter how different our own personal concerns, we are all bound together by one common responsibility...to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic.