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The 12 Steps of NA

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 all 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 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.

Welcome

Welcome to the Richmond Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous 1
"Building Lives One Brick At A Time"

OUR PURPOSE

Due to the demands of the addicts seeking recovery in the Richmond area, an ad hoc committee was formed to explore the feasibility of hosting its own convention. In 2019, the Richmond Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous voted to establish its very first convention.

COVID 19

As an additional precaution you can take to protect yourself from COVID 19. For the safety of this group and hotel staff we suggest that everyone wear face coverings in all indoor locations. We take the well-being of all attending this convention very seriously and we hope you do too. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Registration

While there are no dues or fees for membership in NA or to attend a regular NA meeting, Conventions are considered special events, not regular NA meetings. This Convention required months of planning, preparation and money to present the event. Since all the events are held at a hotel, there is a charge to the Committee for the use of the facility. Your convention rubber wrist band is your admittance to all functions, except paid events. Please assist us by wearing your badge at all times.

Press/Anonymity Statement

The Eleventh Tradition states “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.” This is to protect the membership and the reputation of Narcotics Anonymous. We do not disclose last names, nor appear in the media as members of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are approached by members of the press, please contact the Convention Information Desk for further assistance. It is a common practice for members to take photos and videos at NA events. Please respect each fellow member’s anonymity by not making those photos available to the public or social media without their permission.

Behavior

Please be conscious of your behavior and the behavior of those around you. When we present ourselves in a public facility, we put Narcotics Anonymous, as a whole, on display for all to see. Our behavior becomes a direct reflection on the opinion others make about our fellowship.

This is a nonsmoking hotel. It is against the law to smoke in all public areas. RACNA may be held financially liable for damages that result from convention attendees who choose to smoke or vape in restricted areas. The designated smoking/ vaping area is located on the bottom level, on the backside of hotel. If you see someone smoking or vaping, ask them move to the designated area.

The sale of merchandise by individuals is strictly prohibited. Merchandise from other areas and regions, with prior authorization, will be sold on Sunday morning in the Merchandise room.

Clarity Statement

We are presented with a dilemma. When NA members identify themselves as addicts and alcoholics or talk about living “clean and sober;” the clarity of the NA 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 12 Traditions of NA

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.

2. 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.

3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.

4. 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 who 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.

7. Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, 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.

10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

11. 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.

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

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
FRIDAY	*4:00PM-5:00PM*	**For The Newcomer**	**PARLOR A** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*4:00PM-5:00PM*	**How I Stayed Clean During COVID-19**	**PARLOR B** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*4:00PM-5:00PM*	**What Can I Do?**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*4:00PM-5:00PM*	**Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*5:15PM-6:15PM*	**The Most Powerful Vehicle of the Program/I Can't but We Can**	**PARLOR A** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*5:15PM-6:15PM*	**Breaking the Chains of Addiction**	**PARLOR B** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*5:15PM-6:15PM*	**Keys to Recovery-Honesty, Open-Mindedness Willingness**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*5:15PM-6:15PM*	**This is a Lifelong Process-Just Surrender**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*7:00PM-9:00PM*	**WELCOME/Predecessor Presentation/MAIN SPEAKER**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
FRIDAY	*10:00PM-11:00PM*	**Geographical Change-Where I Go I Take Me With Me**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
FRIDAY	*10:00PM-12:00AM*	**Adult PJ JAZZ MINGLE-Ticketed Event $10**	**PARLOR A/B** -2nd Floor
FRIDAY	*10:00PM-12:00AM*	**FREE DANCE**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor

FRIDAY	*11:00PM-12:00AM*	**LGBQT in Recovery/ Diversity is Our Strength**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SATURDAY	*7:00AM-7:45AM*	**Morning Meditation**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SATURDAY	*8:00AM-9:00AM*	**Steps/Traditions 1, 2 & 3**	**PARLOR A** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*8:00AM-9:00AM*	**Parenting in Recovery**	**PARLOR B** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*8:00AM-9:00AM*	**Spiritual Not Religious**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*8:00AM-9:00AM*	**God is in Charge/It's Been Proven in the Lives of Many Addicts**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*9:15AM-10:15AM*	**Steps/Traditions 4, 5 & 6**	**PARLOR A** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*9:15AM-10:15AM*	**Why Lie When the Truth Will Do**	**PARLOR B** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*9:15AM-10:15AM*	**Sponsorship is a Two-Way Street**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*9:15AM-10:15AM*	**Recovery Starts at Home/Relationships in Recovery**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*10:30AM-11:30AM*	**Steps/Traditions 7, 8 & 9**	**PARLOR A** -2nd Floor

SATURDAY	*10:30AM-11:30AM*	**Courage to Trust/ Courage to Change**	**PARLOR B** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*10:30AM-11:30AM*	**Childhood Trauma, Addiction & Mental Illness- All of It's Me**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*10:30AM-11:30AM*	**Moving Beyond Social Acceptability**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*1:00PM-2:00PM*	**MID-DAY SPEAKER**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SATURDAY	*2:15PM-3:15PM*	**Steps/Traditions** 10, 11 & 12	**PARLOR A** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*2:15PM-3:15PM*	**Men's Rap**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*2:15PM-3:15PM*	**Women's Rap**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*3:30PM-4:30PM*	**12 Concepts**	**PARLOR A** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*3:30PM-4:30PM*	**My Life Has Changed-So Have My Priorities**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*3:30PM-4:30PM*	**The Gift of Desperation/ The Gift of Life**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*4:45PM-5:45PM*	**Substituting One for Another**	**PARLOR B** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*4:45PM-5:45PM*	**More Will Be Revealed**	**PARLOR C** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*4:45PM-5:45PM*	**I Thought I Was Unique**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor

SATURDAY	*7:00PM-9:30PM*	**Clean Time Countdown/ MAIN SPEAKER**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SATURDAY	*10:00PM-11:00PM*	**The Committee in My Head-God Save Me From Me**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SATURDAY	*10:00PM-12:00AM*	**HALLOWEEN MASQUARADE PARTY -Ticketed Event $10**	**PARLOR A/B** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*10:00PM-12:00AM*	**FREE DANCE**	**PARLOR D** -2nd Floor
SATURDAY	*11:00PM-12:00AM*	**Don't Forget the Pain**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SUNDAY	*8:00AM-8:45AM*	**Morning Meditation**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SUNDAY	*10:00AM-11:30AM*	**SUNDAY SPIRITUAL SPEAKER**	**James River Ballroom** -1stFloor
SUNDAY	*NOON*	**CONVENTION CLOSING**	**PARLOR B** -2nd Floor

Registration
Shenandoah Corridor
- 2nd Floor

Friday 4PM – 6:30PM - 9:15PM – 11PM

Saturday 8AM - 6:30PM - 9:45PM to 12AM

Early Bird Registration 8AM - 10PM

Merchandising
Shenandoah Ballroom Corridor
- 2nd Floor

Friday 4PM–6:30PM - 9:15PM–12AM

Saturday 8AM–6:30PM - 9:45PM–12AM

Sunday 8AM–12PM

Hospitality Room
- Suite 802 and 806

Friday 4PM–6:30PM - 9:15PM–12AM

Saturday 11AM–1PM - 2PM–6:30PM - 9:15PM–12AM

Sunday 9:15p–12P - 8AM–12PM