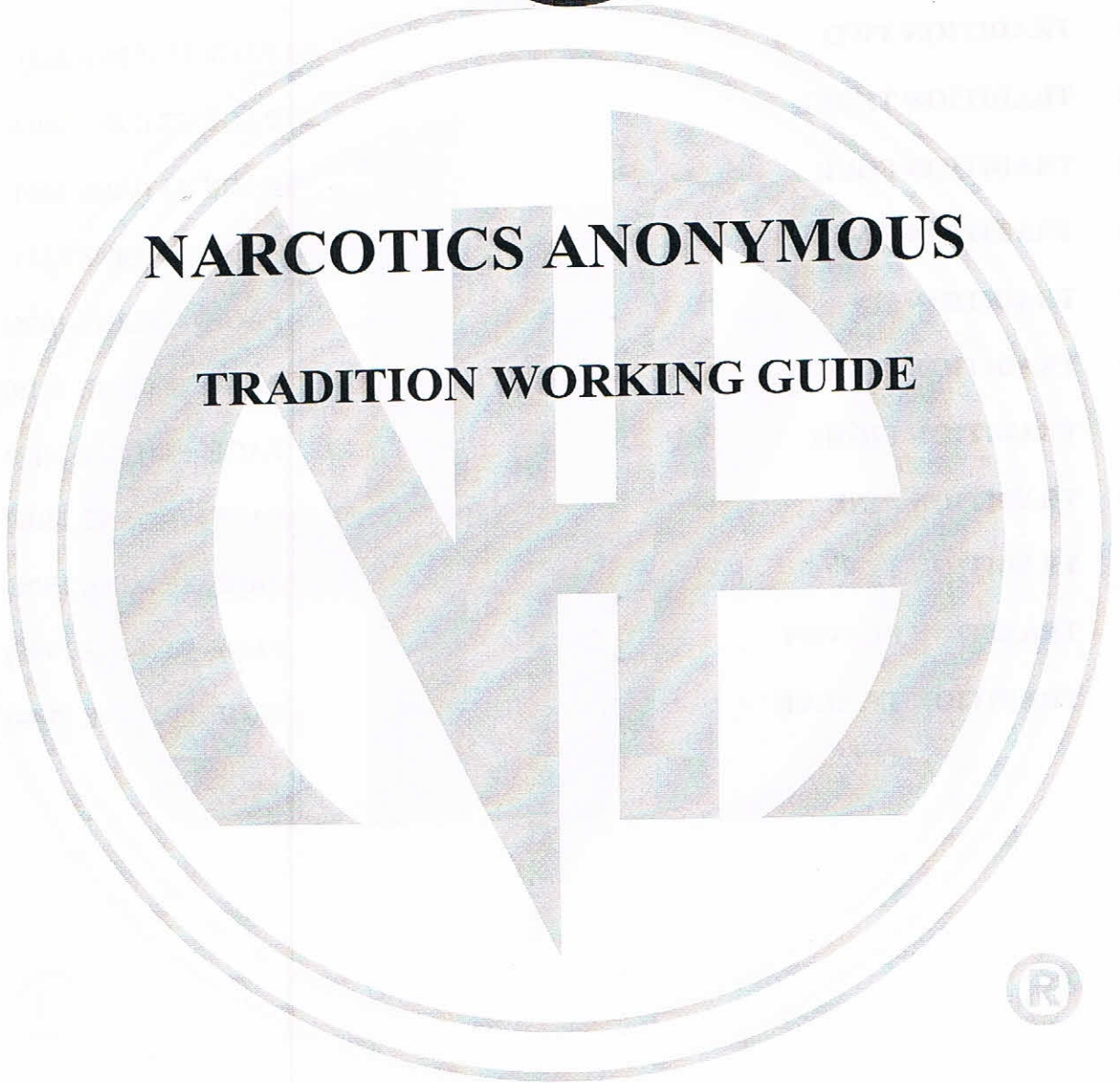


- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
TRADITION WORKING GUIDE



19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PREFACE	PAGE 3 (LINE 42)
TRADITION ONE	PAGE 5 (LINE 92)
TRADITION TWO	PAGE 13 (LINE 263)
TRADITION THREE	PAGE 23 (LINE 491)
TRADITION FOUR	PAGE 31 (LINE 665)
TRADITION FIVE	PAGE 39 (LINE 851)
TRADITION SIX	PAGE 47 (LINE 1026)
TRADITION SEVEN	PAGE 56 (LINE 1219)
TRADITION EIGHT	PAGE 68 (LINE 1483)
TRADITION NINE	PAGE 74 (LINE 1609)
TRADITION TEN	PAGE 83 (LINE 1801)
TRADITION ELEVEN	PAGE 92 (LINE 1996)
TRADITION TWELVE	PAGE 99 (LINE 2144)

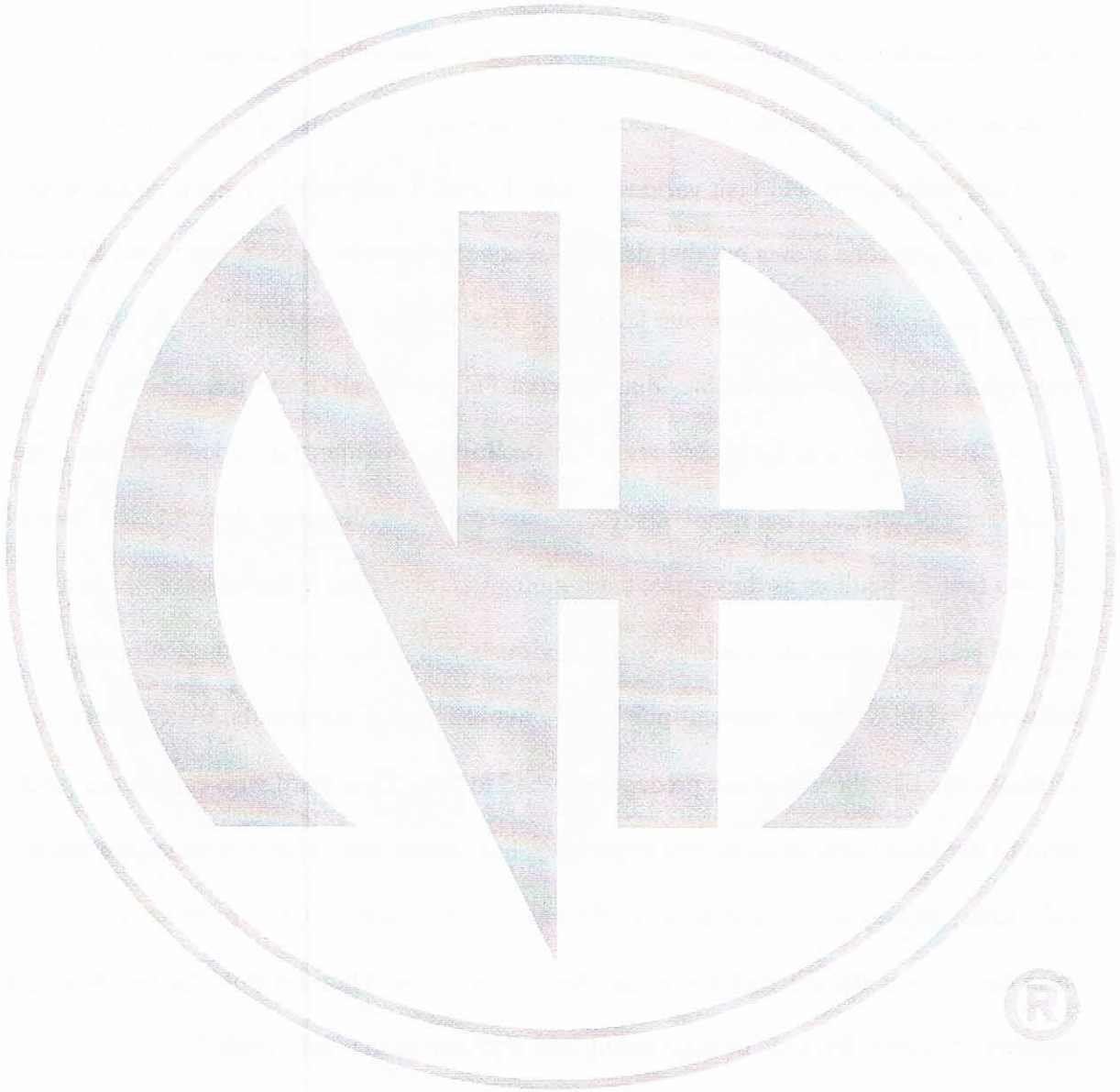
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS GUIDE TO THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

“We keep what we have only with vigilance, and just as freedom for the individual comes from the Twelve Steps so freedom for the group springs from our Traditions. As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that will tear us apart, all will be well. Understanding these Traditions comes slowly over a period of time. We pick up information as we talk to members and visit various groups. It usually isn’t until we get involved with service that someone points out that personal recovery depends on N.A. unity, and that unity depends on how well we follow our Traditions. The Twelve Traditions of N.A. are not negotiable. They are the guidelines that keep our Fellowship alive and free.”

“By following these guidelines in our dealings with others, and society at large, we avoid many problems. That is not to say that our Traditions eliminate all problems. We still have to face difficulties as they arise: communication problems, differences of opinion, internal controversies, and troubles with individuals and groups outside the Fellowship. However, when we apply these principles, we avoid some of the pitfalls. Many of our problems are like those that our predecessors had to face. Their hard won experience gave birth to the Traditions, and our own experience has shown that these principles are just as valid today as they were when these Traditions were formulated. Our Traditions protect us from the internal and external forces that could destroy us. They are truly the ties that bind us together. It is only through understanding and application that they work.”

It is very important that we understand and abide by our Traditions. The very survival of our Fellowship is at stake. By these principles we are committed to one another, not only to those addicts who are here but those yet to come. The Traditions were built upon anonymity,

65 the spiritual foundation from which we grow. Applying the Traditions is an obligation to us
66 all. Despite our personal views or feelings, we must keep our Traditions first. This guide is
67 designed to help us understand the Traditions and to work through any differences that we
68 might have.



69
70
71
72
73
74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
85
86
87

