

# THE A.A. GROUP

Tradition Three, Long Form:

“Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought

A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.”

From Concept XII, Warranty Six:

“...much attention has been drawn to the extraordinary liberties which the A.A. Traditions accord to the individual member and to his group: no penalties to be inflicted for non conformity to A.A. principles; no fees or dues to be levied - voluntary contributions only; no member to be expelled from A.A. - membership always to be the choice of the individual; each A.A. group to conduct its internal affairs as it wishes it being merely requested to abstain from acts that might injure A.A. as a whole; and finally that any group of alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that, as a group, they have no other purpose or affiliation.” .