

# Oxford House Traditions

- 1 Oxford House has as its primary goal the provision of housing and rehabilitative support for the alcoholic who wants to stop drinking or using and stay stopped.
- 2 All Oxford Houses are run on a democratic basis. Our officers are but trusted servants serving continuous periods of no longer than six months in any one office.
- 3 No Member of an Oxford House is ever asked to leave without cause - a dismissal vote by the membership because of drinking, drug using, or disruptive behavior.
- 4 Oxford House is not affiliated with AA, organizationally or financially, but Oxford House members realize that only active participation in AA offers assurance of continued sobriety.
- 5 Each Oxford House should be autonomous except in matters affecting other houses or Oxford House Inc. as a whole.
- 6 Each Oxford House should be financially self-supporting although financially secure houses may, with approval or encouragement of Oxford House Inc., provide new or financially needy houses a loan for a term not to exceed one year.
- 7 Oxford House should remain forever non professional, although individual members may be encouraged to utilize outside professionals whenever such utilization is likely to enhance recovery from alcoholism.
- 8 Propagation of the Oxford House, Inc. concept should always be conceived as public education rather than promotion. Principles should always be placed before personalities.
- 9 Members who leave an Oxford House in good standing are encouraged to become associate members and offer friendship, support, and example to newer members.

