Step 3
Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition 3
The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Concept 3
To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staff, committees, and executives – with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

The Principle of Step 3
Surrender

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• The next intergroup meeting we be held on March 14th via Zoom. Doors open at 7:30pm. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036
• We need your help! Please sign up as a volunteer for our 12th Step list and Bridging the Gap list. Please post this link in meeting chats to let members know they can sign-up online to help carry the message. Groups can also print the enclosed 12 Step list form to be distributed during the meeting for members to sign up. For more information about this service opportunity, please see the enclosed flyer.
• The Answering Service is seeking volunteers for the waiting list. Please contact the Intergroup office if you want to be a part of this vital service.
• The Intergroup office is open from 9:00am – 4:30pm for the purchase of literature and chips. Orders can also be shipped or made available for hallway pick. For your convenience, orders can be placed using our online store. https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
• The next Institution meetings will be held on Zoom on Friday, March 14th at 7pm. Waiting room opens at 6:45pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in doing service work to come to the meeting. Meeting ID: 886 6629 3910/ Password: 229395
• Speakers needed! The Institution Committee is assigning homegroups for institution commitments to speak in-person or online. Your group can decide what it is most comfortable doing. Please fill out this form if you or your home group would like to carry the message. Intergroup will list the monthly commitments on the website under password protection (as we did before.) Reps can get information from our website or at the monthly Institution business meeting or by calling Intergroup.
INTERGROUP BOOKSTORE

- As a reminder, the Intergroup Bookstore is fully stocked and ready for your orders. Order by phone or online. Pick-up at the office or we can ship orders to you.

- **Back in Stock! Prayer & Meditation** on sale for $11.50 - featuring powerful stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. Order a copy from our **Literature Store** while you shop for the other things you need!

- New Pamphlets from AAWS available in our **Literature Store**:
  - **Hispanic Women in A.A.** (P-90) In this new pamphlet, 15 Hispanic women recount their personal stories of getting and staying sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
  - **Experience Has Taught Us –An Introduction to Our Twelve Steps** Illustrated (P-91)- Through image and text, this new (2021) pamphlet offers concise descriptions of the Twelve Traditions, discussing how (and why) these important guidelines came to be and illustrating how they serve to protect A.A. unity in real world situations.

GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

- **Arbutus Step** will celebrate their 17th group anniversary in-person on Tuesday, March 15th, 5:30pm. Please bring your own beverage.

- **Brooklyn Keep Coming Back** will virtually celebrate 40 years, Thursday, March 3rd, 7pm on Zoom (Meeting ID: 710 806 0295 Passcode: Peace33)

- If your group is celebrating an anniversary of any length on Zoom or in-person, please let us know by calling 410-663-1922 or send us an email at intergroup@baltimoreaa.org.

MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER GROUP INFO

- **Sunday Morning Agape** is moving to St. Andrews Episcopal Church (7859 Tick Neck Rd, Pasadena 21122) starting March 6th. Use side entrance; park in the back lot; wheelchair accessible. This will be a hybrid meeting with virtual component.

- **A Digital Newcomer's Packet is available:** Please post this link for a digital newcomer's packet in your meeting chats so newcomers can get quick and easy access to meetings, literature, and online resources.

- For all virtual meetings or meeting changes, please use this form: [https://baltimoreaa.org/new-virtual-meeting-details/](https://baltimoreaa.org/new-virtual-meeting-details/).

- For all in-person meetings or meeting changes, please use this form: [https://baltimoreaa.org/submit-in-person-meeting-update/](https://baltimoreaa.org/submit-in-person-meeting-update/).

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **A.A.'s Got Talent! 2022 Sobriety Show Live** on June 18th at Angel Park Amphitheater. Rehearsals start Wednesday, March 30th. [Click here](#) for flyer and more information.

- Please call us at 410-663-1922 or email us at intergroup@baltimoreaa.org to let us know about your special events or workshops. To learn about various celebrations, go to [https://baltimoreaa.org/upcoming-events/](https://baltimoreaa.org/upcoming-events/).

MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE

- MGS is hosting CARC III on Saturday, March 26th from 9:30am-1:30pm to discuss new literature, changes to existing literature, and other agenda items to be considered at the 2022 General Service Conference. [See Flyer](#)
Here is a complete list of Agenda items to be considered at the 72nd General Service Conference in April, including proposed changes to literature and other topics.

The 50th Annual Area Maryland State Convention will be held in-person on June 24th-26th, with Al-Anon participation. The convention will be take place at the Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center. See Flyer for details. Registration is open both online http://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention or by mail. Be one of the first 450 members to pre-register and receive a 50th MGS Convention mug!

Monthly council & district meeting links and passwords can be found on our website: https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/

IN MEMORIUM

We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Chuck B. Chuck, a member of the Glen Burnie HOW group passed away in his home on February 9th.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Paul H. of the Daybreak group.

I am responsible....When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.
Marc M. (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns.

New Group Representatives: There were 7 new group representatives for the Council to welcome

Minutes: Mike W. (Recording Secretary) Mike W. presented the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: Jack F. (Treasurer) reported that ordinary income in January was $23,828.82, which included $10,634.66 from AA groups and $13,156.58 from individual members. Ordinary expenses were $15,970.12, yielding net ordinary income of $7,858.70. Literature revenue was $3,626.28, with literature expenses of $3,290.26, yielding net literature income of $336.02. Therefore, net income for January was $8,194.72. Total assets were $242,675.29. Jack thanked the AA groups and individual members for their strong support.

Administrator’s Report: Jen G. reported that during the past 25 working days, there were 5 new meetings, 6 re-opened meetings, 3 closed/cancelled meeting, and 477 meeting changes. There are now 654 total meetings: 245 virtual, 326 in person, 83 hybrid. There were 404 calls for help during office hours, 3,239 emails, texts, and correspondence (including 16 shipped literature orders). There were 58 visitors/literature pick ups at the office.

Since the last Intergroup meeting, Jen attended the Activities Committee meeting, the adhoc Directory Committee, the Golf Outing committee planning meeting, Advisory and Personnel Committee meeting, and the weekly office managers’ meeting. Doug attended the monthly MGS Liaison meeting on Jen’s behalf.

The office has been working on a new print directory. Most passwords have been added to the meeting guide (unless groups opted out). A downloadable and clickable PDF of the directory, as well as a printable version, should be available this week. The office will print directories in-house for the foreseeable future because meeting info changes so frequently during the pandemic. Each directory will have a QR code on the front for the most up-to-date info.

Our website connection to the Meeting Guide app has been repaired. We had suffered a DDOS (denial of service) attack on our website. Our site provider protected us from the attack, but put securities in place that prevented our website from communicating with the Meeting Guide app. It took some time to unravel, so the office appreciates everyone’s patience.

We need to update our 12th Step volunteer list. Please pass around a 12th Step sign-up list in your groups or go to our Recorded Groups in Attendance

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ABC Activities & Institution Committees
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Glen Gardens
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Hunt Valley Sunday Morning
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New Attitude
ODAT
People of Color
Phelps Luck Group
Pikesville Big Book
Pikesville North
Roland Park Steps and Traditions
Serenity Big Book
SOS Westminster
Strangely Insane
There is a Solution
Welcome Group
website to sign up.

Please call the Intergroup Office with your meeting changes, openings, or closings.

*GSO has a new mailing address for contributions only: P.O. Box 2407 James A. Farley Station, NY, NY 10116-2407.

*Maryland General Service has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 207, Benson, MD 21018

Activities Committee Report: Don B., reporting for Paulette R. (Chairperson), reported that this year’s Sobriety Show will be held outdoors at the Angel Park Amphitheater in Perry Hall on Saturday, June 18th. Auditions will begin on March 30th. Details to follow.

Answering Service Committee Report: Melody B (Chairperson) reported that there were 279 regular calls and 22 12th step calls. All shifts are filled but volunteers are needed for future openings.

Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees: No report

Literature Committee Report: No report.

Internet/Website Committee Report: No report.

Institution Committee Report: No report.

Outreach Committee Report: Melissa B. (Chairperson) reported that the committee attended an anniversary of the New Attitude group.

Chairperson Report: Describing an incident that occurred in another fellowship, Marc M cautioned members not to put zoom meeting links or passwords on social media as it may be used by zoom bombers.

Old Business: None

New Business: Don B. mentioned that the Spanish-speaking AA intergroup in Baltimore is up and running. They are grateful for the assistance provided by Baltimore Intergroup.

Kurt W, our Area 29 Delegate, announced that the agenda items are out for this year’s General Service Conference. Background materials will be released soon. The Conference Agenda Review Committee (“CARC”) for our region (CARC 3) is scheduled to meet on February 22nd and March 26th. Details to follow.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Mike W., Recording Secretary
# Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
## January Group Contribution List

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### Total Contributions for January

$23,756.24
A.A.'s GOT TALENT!

Sobriety Show 2022

JUNE 18TH
AT ANGEL PARK AMPHITHEATER

REHEARSALS STARTING:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH

ALL REHEARSALS
WILL START AT 7:00 PM
AT THE HOME OF LORETTA AND GARY K.
717 CLIVEDEN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MD 21208

*MASKS REQUIRED INSIDE FOR THE
TIME BEING

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
THE INTERGROUP OFFICE AT 410-663-1922
**What is the 12th-Step List?**

When suffering alcoholics call the AA hotline asking for help, the Intergroup Office reaches out to A.A. members on our 12th Step List who are willing to share their experience, strength and hope with newcomers in their zip code or immediate area. Having a phone contact helps newcomers know they are not alone.

**What is ‘Bridging the Gap’?**

When alcoholics are released from treatment facilities or institutions, they need a Temporary Contact as a link between treatment and recovery. A Temporary Contact will help newcomers make the transition into A.A. where they are introduced to the A.A. program, can meet other A.A. members in their area, and can form a network to help them stay sober.

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<td>What is my responsibility?</td>
<td>Call the newcomer right away. Share your experience, strength &amp; hope. Convey that help is available in A.A. meetings. Anything else is up to your discretion.</td>
<td>Call the newcomer right away. Share your experience, strength &amp; hope. Act as a temporary contact for a week or more. Meet them at a meeting. Introduce them to other A.A.s.</td>
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<td>Does A.A. give out my phone number to newcomers?</td>
<td>NEVER. It’s up to you to call the newcomer.</td>
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<td>Should I make arrangements to meet the newcomer at a meeting?</td>
<td>It is suggested, but is up to your discretion.</td>
<td>Yes! Get them connected to several meetings and other A.A. members in their first week. Introduce them to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.</td>
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<td>Should I give rides?</td>
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<td>Should I take the newcomer to the hospital or detox if they need it?</td>
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**REMEMBER: THERE IS NO BAD 12TH-STEP WORK!**

“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail.” Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89
12th STEP LIST for 2022

**** Please Circulate This Form at Meetings – Return to Intergroup Office ASAP ****

Are you willing to make a 12th Step phone call and extend the hand of AA to a newcomer?
Are you willing to ‘bridge the gap’ as a temporary contact for someone just coming out of treatment?

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THE 12TH STEP LIST IS NOT CARRIED OVER YEAR TO YEAR – PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO BE OF SERVICE THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!

Return to: Baltimore Intergroup, 8635 Loch Raven Blvd., Suite 4, Baltimore, MD 21286
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CARC III
Conference Agenda Review Committee
Districts: 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15
18, 19, 28, 30, 33, 34, 39

March 26, 2022, Saturday
9:30am-1:30pm Hybrid
The Church of Holy Apostles and St. Stephens
901 Courtney Rd.
Arbutus, MD 21227
Zoom ID: 861 5787 8559
Password: 164164

All AA members are Welcome!

Do you want to be involved in new literature for AA, changes to the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions Book or helping A.A. become more inclusive?

CARCs give you a chance to hear the items to be considered at the 2022 General Service Conference in April 2022. Then you can have your voice heard by our Area 29 Delegate, Kurt W. and help prepare him for the 2022 Conference

How can I hear about the agenda items for 2022? Can I give my feedback on items? So much changed last year. I want to be involved this year!

What is happening with the plain language Big Book?

Contact Kathleen W. with any questions at secretary@marylandaa.org
SAVE THE DATE!

50th Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention

June 24-26, 2022

Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center
5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD 21703

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**AA Speakers**
Deshu G. – Clarksburg, MD
Marie E. – Murrells Inlet, SC
Lukas M. – Towson, MD
Melissa Z. – Chester, VA
Gary K. – Sulphur Springs, TX
Joe G. – Wylie, TX

**Al-Anon Speaker**
Beverly B. – Lewisville, TX

**Open AA and Al-Anon Meetings**
at intervals each day

**Evening Activities**
Ice Cream Socials ($5 each night)
Recovery Puppet Show

**Friday, June 24th**
8:00 am  Registration Opens
8:15 am  Prayer and Meditation
10:30 am  AA Workshop
12:00 pm  Lunch
1:00 pm  AA Speaker Meeting
2:30 pm  AA Workshop
4:00 pm  AA Speaker Meeting
6:30 pm  Dinner
8:00 pm  AA Speaker Meeting
9:30 pm  Ice Cream Social
10:00 pm  AA History Presentation

**Saturday, June 25th**
8:00 am  Registration Opens
8:15 am  Prayer and Meditation
9:00 am  AA Speaker Meeting
10:30 am  Al-Anon Speaker Meeting
12:00 pm  Lunch
1:00 pm  Old Timers Panel
2:30 pm  AA Workshop
4:00 pm  AA & Al-Anon Workshop
6:00 pm  Banquet
7:30 pm  Delegate Report and Sobriety Countdown
8:00 pm  AA Speaker Meeting
9:30 pm  Ice Cream Social
10:00 pm  Recovery Show

**Sunday, June 26th**
9:15 am  Prayer and Meditation
10:00 am  AA Speaker Meeting

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**Convention Room Rate:** $109/night + Tax.
Mention “MD State Convention” for this reduced rate and a **FREE** breakfast.

For hotel reservations, call 301-694-7500, or reserve online at:
www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ZM83G3
Hotel reservations must be made by June 10, 2022

**Note:** The hotel does NOT have an elevator. If you require ground floor accommodations, notify the hotel when making reservations.
**Pre-Registration Gift ● 50th MGS Convention Mug ● First 450 pre-registrations!**

## 50th Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention

### Registration and Meal Selection

Register online at [http://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention](http://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention)

Online registration payment by credit card is $32, including a $2 convenience fee. Registration payment by check is $30. Make check payable to **MGS State Convention**.

Mail with this form to: **MGS State Convention, P.O. Box 1710, Frederick, MD 21702**

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Please contact me regarding Service Opportunities at the Convention: ☐ Yes  Phone #: ______________________

Accessibility accommodations? Please list: __________________________

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### Meal Options

**Registration Options:**
- **AA Registrants:** $30/person
- **Al-Anon Registrants:** $30/person
- **Registrations and All Meals:** $159/person

**-- Must Specify Banquet Option Below --**

### Meal Options – If your registration includes ALL meals, select from Banquet Options 1-4 below (no additional fee)

- **Friday Lunch – Deli Buffet**
  - Seasonal Greens with Two Dressings, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Selection of: Roast Beef, Salami, Ham, Smoked Turkey, American, Swiss, and Provolone Cheeses, Assorted Deli Breads and Rolls, Gourmet Cookies and Brownies.
  - **$26**
  - X____ = $________

- **Friday Dinner – Italian Extravaganza Buffet**
  - Caesar salad, garlic bread sticks, tomato mozzarella with pesto, vegetable salad. Penne pasta primavera with Alfredo or Bolognese sauces, Chicken Parmesan. Zucchini & tomatoes. Chef’s choice of dessert.
  - **$35**
  - X____ = $________

- **Saturday Lunch – American Buffet**
  - Old Fashioned Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Grilled Chicken Breast, Texas Chili, Assorted Cheeses, Fixings and Condiments, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Gourmet Cookies and Brownies.
  - **$28**
  - X____ = $________

- **Saturday Banquet – Seating limited to 200 – order early**
  - Plated meals served with warm rolls & butter, garden salad. Cheesecake with chocolate sauce and berry coulis.
  - **$40**
  - Option 1: Grilled chicken breast with lemon caper sauce, whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetables.
    - X____ = $________
  - Option 2: Jerk salmon with pineapple salsa, cilantro rice, seasonal vegetables.
    - X____ = $________
  - Option 3: Dijon mustard roasted pork loin medallion with mushroom cream sauce, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables.
    - X____ = $________
  - Option 4: Vegan, gluten-free quinoa pilaf stuffed pepper, saffron rice, grilled vegetables.
    - X____ = $________

**= $________**

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**
Celebrate your Anniversary and help carry the message! Please participate in the:

**ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY PLAN**

Please complete this form -- call or email the office by the 15th of the preceding month for anniversaries to be printed in the bulletin. Or, mail them by the 10th to allow time for delivery.

Please list the name and phone # of the person to contact if the Intergroup office has any questions:

Name: ________________  Group: __________________________ Phone #: ____________

For over the past 45 years, many anniversary celebrants have donated $1.00 per year of sobriety to the **Birthday Plan**. Your donations help us CARRY the MESSAGE to the still suffering alcoholic.

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** Individual members may contribute up to $5,000 in any year of sobriety; $5,000 posthumously. As always, this is only a suggestion and may vary as an individual desires. **

**Please Keep In Mind**

- List the date the individual will celebrate; NOT the actual anniversary date.
- List first names and last initial.
- List group name as it appears in the directory.
- Call the Intergroup Office or email to intergroup@baltimoreaa.org
- If mailing, please post before the 10th of the month, to allow time for delivery.
- Make checks payable to: Baltimore Intergroup
THE THIRD TRADITION

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
The long form:
Three - 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.

“...we aren’t a bit afraid you’ll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be.”

from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

This tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, “You are an A.A. member if you say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how grave your emotional complications - even your crimes - we still can’t deny you A.A. We don’t want to keep you out. We aren’t a bit afraid you’ll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we’ve had. So you’re an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself. reprinted from the “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions” page 139.

But, somebody may ask, isn’t this Tradition itself a rule? It does state one requirement for membership. Let’s “read it again, and ask another question: Who determines whether or not newcomers qualify, whether they do want to stop drinking? In fact, they don’t even have to say it aloud. And that’s fortunate for many of us who arrived at A.A. with only a halfhearted desire to stay sober. We are alive because the A.A. road stayed open to us “The Twelve Steps Illustrated”

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new A.A. members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my A.A. group?
3. Do I let language, religion, (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message? Reprinted from The Traditions Check List in the Grapevine

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