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TRAGEDY MAY BE BEST UNDERSTOOD WHEN IT IS PERSONALIZED...

TRADITION FOUR... A unique story

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or SAA as a whole." AA published the traditions in 1946. It was thought that an AA group could stand against any type of battering. SAA adapted these with permission.

The story we refer to begins with the showing of a film by a commercial entity wherein the ISO of SAA Board allowed the use of our logo near the end of the film, a move not necessarily thought wise by some.

As a part of the film, toward the end, there was depicted an awarding of "medallions" by others, not members of the group. This drew comments that this "was NOT done at SAA meetings."

With the grapevine of the Fellowship functioning, as most "grapevines" do, the PBR found out that Tradition Four was alive and well. Read the stories on pages **SIX & SEVEN**. And you may not agree on our doing it, but we have printed one of these stories here which is not by a member of SAA, but will authenticate this marvelous event. Miracles **DO** happen, keep coming back

IT WORKS !!!!

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The other story of "something different" in group dynamics is also on pages 7 and 12. Just goes to show that we do things in different ways, hopefully getting to the same levels of recovery.

There's hardly an issue of the PBR produced where we could not have published information about all the issues of world-wide death, how it happened, and who is responsible, if perpetrated by another person. With this issue we see one of the most horrendous. It's an outside issue, of course, but only for those who may not have been affected. And how do we determine just "who" is affected, and "how." Can we all mourn for the thousands who left life on September 11th? Probably.

I was at the bedside of a 94 year old relative 6 days after the Tower bombing. 72 years ago this past April, she began to be my primary care-giver, and continued the process into my adulthood. I touched her as she died that day, after 6 months of continuing pain, suffering, and mental loss. Oh, that she could have been taken as quickly as those in the tower.

At the last SAA Convention, I heard the eulogies given, one in particular, of a friend of mine, Jeff.

I sat mostly in awe as the second plane went through the tower. Feelings came, but they were from images of what my mind knew was happening. I had no gut feelings of personal loss. Do I somehow lack some empathy? Do I sadden at the prospects of knowing of the future deaths of others, as the world "gets even?" Hopefully, I'll respect my humanity, and the humanity of others, that we may live in peaceful support of life, and hold hands at death. We will all be there.

Robert

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