IT’S HERE:  

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 !!!!

The other story of “something differ-
ent” in group dynamics is also on pages 7 and
12. Just goes to show that we do things in dif-
f erent ways, hopefully getting to the same lev-
els of recovery.

There’s hardly an issue of the
PBR produced where we could not have
published information about all the is-
ues of world-wide death, how it hap-
pened, and who is responsible, if perpe-
trated by another person. With this
issue we see one of the most horren-
dous. It’s an outside issue, of course,
but only for those who may not have
been affected. And how do we deter-
mine just “who” is affected, and “how.”
Can we all mourn for the thousands
who left life on September 11th? Prob-
ably.

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
adult-hood. 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 particu-
lar, of a friend of mine, Jeff.

I sat mostly in awe as the sec-
ond plane went through the tower.
Feelings came, but they were from im-
ages of what my mind knew was hap-
pening. I had no gut feelings of per-
sonal loss. Do I somehow lack some
empathy? Do I sadden at the prospects
of knowing of the future deaths of oth-
ers, as the world “gets even?” Hope-
fully, 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