

Modeled After the Service Material from the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

THE THIRTEEN TRADITIONS OF THE LOVE STORY'S MIRROR DARKLY GROUPS

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon Journal-Artist unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for Mirror Darkly membership is a desire to transform pain into expressive writing.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or The Love Story Organization as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the Journal-Artist who still suffers.
6. A Mirror Darkly group ought never endorse, finance, or lend The Love Story name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every Mirror Darkly group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. The Love Story Organization should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. The Love Story Organization., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. The Love Story Organization has no opinion on outside issues; hence the The Love Story. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities
13. Love—as defined, confined, and refined inside 1 Corinthians 13—is the foundation of our principles and the way in all our affairs.