

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 Alcoholics Anonymous, organizationally or financially, but Oxford House members realize that only active participation in Alcoholics Anonymous 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.*

