

# 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.**

