

Gone Rogue

A Take on Step Two

At tonight’s Book Study the topic was STEP 2. I thought back to my early days of sobriety, definitely my “flying blind” days of trying to come to grips with the “higher power” thing. It started out as “blind faith”, just a belief that the people in these rooms had something good going on for themselves. For a while I kept my distance, not fully convinced that what they had going on was real, nor that it would last the test of time. For some it didn’t last, for a few others it did. I was told to stick with the winners, do what they did, go to meetings, try to help someone when I could, and stay connected. I followed those suggestions, still do to this very day, improved on some and today I’m not only content with my life, most of the time I’m enjoying my life. My faith in the higher power, that I still do not understand, is overshadowed by the belief that my higher power understands ME !! If I ever get to understand my God, it would be time to get another one. My faith is sufficient today, my understanding is not required, just the right actions. - Az △

Double Life, and A Void

Some of us were raised with principles, values or faith. I should think now that for me to live a double life - lying to parents, employers, and some other people - I would think I am this other person. It was damaging to my sense of self, my ego integrity. The actor, I will think of something to say to lie to a person, not being myself. The amount of years with no principles could be damaging. I think, is it time to put on the “act” again? Integrity, telling the truth. I know, and sense, this feels better. People believe me, and my word of honor. No shame that I might emotionally feel toward myself.

THE VOID - The emotions came back, I could have wanted to wish them away. Marijuana was a buffer to my feelings and emotions. I looked in the mirror and saw an adult with no emotional growth. They say you stop growing emotionally at the age you start smoking pot. I would believe that I had emotionally arrested development. I believe I have grown emotionally. Before I started to emotionally grow, I was angry with myself for smoking pot for years, I did not know what to do, I felt my emotions and my feelings. The emotional growth, coping skills. and

attending to my thinking about my emotions, there is one void, when I began to mature emotionally, and the time that I would stop smoking marijuana. There was no buffer to my emotions I knew were coming back. I did not “pick up” and use in this time that I can feel “the void” between my starting to smoke pot and emotional maturity.

- Anonymous △

April Chip Recipients

Erik.....	4/3/2006.....	13 years
Paloma.....	4/8/2012.....	7 years
Gary W.	4/9/2012.....	7 years
Reinhard.....	4/11/2009.....	10 years
Laura	4/20/2004.....	15 years
Cory D.....	4/24/2014.....	5 years
Trevor.....	4/24/2013.....	6 years
Lyman	4/27/2010.....	9 years



Upcoming Sobriety Birthdays (God willing...)



Gary L.	5/8/2007.....	12 years
Mary C.	5/10/2010.....	9 years
Marty L.	5/14/2017.....	2 years
Gustav V.....	5/23/2011.....	8 years
Londyn V.....	5/23/2011.....	8 years

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or M.A. as a whole.

The Fourth Concept of Service

All members of a service committee have the “Right of Participation,” and bear substantial responsibility for the service committee’s decisions.

District 5 Treasury

Beginning Balance (3-1-2019)	\$3,861.69
INCOME	
7th Tradition	\$303.00
Conference Cans Fundraising	\$48.00
Total Income	\$351.00
EXPENSES	
Meeting Room Rent (DSC)	\$13.00
Stericycle Vmailbox.....	\$62.13
Yellow Pages.....	\$5.00
Total Expenses	(\$80.13)
Ending Balance (3-31-2019)	\$4,132.69
Division of Sub-Accounts	
Prudent Reserve	\$200.00
Event Fund (Reserve).....	\$132.00
Conference Fund	\$659.42
Public Information Fund	\$122.84
Total of Sub-Accounts	(\$1,114.26)
OPERATING FUNDS	\$3,018.30

**District 5
7th Tradition 2019 Donations**

	April 14	YTD
Mon. Los Alamitos	\$40.00	\$120.00
Mon. Fullerton.....	\$46.00	\$130.00
Tues. Hunt. Beach	\$80.00	\$160.27
Tues. Laguna Beach.....	\$104.00	\$174.00
Wed. Costa Mesa	\$100.00	\$287.25
Thur. Mission Viejo	\$60.00	\$136.00
Fri. Orange.....	\$57.00	\$257.00
Sat. Costa Mesa	\$22.00	\$81.00
Sun. Riverside	\$0.00	\$20.00
Sun. DSC.....	\$29.00	\$106.01
TOTAL	\$538.00	\$1,471.53

April Meditation

When we put pen to paper the answers to questions like these began to appear. We began to realize that the injuries and offenses against us, real or imagined, had kept us mired in fear and anger. We began to see our part in what had happened to us. - *Page 18, Life With Hope (2nd Ed.)*

WRITE AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Keep It Simple - No More Than 400 Words.

Prompt: What Step Are You Working on Right Now?

Please send to: info@madistrict5.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next District Service Committee (DSC) meeting
Sunday, May 12 - 12:00 pm
College Hospital, Conference Room B

Current District Service positions descriptions can be found beginning on page 24, through 31, of the Service Manual, rev. 6.1. Open position of District 5 are indicated below. (**OPEN**)

Visit www.marijuana-anonymous.org/literature/maws-service-manual, click the Service Manual PDF link and go to the pages noted above for a general idea of each position. Visit the monthly District meeting for more information.

EVENTS

MA Campout - Black Mountain - **CANCELED**
Visit www.madistrict5.org/events for more information.

Your District Service Committee

- Chair** - Ryan H.
- Vice-Chair/Bureau Chief** - **OPEN**
- Secretary** - Dave D.
- Treasurer** - Kathy D.
- Events** - **OPEN**
- Chips** - Az A.
- Literature** - Tony R.
- Hospitals & Institutions** - **OPEN**
- Public Information** - **OPEN**
- MAWS Delegate** - **OPEN**

Information regarding the District's Role and Service Positions at the District level can be found in Part Three of the M.A. Service Manual, ver. 6.1, beginning on Page 22.

Group Service Representatives (GSR)

- Monday Los Alamitos: Laura B.
- Monday Fullerton: Marty
- Tuesday Mens: Norm
- Tuesday Laguna Hills: Sebastian
- Wednesday Costa Mesa: Mary C.
- Thursday Mission Viejo: Layne
- Thursday Long Beach: **OPEN**
- Friday Orange: Anthony L.
- Saturday Costa Mesa: Terry H.
- Sunday Riverside: Cory