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DELEGATES' CORNER

SERVING OUR WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP of AA as a delegate is one of the greatest experiences that can come to an AA member. The same Spirit present at every AA meeting, large or small, is felt in all its power during the Conference sessions, and when a delegate returns to his area, he feels a sense of inadequacy in transmitting this tremendous experience to individual AAs and groups.

How can a delegate begin to tell the thrill of being a vital part of the voice of this Fellowship? How can a delegate transmit his personal knowledge of the dedication of our General Service Office staff, Board of Trustees, Grapevine, AA Publishing, Conference delegates and our own beloved Bill?

As a delegate I have seen the group conscience at work . . . I have witnessed spiritual principles put into action . . . I have seen faith going to work and love being coined into conduct. . . .

Approaching the end of my period of service as delegate, may I make two suggestions close to my heart: Please, let us be sure that every group in AA has a General Service Representative as the connecting link binding our Third Legacy together. The General Service Representative in the local group is basic in this process.

The second suggestion is—*use* your delegate and your area committeemen . . . try to capture from your delegate the meaning of our Third Legacy — *service*. These people you have chosen to be your servants are anxious that you use them, and unless you do, they are unable to give away this precious thing that has been given to them. To the extent that you do so, love and dedication to AA will grow, and we will cherish and preserve it forever.

My sadness at the completion of this service is colored with happiness that our Fellowship is secure and will never die; that greater understanding of the responsibilities of each and every member will continue to grow; and that future delegates will experience the same love and devotion that binds us together everywhere.

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