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AN INVITATION

LATE in the fall of 1934, while in Towns Hospital, New York, under Dr. Silkworth's care, Bill W., AA's co-founder, underwent a transforming spiritual experience. A "hopeless drunk" when he went into the hospital, he left Towns a free man. He has been sober since.

The following Spring, in Akron, he met Dr. Bob and with that meeting AA began. AA is 31 this year. Bill celebrates his 32nd sober anniversary.

Traditionally, Bill shares his anniversary with as many members of AA as are able to get into a large hotel ballroom. New York Intergroup, central office for AA groups in New York City, Long Island and southern New York State, where Bill lives, has sponsored the annual celebration in his honor for many years, and every year the search is on for a larger ballroom, because not only do a tremendous number of New York-area AAs want to come, but many from all parts of this country, Canada and even overseas, have wanted to join in wishing Bill many happy returns.

The Intergroup committee for "Bill's Dinner," as it is known in N. Y., asked the Grapevine to extend an invitation to members everywhere to attend. We're delighted to do it!

Bill's 32nd Anniversary Dinner will be held this year at the Hotel Americana, 52nd Street and Seventh Avenue on Saturday, October 29th. N. Y. Intergroup stresses that the seats are on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 3200 of them with, we hear, no seats behind pillars!

There will be a fine dinner at 7 sharp. A "typical" AA meeting will follow, with this untypical feature: Bill will be the closing speaker.

TICKETS for BILL'S 32nd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Tickets are \$11.00 each. Earliest reservations sit closest to the dais. Out-of-town guests will want to attend conferences for AA and Alanon members beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until dinner time. Write for tickets as soon as possible to Intergroup Association of AA, Inc., Dinner Committee, 337 East 33rd St., New York, N. Y. 10016.