

MOB RULES

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(Godfather Theme plays all enter and sit)

TONY MONTANA: It looks like everyone's here who is gonna be here so we might as well get started. I think everybody knows each other, but just so's we know who's who let's introduce ourselves. I'm Tony Montana and I'm an alcoholic and I represent the General Service Family.

ALL: Hi Tony!

BABYFACE NELSON: I'm Babyface Nelson, grateful alcoholic and I represent the Solano County Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous or SOLYPAA Family.

ALL: Hi Babyface!

AL CAPONE: Al Capone, alcoholic, and I represent the H&I Family.

ALL: Hi Al!

GODFATHER: I'm the Godfather, Donna Vito Corleone, I'm an alcoholic and I represent the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous or NCCAA.

ALL: Hi Godfather!

TONY SOPRANO: I'm Tony Soprano and I'm an alkie and I represent the Intergroup Family.

ALL: Hi Tony!

TONY MONTANA: *(to Al)* “Scuze me, but, *You're* Al Capone?”

AL CAPONE : Yeah, that's right. Al is short for Alice. You got a problem wit dat?

TONY MONTANA: Relax, relax, there's no problem. I'm just old school that's all. I'm just not used to all these broads running families. Don't get your panties in a bunch, sweetheart.

AL CAPONE : I ain't your sweetheart and if you wanna be sleeping with the fishes just keep up that panty stuff!

TONY MONTANA: I don't want to start anything I'm just curious. This is the first time the heads of the five AA Families have had a sit down. I don't want to belabor the point, but um, Donna Vito, why do they call you *Godfather* if you're a woman?

GODFATHER: Because the NCCAA Family predates the rest of the families here. We made our bones back in 1947. Let me ask you a question, Montana: how'd you get that scar on your face, asking stupid questions?

TONY MONTANA: Godfather or not, I still think instead of running a family you ought to be fetching my coffee.

GODFATHER: How 'bout I fetch a horse head for your bed, big mouth?

BABYFACE NELSON : Oh crap! Here we go! I knew this meeting was a bad idea.

AL CAPONE: Hey, junior who asked you? Shouldn't you be at a Brittany Spears concert or something?

BABYFACE NELSON: Shouldn't you be yelling "Bingo!" or something?

TONY MONTANA: Al, would you stop antagonizing everyone? That's part of the reason we're here today--the way you and your H & I thugs are so aggressive with those pink cans of yours.

AL CAPONE: Okay, the gloves are off now! No one insults my outfit! Those pink cans are for voluntary contributions only.

TONY MONTANA: Oh, I'm sure a newcomer knows the difference when he is passed a 7th tradition basket with the pink can stuck in it. It can be embarrassing to pass that can without putting anything in it.

AL CAPONE: Have you been sticking your face in a desk full of cocaine or what? You don't know what you're talking about! First off, the pink cans should not be passed with the 7th Tradition basket and lotsa groups either don't pass the pink can or don't have one at all!

TONY SOPRANO: To me the real question is not how the can is passed, but what is the deal with all that dough you have? Why does it just sit in the bank and accumulate? Why don't you give the other service entities a piece of the action the way the General Service Family does?

AL CAPONE : Get your facts straight, old man, we spend a ton of money on literature namely Grapevines and La Viñas for inmates to read. In fact, we are one of the largest purchasers of AA literature in the country.

TONY SOPRANO: Well, that's great but it doesn't do anybody any good stacked up in your garage!

GODFATHER: Now hold up, Tony. Not everybody gets their funding the same way. Al brought up a legitimate issue. At NCCAA our main source of revenue comes from the three conferences we put on every year.

TONY SOPRANO: You guys are the same as Al. Why don't you pass on a piece of that action?

GODFATHER: Hey, at least in the NCCAA Family we keep the costs low. Our events are still just eight bucks when you pre-register and ten bucks the day of the conference. And unlike the intergroup Family, we don't sell so-called "sobriety merchandise."

TONY SOPRANO: What's wrong with medallions and book covers and bumper stickers?

GODFATHER: It's drunk junk!

BABYFACE NELSON : Will you guys stop the bickering? It's that kind of stuff that turns young people off about wanting to join your families!

AL CAPONE : Well, look here, Mary-Kate ... Ashley ... whatever ... we've been doing this a long time . So why don't you just go throw another one of your sober meat market parties and leave the business of helping drunks to us.

TONY SOPRANO: I gotta agree with Al on that one. If we want information on getting a tattoo or having our belly buttons pierced we'll call you Sloppy Paa people. But if you want some info on real AA, you gotta come over to the old school.

BABYFACE NELSON: I can't believe how arrogant and dismissive you are! Young people's organizations have helped to spread the message of AA to people who aren't just crusty old bleeding deacons!

TONY SOPRANO: Hey! You want to really bleed just keep it up!

BABYFACE NELSON : Man! I am so sick of how young people are treated like we are outsiders to this program simply because of our age!

AL CAPONE: You know what, Babyface? It isn't just cuz of your age. It's how you guys act. I actually went to Acypaa in Oakland this past February. (*mockingly*) "Acky, Acky, Acky, Paa, Paa, Paa, Acky, Acky, Acky, Paa, Paa, Paa". What the heck is that? I didn't know if I was at an AA event or a cheerleader competition! I kept expecting to see the Raiderettes or something!

BABYFACE NELSON: Hello? It's called FUN, Al? You do remember fun don't you? Or did they outlaw that during prohibition as well?

TONY MONTANA : Al wouldn't know fun if it slapped her on the butt!

BABYFACE NELSON : And that's really too bad because that's how you get people interested in service.

TONY MONTANA: Slapping them on the butt?

BABYFACE NELSON: You know, there's not really a big demand for gangster comedians. No, what I meant was who wants to get involved in something that's boring?

TONY MONTANA: I've got to agree with you there. In the General Service Family, we've seen a resurgence of interest in service when we added entertainment and fun at our Unity Days.

AL CAPONE : We are not in the entertainment business! We are in the life-saving business! In H & I we are about getting things done not just having a party!

TONY MONTANA: The General Service family is about getting things done too.

AL CAPONE: Yeah right. That's a laugh. If H & I had as much money as General Service does discussions we could get rid of all the pink cans forever!

TONY MONTANA: So what exactly are you saying, Al?

AL CAPONE : What am I saying? What am I saying? I'll tell you what I'm saying! While my family is in the trenches helping real alcoholics get the help they need in hospitals and other institutions, your family is holding a *workshop* or a *sharing session* or *assembly* where all you do is listen to each other's whiny voices all day! You can't talk service into existence, you have to *do* something!

TONY MONTANA: I've got news for you Al.. You *can* talk things into existence. Let me ask you a question: do you have the 4th edition of the Big Book?

AL CAPONE: Yeah, so what?

TONY MONTANA : So, do you think that just fell out of the sky? No, it came about because AA members all over the country got together and TALKED about whether the fellowship needed one. Then they TALKED about what to change and what not to change. Then they TALKED about the actual process of getting it done and then did it. So communication is a vital part of AA service.

GODFATHER: Communication is important, I gotta agree with Montana. In the NCCAA Family we take that very seriously. Our conferences are held for one purpose: to carry the message.

TONY SOPRANO: As long as we're talking about service don't forget the Intergroup Family. We're on the front lines answering the phones and providing literature to the groups. We also serve as a place for groups to handle their local business affairs together.

AL CAPONE: That's all well and good, but as I said before, it's H & I where the real rubber meets the road.

TONY MONTANA: You really are stuck on yourself, aren't you?

AL CAPONE : I'm stuck on myself? Hey, at least in H & I we pay our own way.

TONY MONTANA : What are you talking about?

AL CAPONE : I'm talking about how you guys in General Service always have your hand out when you do a little bit of service. (*in a mocking, whiny voice*) "I need to be reimbursed for this, I need to be reimbursed for that", it's sickening!

TONY MONTANA : That's it! (*reaches under the table*) Say hello to my little friend!

BABYFACE NELSON: Hey, no weapons! We agreed no weapons!

TONY MONTANA : Relax, kid. My little friend is just my Service Manual. This is what it says on page S28: "Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many districts provide financial support for the DCMs to attend service functions. Invariably, this pays off in increased activity, interest, and group participation." We don't have a slush fund in general service. We just feel that anyone who wants to serve should not be barred from doing so because they can't afford to travel.

AL CAPONE : I was waiting for you to bring out the service manual. You guys treat that thing like it's a holy book or something!

TONY MONTANA : That's not true! In fact, most of us never even read it!

AL CAPONE: Anyway, the H & I family was helping drunks while you guys were arguing in smoke-filled rooms about how to get your act together so don't come here and try to lecture me !

GODFATHER: Don't get too full of yourself there, Al. If it wasn't for the NCCAA Family, there would be no H & I Family!

BABYFACE NELSON: Will you guys shut up!

AL CAPONE : Who you tellin' to shut up, punk?

TONY MONTANA: I think you all should shut up!

GODFATHER: Where's my horse head?

(all start shouting at each other until Fran and Dan enter and Fran blows a whistle)

FRAN: ENOUGH ALREADY!

AL CAPONE : Who are you guys?

DAN: I'm Dan Newbie and this is my sister Fran Newbie and we represent the Newcomers Family.

TONY MONTANA: So who invited you two here?

FRAN: We're the ones who called this meeting! And as newcomers we're the most important people in the room!

DAN: That's right, we thought you all would be able to iron out your difficulties, but that obviously is not the case.

BABYFACE NELSON: So what now?

FRAN: What now? I'll tell you what now. We are going to straighten out this mess.

AL CAPONE: You? What can a couple of newcomers tell us about our family business?

DAN: A lot. First, we can tell you we don't like being taken for granted.

FRAN: That's right. And we don't appreciate feeling like pawns in your little service games.

TONY MONTANA : I didn't come here to be lectured by the likes of you.

AL CAPONE: Me either. I'm outta here.

(both Tony Montana and Al start to get up)

DAN: Sit down! The both of you! Now, I'm gonna break it down to you how it's gonna be.

GODFATHER: How?

FRAN: We're gonna make you an offer you can't refuse.

DAN: Listen up, here's how it breaks down. First, the H & I Family, you take the message to locked down facilities and keep doing your pink can thing.

FRAN: Intergroup Family, you keep up with the schedules, ordering literature, and handling calls from the general public.

DAN: Next , SOLYYPAA Family, you handle events for young people which is defined as anyone with room to grow.

FRAN: NCCAA Family you keep on doing what you've done for nearly sixty years: carry the message through conferences in Northern California.

DAN: And finally General Service Family, you keep the groups connected with AA as a whole. Now, in addition to the territorial boundaries, we are also establishing communication protocols to avoid the childish bickering that's gone on today.

GODFATHER: Communication protocols? Sounds like some Dr. Phil mumbo-jumbo.

FRAN: Not at all. The idea is for the different families to have more interaction to alleviate any mistrust or erroneous assumptions.

GODFATHER: Oh, that's like what I always say: "Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."

DAN: Whatever. Here's how this will work: the H & I Family will allow the General Service Family's delegate to attend H & I steering committee meetings. The NCCAA Family will have the General Service Family's delegate give a report at one of their conferences about what went on at that year's General Service Conference.

FRAN: And at General Service area meetings there will be liaisons for H & I and NCCAA and SOLYPAA. Also Intergroup happenings can be reported by the respective DCMCs of the districts in the General Service Family. And you can all check with each other before planning events so you don't conflict. Is this agreement acceptable to you all?

AL CAPONE : You know, for a couple of newcomers, you guys have come up with a pretty good plan. The H & I Family accepts.

DAN: What about the rest of you? All in favor say aye.

ALL: Aye!

FRAN: Great. To make it official we need everyone to swear on something their Family holds dear.

TONY MONTANA : I'll swear on "my little friend", the AA Service Manual. *(places left hand on Service Manual and holds right hand up)*

TONY SOPRANO: I'll swear on the AA Guidelines. *(places left hand on AA Guidelines for Intergroups and Central Offices and holds right hand up)*

AL CAPONE : I'll swear on a stack of Grapevines. *(places left hand on a stack of Grapevines holds right hand up)*

GODFATHER: I'll swear on a copy of our newsletter, the Good News.
(places left on copy of the Good News and holds right hand up)

BABYFACE NELSON : Um, I'll swear on my Sony PlayStation. *(wait for laugh)* No, seriously, I'll swear on the Young People's Facts, Aims, and Purpose statement. *(places left on copy of statement and holds right hand up)*

DAN: Okay, repeat after me: *(Others repeat in sections.)* I swear ... that I will not be the one ... to break the peace we have made here today.

FRAN: All right everyone raise your coffee cups for a toast. To service!
Salute!

ALL: Salute!

(They all drink and then give each other hugs and kisses on each cheek as Godfather theme plays.)

THE END