

A Fine and Functioning Anarchy

Guest post by Alex R. Knight, III.

A recent acquaintance of mine - I'll call him Larry, for purposes of anonymity (the further relevance of which shall become clear shortly) - related a story just earlier at the time of this writing, in which a friend of his referred to a certain venerable organization as a prime example of the title of this essay: a fine and functioning anarchy. That organization happens to be Alcoholics Anonymous - a private, non-profit group of voluntarily participating individuals who all share the common and simply understood (though not always simply achieved) goal of sobriety. That is, for those individuals who have arrived at the personal conclusion that they are problem drinkers to stop consuming alcoholic beverages altogether.

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