

MINIMUM REQUIRED RITUAL FOR THE INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS
INTO URANTIA SOCIETIES

Provided by the Charter Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood,
in accordance with Section 11.10 (item 4) of the Consti-
tution of URANTIA Brotherhood.

The ceremony shall be conducted by one or more of the society's Membership Committee, normally at a meeting of the society, and usually including additional features chosen by the committee. However, an initiation shall be considered legal if held in the presence of one officer of the society and if it comprises the minimum procedure given below.

THE BASIC MINIMUM CEREMONY SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL STEPS:

1. The society states its approval of the candidates's qualifications. The officiating representative of the Membership Committee shall declare that his committee, acting for the _____ (name of society) _____, is fully satisfied, after due examination, that the candidate meets all the conditions required in the society constitution, which include the Standards of Admission issued by the Charter Committee. These requirements refer to the candidate's sincerity of purpose, willingness to co-operate, residence, and age. *It is fitting that the candidate formally reaffirm the first two qualifications before those present, by answering the following questions:
 - a. Do you desire to learn and understand the teachings of the URANTIA Book?
 - b. Are you willing to accept the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood and the Constitution of _____ (name of society) _____ ?

*(These questions may be omitted if the committee so desires.)
2. The candidate repeats the Pledge of Dedication, as given in phrases by the leader.

I pledge myself to study the URANTIA Book, to strive for the establishment of its teachings in my heart and life, and to carry these teachings to those with whom I come in contact. I will co-operate as I am able in the promotion of the interests of the Brotherhood and in the dissemination of the teachings of the URANTIA Book. To this end I dedicate my effort in the work of this Urantia Society.
3. The candidate signs the official membership roll.
4. The society declares the candidate's membership. The officiating committeeman declares that the candidate is now a member of the _____ (name of society) _____, and, by virtue of that fact, is also a member of URANTIA Brotherhood.

(See next page for suggested additional inspirational items to be used at the option of the Membership Committee.)