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ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

August 4, 1968

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A regular meeting of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood was held at 10:00 A.M., August 4, 1968, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

Arthur C. Born, Arthur M. Burch, M. Inez Burch, Bernard Burton, Robert Burton, Ruth F. Burton, Helen Butler, Helen C. Carlson, E. L. Christensen, Eldred M. Cocking, Edith E. Cook, Maria Culbertson, Albert H. Dyon, Julia Fenderson, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Carolyn Kendall, Thomas A. Kendall, Alvin L. Kulieke, Lucile Kulieke, James C. Mills, Charlene Morrow, Robert W. Myers, Ernest C. Pritchard, Anna Rawson, Harry E. Rowley, Marian T. Rowley, Leone M. Sadler, William S. Sadler, Frank Sgaraglino, Meredith J. Sprunger, Edgar T. Stephens, Keaton E. Stephens.

The following members were absent:

Carl D. Berry, Berkeley Elliott, Alfred Leverenz.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Alvin L. Kulieke, with Anna Rawson acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the Triennial meeting, August 6, 1967, were read and approved.

The Secretary gave the census reports from the five Urantia Societies, as of December 31, 1967, as follows;

First Urantia Society 135  
First Urantia Society of Los Angeles 55  
Urantia Society of Glenview 20  
First Urantia Society of Oklahoma 62  
Orvonton Urantia Society of Chicago 27  
Total: 299

As of December 31, 1967, there were 41 members-at-large.

There was some discussion as to whether societies should report their total membership or only active members. The Chairman said that a committee had been appointed to consider different types of membership and that suggestions would probably be made to the societies sometime in the future. However, he pointed out that anyone who joins a society is a member until he resigns, dies, or is formally dropped by his society, and therefore the total membership should be reported.

The Chairman called for the reports of the Committee Chairmen and the officers. These are summarized as follows:

Judicial , Mr. Arthur Burch, Chairman, reported that there had been no business for the Judicial Committee the past year.

Charter - Mrs. Mary Lou Hales, Chairman, reported that there had been no applications for charters during the past year.

Fraternal Relations - Mr. Albert Dyon, Chairman, reported that no problems had arisen, but the committee was trying to keep abreast of the ferment taking place in the religious world.

Domestic Extension - Mr. Thomas Kendall, Chairman, announced that 12 gift books had been sent to college and public libraries. A number of cards have been returned by individual buyers of the book asking to be placed on the mailing list.

Foreign Extension - Mr. Bernard Burton, Chairman, reported that the committee had discussed the sale of books in other countries, but no specific action had been taken.

Education - Miss Christensen read the report of Dr. William S. Sadler, Chairman. The committee sponsored the summer study session held on August 2 and 3, 1968, and the Wednesday seminars held in the fall and spring.

Publications - Mrs. Leone Sadler, Chairman, reported that the Bulletin is now reaching over 900 individuals and the list is growing.

Finance - According to the Chairman, Mr. William Hales, the committee prepared the 1968 budget and prepared two letters which were sent out soliciting funds for the operation of the Brotherhood and the Foundation. The books of the Brotherhood were being audited by Arthur Anderson and Company.

Miscellaneous Activities - Miss Edith Cook, Chairman, listed the various services performed by the members of the committee, such as putting jackets on books, taking books to the postoffice, serving refreshments, and so on.

Mrs. Leone Sadler, reporting for the Joint Custodians of the Urantia Book, indicated that 1,146 books had been sold and given away during 1967, compared with 721 in 1966. The first copies of the second

printing were received March 17.

Miss E. L. Christensen, Vice President, stated that the job has not the sinecure which she had expected. Her duties were many, but very interesting. She and the President continue to send periodic letters to the societies, the field representa-tives, and to some of the study groups.

The Secretary receives many phone calls and visitors to the office and greatly enjoys all of these contacts with truth-seekers.

The Treasurer, Mr. Harry Rowley, presented the statement of income and expense as of December 31, 1967. He pointed out that when the cost and the sale of books are deducted from the report, the contributions to the Brotherhood do not cover its expenses.

The Secretary-General, Miss Marian Rowley, summarized two new policies set by the Executive Committee. First, names of readers may not be given out to others without prior approval. Second, the 40% discount on ten books will be given to individuals, other than Brotherhood members, only at the discretion of two or more officers.

The President, Mr. Alvin Kulieke, reviewed the present situation of the Brotherhood, namely, five societies slowly growing, and numerous study groups. He emphasized the need for a full-time Field Secretary some time in the future. He urged that we not become discouraged and impatient because of the seemingly slow progress of the teachings of the Urantia Book. He reminded us that we must be consistent and unre-lenting in our purpose to protect the Urantia Book and the organization from those who might want to take over control.

These various reports are all on file.

The Chairman appointed as tellers Arthur Born and Carolyn Kendall, who passed out ballots. Mr. Albert Dyon then read the nominations of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancies on the nine committees. The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor, but there were none. The Councilors voted and the tellers reported a total of 34 votes (which included one proxy) for the slate nominated by the Executive Committee. The Chairman declared the following elected:

Judicial Committee - 6 years - Edgar T. Stephens

Charter Committee - 6 years - Harold W. Schomas Fraternal Relations Committee - 6 years - Ernest C. Pritchard

Domestic Extension Committee - 6 years - Thomas A. Kendall, Chairman

Foreign Extension Committee - 6 years - Wesley James

Committee on Education - 6 years - Helen C. Carlson

Publications Committee - 6 years - Leone M. Sadler, Chairman

Finance Committee - 6 years - Eldred M. Cocking

Committee/Miscellaneous Actv. - 6 years - Olga Unverzagt

The Chairman asked for reports from the four Field Representatives. Mrs. Helen Butler read Miss Berkeley Elliott's report. She reported on a number of trips to Newton, Kansas; Independence, Mo.; and Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Julia Fenderson announced the formation of two new study groups in San Diego, one of which is a traveling group, namely, ensigns on the U.S.S. Ticonderoga.

Mr. James Mills told of the study group in Neenah meeting regularly bi-weekly. He also spoke briefly of his visit to Japan and of his correspondence with two Japanese to whom he has given the Urantia Book.

Dr. Meredith Sprunger reported on contacts with students and other interested persons in Fort Wayne and told of the progress of his study group.

The Chairman asked for any items of new business. Dr. Sprunger liked the idea of a full-time field representative. Mr. Kulieke said that for the immediate future he planned to write the societies and study groups to see if they would be interested in having someone visit them and ascertain whether they would be willing to pay part of the expenses.

Mr. Robert Burton offered his services to the Brotherhood in the matter of visiting study groups and told of some of his experiences with fundamentalists.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on motion at 12:07 P.M.

(Signed) Anna Rawson, Secretary

Approved (Signed) Alvin L. Kulieke. President