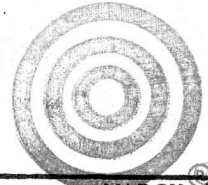


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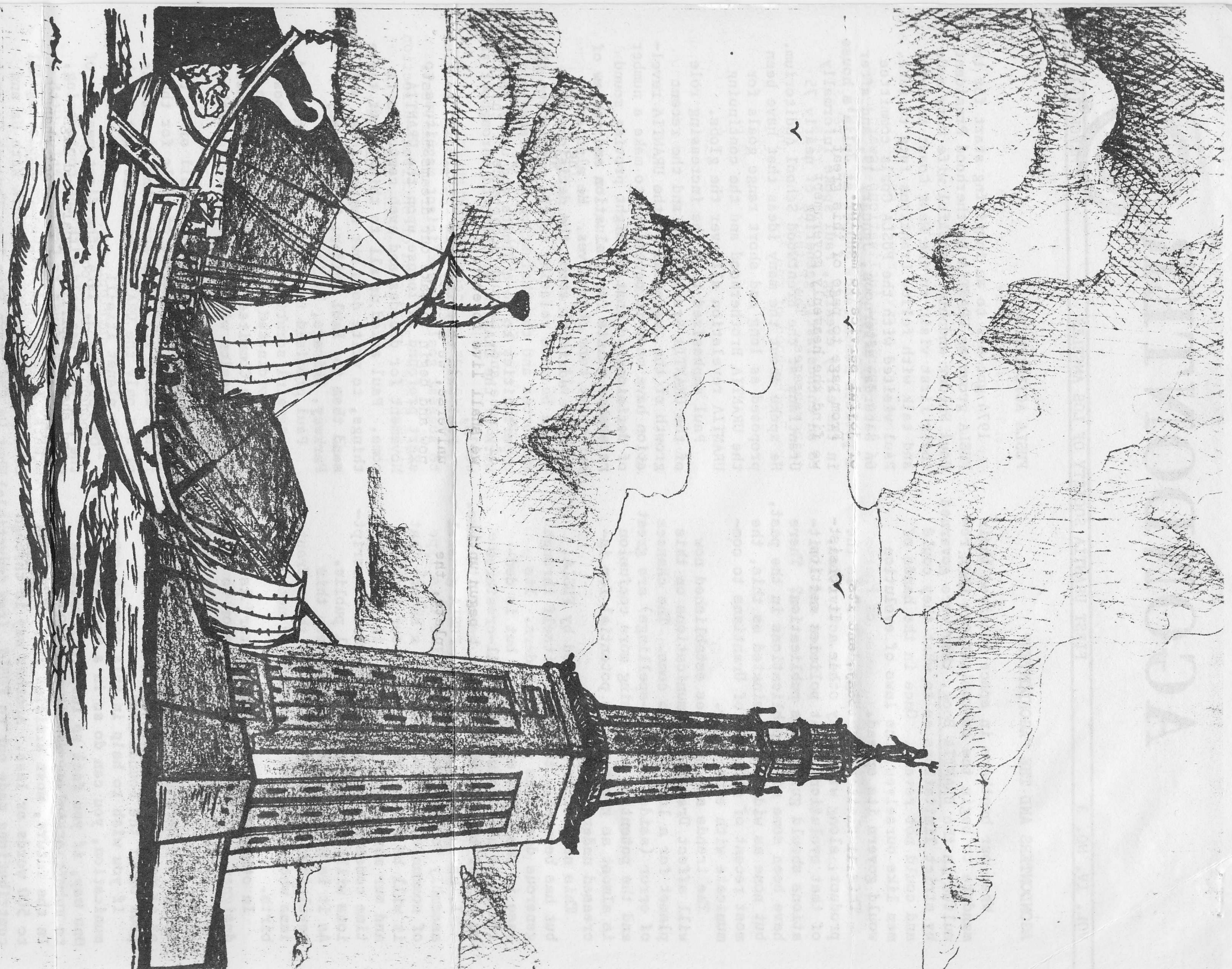
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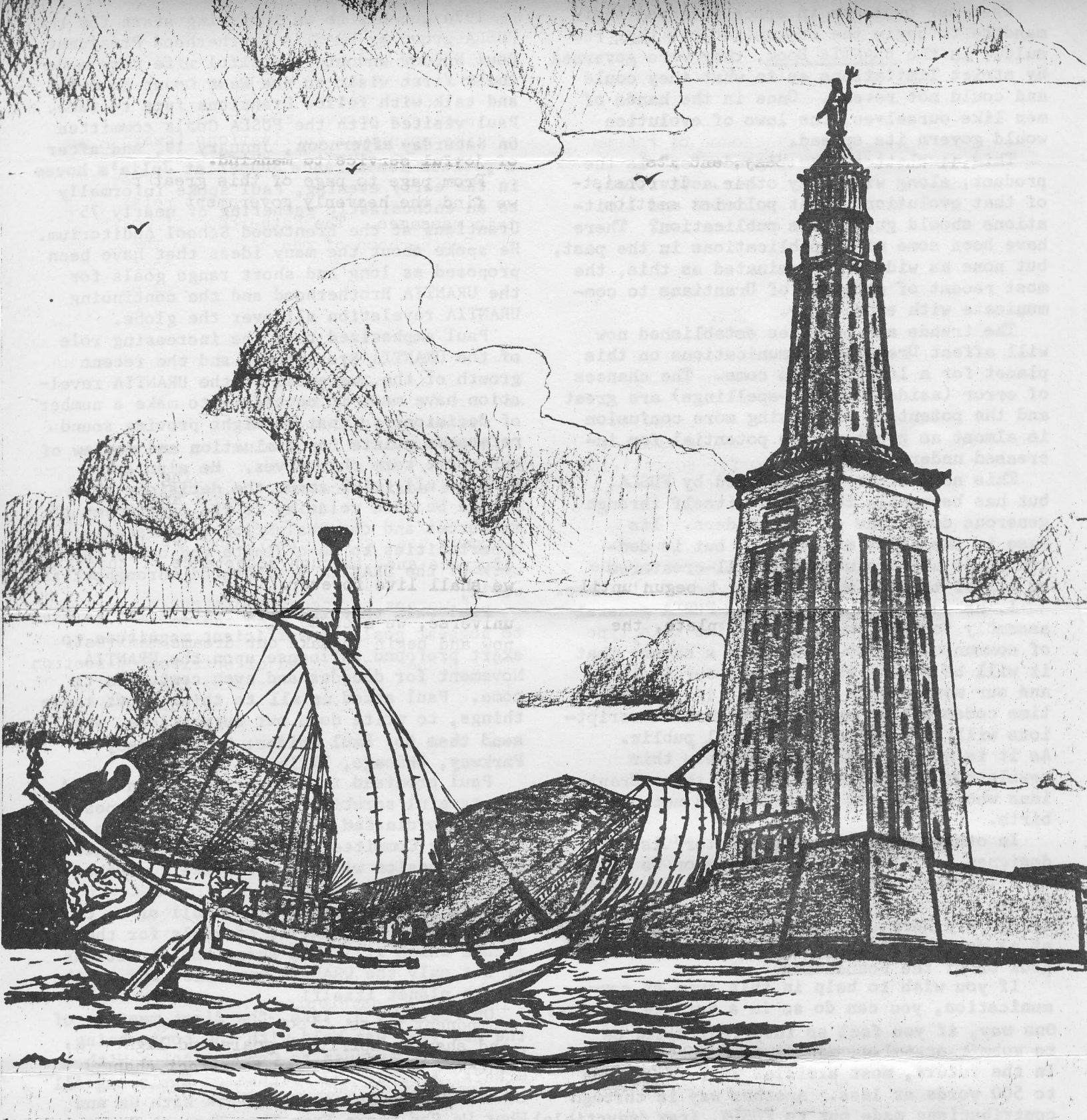
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By Pat McNelly, FUSLA Member





"And you, my son, will be like this lighthouse..." *

* p. 1432

English
(clouds by R. Thomas)

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THE LIGHTHOUSE AT ALEXANDRIA

The drawing on the preceding page depicts the vessel carrying Jesus, Ganid and Gonod as it enters the magnificent harbor of Alexandria. The Midwayers inform us that Jesus and Ganid rose early to view this splendid lighthouse that was one of the seven wonders of the world.

Of those ancient wonders, none remain standing today except for the great pyramid of Giza. The others fell victim to the earth's forces and man's follies.

The dimensions and general characteristics of this great lighthouse of Pharos are still known to us today, and its foundations are still visible. It consisted of three stories. The lowest section was a four-sided structure tapering slightly towards the top and reached a height of 234 feet.

The second story was octagonal in shape and about half as tall as the first story. The third story was a thirty foot cylindrical shape which housed an open fire whose light was reflected by a huge concave mirror.

The lighthouse served as a warning to mariners, a defense of the harbor against invaders, and as a platform for scientific research. Pharos was topped by a giant statue in the guise of the Sun-God, Helios.

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As great as it was though, it stands as no greater triumph than the Golden Gate Bridge, or for a man to walk on the moon, or for a man to realize that he is a son of the Living God!

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SHARING A DREAM By Mo Siegel, Member at Large

Probably everyone who has read the URANTIA Book from cover to cover has a well-developed sense of planetary priorities. The geometric and well patterned story of the Universe and our planet gives us a deep understanding of the plan of evolutionary directions we need to step forward to. Yet, our ideas only become reality when they are based on the orderly plan of our Heavenly Father, shared with others, and then actualized. Personalized religion is never passive; it is always active, moving and uniting those of like spiritual inclinations toward goals of joyful service to mankind.

From page to page of this great revelation, we find the heavenly government relaying certain messages. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man permeates the papers, providing a sound basis of religious inspiration as well as daily action. Time and time again, family life is exemplified, depicting the very source of life as the Heavenly Father. Love is portrayed as the tool of the heavens, bringing fellowship based on inner stability and outward fruition.

The message becomes clear: We are created to pass our small part of God's essence on to others. We are possibly destined to become universe administrators, learning the values of maturity through selfless work and spiritual development. Our lives are not of ourselves. We have been given everything; we are children of grace and, through acceptance of this grace, we shall live forever.

If we are to become administrators in the universe, we need to heed the call of service now and begin to make our dreams manifest. This planet is in need of spiritual direction and earthly order. Spreading the URANTIA version of life and light can only inspire mankind to move forward to an era not yet conceived of by history's people since the times of the immediate family of Adam and Eve.

If you are thinking that life and light won't come to URANTIA for many thousands of years, you are probably right. But there is so much that we can start to do now. Joining together in small service-motivated tasks, whether economic, social or religious, will develop friendship, create good will and mirror the energy developed by sincere and spiritually directed Urantians. Service, just like intelligent love, is synergistic in contact, developing power much beyond the component parts. People, working together and sharing spiritual goals and light energy intake, have the power to effect changes beyond any obstacles or ill-advised obstructions to the heavenly plan. Love shall one day rule this planet. Love becomes real when it is given in wise service to others.

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THREE VICNETTES

So many beautiful things are going on all the time which call for our appreciation and loving thoughts. Here are three of them to warm our hearts:

A young girl in our group has been saving her money daily-weekly-and-monthly from her jobs at baby sitting until she finally achieved her goal--that of purchasing a URANTIA Book of her very own. Who is it? Our own beloved Cale Brehio! **Congratulations, Cale!**

The members of one family have been devoting themselves to helping in the kitchen at our several functions. There is much to do--carrying and toting big loads in and out, washing dishes, preparing food and so on and on and on. This unheralded and unsung service for their fellow men has been done repeatedly by Carol Brehio, Bill Brehio, **Cale Brehio and many others.**

It is noteworthy that the delicious repasts we have been enjoying for the past months and the exciting new recipes and beautiful table arrangements have been planned, purchased and cooked by that red-haired Phi Beta Kappa, Bonnie Squires Abbott. Let it never be uttered that brainy women cannot cook. Not only is Bonnie a gourmet cook but she's an avid and sincere student of the URANTIA Book. She is now dedicating all of her spare time to the work of the URANTIA movement.

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VERN GRIMSLEY'S FAMILY OF GOD PROGRAM

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FUSLA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

On March 3, 1974, the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles welcomed three new members as Membership Chairman Julia Fenderson and FUSLA President Scott Forsythe conducted the recently revised membership ceremony.

Becoming members of FUSLA and the URANTIA Brotherhood were Leonard and Janice Kidd from Santa Ana, and Dennis (better known as 'Ace') Dunlay Young of Santa Monica. Leonard is a computer program analyst for a firm in Santa Ana and his wife Jan is a substitute teacher for the Huntington-Beach School District.

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FUSLA STUDY GROUP GUIDELINES

The purpose of URANTIA study groups should be to aid members in educating themselves about the truths of the URANTIA Book and in learning techniques of disseminating these truths to their fellow men.

Here are some suggested guidelines:

1. At least one FUSLA member should be present to help in the group activities.
2. A successful group should consist of about 4 to 10 members depending on location, leadership and other factors.
3. The group should try to meet once a week at a designated time and place.
4. A paper may be selected ahead of time to read and discuss. There are many variations that could be tried depending on the group. Each member might alternate the leadership responsibilities and be in charge of a specified meeting. Or the group may decide to read a particular section from beginning to end. Some groups may decide on a particular topic or theme for the year.
5. Always keep in mind the purpose is to study the teachings of the URANTIA Book. But participating in study groups is also an excellent opportunity to get to know and learn to love your brothers and sisters.

Here is a quote from The Revolution Of Hope by Erich Fromm.

"Historically, important movements have begun their lives with small groups. It does not matter whether we think of the early Christians, the early Friends, the Masons. I am referring to the fact that groups which represent an idea in its purity and without compromises are the seedbeds of history; they keep the idea alive, regardless of the rate of progress it makes among the majority. If the idea is no longer embodied 'in the flesh', even if only of a small group, it is truly in danger of dying."

Cheryl McCade Education Committee

FUSLA GOALS COMMITTEE MEETS PAUL SNYDER

By Bob Boden, Goals Committee

Beginnings and endings are delicate times. And when these elements of transition express themselves in the change of individuals within the position of representational authority for the International URANTIA Brotherhood, the hands and hearts of all involved must be strong and wise.

Paul and Mary Snider are expressive of such strength. Since succeeding Alvin Kulieke as President of the URANTIA Brotherhood, Paul has progressively and effectively become familiar with the natural diversity of expression among the URANTIA Brotherhood and society members.

Pursuant to this task of gathering, sort-

LIVING LOVE AND STUDY GROUPS

While the truths of the URANTIA Book remain as print on a page, the revelatory task of the book will not succeed. It is only in mobilizing those truths by living example in the lives of God-knowing men and women through loyal and sincere effort in service that the revelation will find its complete expression.

"The world needs to see Jesus living again on earth in the experience of **spirit-born** mortals who effectively reveal the Master to all men." *(p.2084) "Truth cannot be defined with words, only by living." *(p.1459) "True religion is a living love, a life of service." *(p.1100) "While religion is exclusively a personal experience--knowing God as a Father--the corollary of this experience--knowing man as a brother--entails adjustment of the self to other selves, and that involves the social or group aspect of religious life. Religion is first an inner or personal adjustment and then it becomes a matter of social service or group adjustment." *(p.1090)

"There is a real purpose in the socialization of religion. It is the purpose of group religious activities to dramatize the loyalties of religion; to magnify the lures of truth, beauty, and goodness; to foster the attractions of supreme values; to enhance the service of unselfish fellowship; to glorify the potentials of family life; to promote religious education; to provide wise counsel and spiritual guidance; and to encourage group worship." *(p.1092)

In his presentation before the First Western URANTIA Conference, Martin Myers, member of the URANTIA Foundation, had some important words to say. He explained that the early members of the URANTIA movement were told that, "The Book is being given to those who are ready for it long before its worldwide mission." In the meantime thousands of study groups should be brought into existence. Thus will the book be in readiness to comfort and enlighten the peoples of the world when the battle for man's liberty is finally won and the world is once more made safe for the religion of Jesus and the freedom of mankind." **

The study group concept is important to the URANTIA movement. It is primarily concerned with the study of the teachings of the URANTIA Book but even more important it remains as a potential center for the application of the truths of the URANTIA Book. The mission of the URANTIA Book will never succeed if there are just thousands of people reading the book. The study groups, because of their small and personally intimate nature, have the real potential to develop into religious groups. When this begins to happen on a wide scale, the mission of the URANTIA Book to bring the gospel of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man will be assured.

By Scott McNab Forsythe, FUSLA President

FUSLA ACTIVITIES (cont)

Michael Hill, one of FUSLA's newest members, then gave a beautiful and heartfelt talk on the work of the Thought Adjusters, the indwelling fragment of the Universal Father that we all share as brothers and sisters.

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