

There were no agenda contributions this month.

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FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The new year's holiday is a time when an awareness of the passing of the old and the coming of the new is celebrated. One observance of this celebration is the "new year's resolution". Many see the change of calendar as a fitting time to change themselves or some aspect about themselves which they do not like. It may be an old habit, some undesirable tendency, or even a pet vice we wish to overthrow. Whatever the "flaw", I suspect that the success rate is not very great. What then is the secret to satisfying this urge? As usual, Jesus has some-

thing to help us. In his lesson on self mastery he says: "Forget not--it is your personal faith in the exceedingly great and precious promises of God that ensures your becoming partakers of the divine nature" p. 1609. The secret of this self mastery is the inner transformation by the indwelling spirit which confers upon such reborn souls the liberty of spiritual freedom in the place of the fear and slavery of self denial. This saving grace is available year around and is free for the asking. In all your holiday celebrations I wish you the joy and peace of those sure about God.

Kermit Anderson

SEARCH AND SELECT COMMITTEE:

As everyone knows, Larchmont Hall is no longer available for meetings as the new owners purportedly have turned it into a warehouse. As a result, a concerted effort has been made during these past few weeks by our ad hoc Committee to find new, permanent quarters before the January 7th meeting. But through no fault of theirs, this was not possible. We have therefore temporarily returned to our old quarters in the Veteran's Memorial Building. A number of other places are being considered in a centrally located area, and hopefully there will be something to report to the Society membership in the very near future.

JANUARY PRESENTATION:

The next meeting of F.U.S.L.A. will be held January 7th, 1979, in the Uruapan room of the Veteran's Memorial Building at 4417 Overland Avenue in Culver City. There will be a coffee klutch from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. and the meeting will start at 1:30 P.M. sharp. The program this month is a continuation of the theme for this year---"Living in Cahoots with our Heavenly Father". The title in itself is stimulating by virtue of the fact that we can't live in "cahoots" with someone we don't know. This then, poses the big question---"How do we get to know the Heavenly Father?" There are a number of study groups who have hashed this question of an avenue of approach to the Heavenly Father, over and over. Each one of these study groups is having a representative of their group to present a 5-7 minute summation of what their respective group discussions may have revealed in regards to techniques of communion used by different ascenders. All things considered, this should be a most enlightening presentation; for what subject in God's whole creation, could we be more concerned with?

NEW CANDIDATES:

Julia Fenderson, Membership Chairman, is delighted to report that twelve new candidates for membership in F.U.S.L.A. formally placed their feet on the Path. The Orientation classes will soon begin and will run their course through the early months of the new year, finishing in the early spring with the inspiring Remembrance Supper. The first meeting which was held at Julia's home was for the purpose of acquainting interested readers with the URANTIA movement. Thirty four were in attendance. It was an educational and most informative meeting followed by a buffet lunch and social hour. It is still not too late to submit a completed membership application form to Julia.

THE BASKET MONEY?

Yes! What happens to it? Some of us may feel that with all that good food on our buffet table that has been donated, there is no need to place a donation in basket. The fact is, the money which appears in the basket after each meeting is needed to help defray those costs which distinguishes F.U.S.L.A. as a substantial, growing and very active Society. The money the Society receives through donations help pay for expenses such as the meeting hall, printing of the Monthly Monitor, postage for monthly mailings as well as regular weekly correspondence expense and very modest F.U.S.L.A. phone call costs; also special expenses such as printing and mailing of the Constitution, programs, slide show equipment rental, and other items of note. These things and more, are all a part of the activities your past generosity has helped support-- we thought you'd like to know.

NEW CHAIRMAN:

An election was held after our last F.U.S.L.A. meeting December 3rd. this was to fill the vacancy of Chairman in the Education Committee. Bill Sherwood who had been appointed temporarily by the President as acting Chairman and approved by the Governing Committee, was the only candidate for the vacancy. He was nominated from the floor, secret ballots were cast and he was unanimously elected to fill the Chairmanship. You are welcomed Bill by F.U.S.L.A. to their Governing Committee.

How silent the forest would be if the only birds who sang were those who sang best.

----unknown.

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WEDDING:

Sunday, December 17th, 5:30 P.M. 'became THE GREAT DAY in the lives of two of our well known and respected fellow Travelers. Yes! Bill Sherwood and Corlin Renn were united in marriage by Vern Grimley in a beautiful candle light ceremony performed in their home at 517 Wing Street in Glendale. Text was read from the Bible and the URANTIA Book. One of the highlights in the ceremony was the use of eleven words--the usual five but enhanced by an additional six. ---"until death do you part, and you are reunited in Eternity". The wedding was followed by a sumptuous buffet lunch and a lively social hour. Honeymoon plans remain undisclosed.

REVERSION DIRECTOR'S CORNER

THE NEWCOMERS



"Somehow I always thought of it as being much larger."

ANONYMOUS:

How about an alternative to the traditional new year's blast? Some of our brothers and sisters have begun celebrating the new year in group meditation and prayer followed by a pot luck dining party. It is a warm, meaningful way to greet the new year with friends and an elevated consciousness of our planetary destiny. You may wish to initiate this way of celebrating and chances are many of your spiritually minded friends would greatly enjoy this change of pace.

HELP!

Anyone who knows of, or should find a meeting place suitable for FUSLA needs would be doing a great service for their Society by obtaining general information about the place and turning it over to the Governing Committee who in turn will see that our ad hoc committee is properly informed. Here listed are some of the basic requirements to be considered: Clean quarters; location; adequate parking; seating capacity; kitchen facilities; children O.K.; public address system; room that can be darkened for slide shows; cost per meeting.



A NEW MEMBER:

F.U.S.L.A. is pleased to announce the membership transfer of Corlin Renn from Glenview URANTIA Society in Evanston Illinois to our own URANTIA Society here in Los Angeles. Corlin was a very active member and a Past-President in her Glenview Society. She is currently serving on our Education Committee having just become the Secretary of that group. We welcome you Corlin into our circle of brothers and sisters.

THAT TIME IS HERE!

Members of F.U.S.L.A. may remember that in our last issue of the Monthly Monitor an article appeared in which Andy Remon our Treasurer reminded us pursuant to a letter mailed to each member in August of this year, that January 1st ushers in a new policy for the payment of dues. In the past many members have paid their dues on their anniversary date. Now, in order to eliminate a lot of bookkeeping and an extended effort to get all of the dues in, all membership dues for the full year (\$12.00) will be due and payable January 1st, 1979. Some members who may have paid a full year of dues for example in March of 1978, find their dues have lapped over into 1979, and they only owe dues for 1979 from April on through January. Andy has everyone's dues status worked out. All you have to do is have him check the record when you pay your dues. Checks may be paid to the Treasurer at our regular January 7th meeting or mailed to him at 6762 Lurline Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91306. All checks should be made payable to "F.U.S.L.A. FUNDS", and indicated whether for dues, donation, Agondonter, URANTIA Book, donation or other.

INFORMATION:

Some of our non-members who attend our monthly meetings have asked, "What is the oft mentioned Governing Committee and who are its members?" Briefly the G/C is charged with the responsibility of guarding the welfare of the Society, managing its material affairs, and guiding its spiritual endeavors. The G/C meets periodically to consider, FUSLA problems, activities, plans etc. Each member has one vote on each proposal appearing on the agenda. The Offices and the members names are as follows: President, Kermit Anderson; Vice-President, Polly Friedman; Secretary, Dick MacDonald; Treasurer, Andy Remon; Membership Chairman, Julia Fenderson; Education Chairman, Bill Sherwood; Hospitality Chairman, Bob Hudspeth; Book Chairman, Ellen Montgomery; Newsletter Chairman, Chick Montgomery. Details will be gladly furnished by any Officer.



Join a URANTIA Book study group of your choosing and attend regularly. They are GREAT!!

VIEWPOINT:

The URANTIA Book treats on the subject of "Balance" by showing that the individual who becomes engulfed in intellectuality may tend to an atheistic outlook which could, ultimately, lead to self-annihilation. To the other extreme it is found that he who does not bridle his spiritual zeal with reason, can very easily become a "cultist" and wander off into a world of fanaticism with strange practices and weird rituals. The ascender who seeks spiritual and intellectual balance has already acquainted himself with a third factor in the equation of living- ----participation. He has come to realize that to properly develop his potentials, he must be something more than just a spectator. The shape his life takes on, is dependent on how wisely he applies his endowments. Love, patience, devotion is to name but a few of the many spiritual tools we have at our command, which, through application, reward us with an enhanced spiritual nature and an expanded intellectual horizon---the one beautifully counter-balancing the other.-----d.m.

Thanks to all who have brought "loaner plants" to our past two meetings.
Let's make it a practice. It adds a lot to the occasion.

For those URANTIA Book readers who may have only recently begun attending our Society meetings, the Preamble to our Constitution is a most informative document setting forth the intent and purpose of First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles. It is here quoted from text:

"Believing that the comfort, happiness and well being of mankind will be enhanced by knowledge of the truths expressed in the URANTIA Book and that the spreading of these teachings among all peoples can best be accomplished through the mutual efforts of a body of people working together for a common cause, we do hereby join together as a voluntary association and fellowship for the purposes hereinafter expressed under the name of First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles and we do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles."

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a new study group or if there is a change in an existing group, or you desire information on study groups, please contact Dick MacDonald, Secretary, or Julia Fenderson, Membership Committee Chairman. The Society will update this list each month, and copies will be available at the monthly meeting also. F.U.S.L.A. supports the establishment and development of URANTIA Book study groups, but is not responsible for their activities. These groups are voluntary and informal associations of URANTIA Book readers and they are not formally a part of any URANTIA organization.

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