

# F.U.S.L.A.

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FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Many persons have been attracted to The URANTIA Book and the religion of Jesus so beautifully portrayed therein, because of the sublime teachings which liberate one from the fetters of ecclesiastical authority, ceremonial bondage and empty ritualism. Our need for fellowship and group spiritual experience, however, still remains. Fortunately, Jesus does not take away something without replacing it with something superior. He understands his creatures and their needs. As a good shepherd, he sees that his flock is nourished. To fill our need for fellowship and group spiritual experience he established the Supper of Remembrance. None of his teachings have become more tradition-standardized. However, we are free to celebrate this sacrament of remembrance in our own homes with fellow believers in a manner consistent with our highest ideals of

truth, beauty, and goodness.

'The supper of remembrance, when it is partaken of by those who are Son-believing and God-knowing, does not need to have associated with its symbolism any of man's puerile misinterpretations regarding the divine presence, for on all such occasions the Master is really present.'  
p. 1942

Let us not be prevented from experiencing the enhanced fellowship with Michael as is available through the celebration of this ceremony, because of the fear of becoming ritualistic. Let us joyously gather to remember Jesus and the life he lived at a supper of remembrance whenever the spirit so moves us!

Kermit Anderson

## FEBRUARY MEETING

The next monthly meeting of F.U.S.L.A. will be held February 4th, 1979 in the Uruapan room of the Veteran's Memorial Building at 4417 Overland Avenue in Culver City. As usual there will be a coffee klutch from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. The general meeting will start at 1:30 P.M. punctually. The meeting this month has to do with three workshops which will be presented concurrently. A list giving the workshop titles and their objectives, appears on page 2. Each person attending our monthly meeting is requested to sign up for one of the three workshops being presented. It is hoped everyone will participate in the discussions.

## FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

Many of us well remember the Irvine Conference in 1977 with the many exciting workshops that were offered at that time on many different subjects. This month's presentation will be a multiple workshop session using the Irvine Conference format as a mini-pattern. The Education Committee Chairman reports there will be three con-

current presentations and it will be handled in the following manner: Each individual attending the general Society meeting, may sign up for any one of the three subjects being presented. The speaker of each respective group will then take his group members at the appointed time to their assigned place, and will present his

subject. This will then be followed by his group having a subject discussion period. Later there will be a general assembly at which a general discussion will follow concerning the subjects the groups had engaged in. The theme for this occasion is on "The Art of Living." Participation in discussion is the key note for this presentation. The workshops offered are as follows:

Mary Marks-"What's good about it?" A workshop to explore and recognize the truth in the other guy's religion, and a sharing of the techniques that those participating have developed for bringing out the best in the people they have contacted. We've wondered how to turn people on to the truths of the URANTIA Book; here's our chance to brainstorm some of the best techniques-those that come from embellishing the truths we find existent in the religion of people as we pass by.

Chick Montgomery-"Problem Solving-Our Father's ticket to success." It is through our timely dealings with the common problems of living that we come closer to perfection and keep our lives in tune, exciting and progressive. This workshop will explore practical techniques of solving the difficulties we encounter on a regular daily basis and will include a short enactment designed to be an illustrative demonstration.

Dick MacDonald-"The Mortal Time Frame." This important facet of the Art of Living if properly understood, explains our point in time and reveals the manner in which answers to our prayers most often unfold in time sequences. It shows the importance of faith and how it is within the grasp of everyone. Why some individuals are calm and strong in adversity while others become weak and hysterical. How our mortal time-frame provides the material weights we must learn to lift to develop our spiritual muscles. These and other aspects of this interesting subject will be discussed as this workshop begins to unfold.

The hardest part of giving up a bad habit is making the decision to do it.

--anonymous

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: The Hospitality Committee is always grateful for the food contributions made by our members and friends at our monthly meetings. The gracing of our table with these culinary delights, that make it look like a king's banquet, is made possible by each and every one of you in your thoughtfulness. Thanks.----We wanted you to know your effort has not gone unnoticed.

SEARCH & SELECT COMMITTEE: The members of this committee have really been working this month to find a new, adequate, meeting place for F.U.S.L.A. Several of the committee members have already screened potential meeting places such as the Y.M.C.A., the Elks lodge facilities and numerous other places associated with banks, loan companies, etc. It is hoped there will be something come out of the January 20th committee meeting that can be reported at our February 4th general F.U.S.L.A. meeting. Optimistically we may have a beautiful and permanent meeting place for our March or April Society meeting. Hopefully this may mark the beginning of a new era of stability and activity for our Society.

### REVERSION DIRECTOR'S CORNER

How can winter's blustery blow;  
Which forcibly obstructs the flow  
Of streams, and founts, and hoses,  
Do the opposite to noses ?

Business is what, if you don't have any,  
you go out of.

A watched pot encourages one to reduce



### A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord: Teach me the wisdom of your gentleness,  
to be ruled by heaven's decree,  
to raise a hand to no man,  
Yet struggle to make him free.  
Let me stand firm as I turn the other cheek  
Trusting in the rules that win  
Teaching a spiritual principle  
With no room for anger or chagrin.

Let me always praise Thy Holy Name  
And bless your every gift  
Teach me to say the kindly word  
The poor in spirit to uplift.  
Though chaos may snarl my every path  
Heavenward I'll gaze and wonder  
How you took time to give me life  
And forgives my every blunder.

--Roger J. Abdo

IT'S A MATTER OF FACT: Each year-end the FUSLA Secretary is required to send in an annual Membership Census report to the URANTIA Brotherhood. This report gives the number of new members inducted into the Society; and the number the Society may have lost through transfers, resignations, those who are deceased, and so on. It is felt the membership as a whole would be interested in our yearly status as it was reported to Marian Rowley, Secretary of the URANTIA Brotherhood and it is given as follows: In 1978 FUSLA inducted 23 new members into our Society and acknowledged the transfer of one member from another Society, making a total of 24 new members for the year. No members were lost during the year for any reason. This brings our total membership as of December 31, 1978, to 113 members. This has been a substantial growth for the year which will, hopefully, continue and even accelerate in the years to come. With this growth however comes also a growing financial responsibility to the Society. Let's look for a moment at a few figures: If all of the members of our Society were to pay their dues in full for 1979, we would have a working fund of  $113 \times \$12.00 = \$1356.00$ . This sounds good and is, but also note we spend an average of \$50.00 each month for a meeting place; \$50.00 per month on printing, postage, and other secretarial expenses; and an average of about \$30.00 in membership committee official phone calls. This totals up thus:  $50.00 + 50.00 + 30.00 = \$130.00$  a month or \$1560.00 per year. So, subtracting our expenditures from our income for the year, we come out with a minus \$204.00. How have we been able to operate this way and still have a checking and savings account as well as to pay our 10% tithe which we didn't even figure in to our expenditures? Right!---through the generous donations made by many of our dedicated members throughout the year. We feel you should know you are appreciated; not for your financial help alone, but for all the time and effort you have put into forwarding the interests of your Society, as well.

### THE TREASURER REPORTS:

Dues for 1979 became due and payable January 1st, 1979. Those Society members who are not sure of how they stand on dues, may see Andy Remon who maintains a dues record on each F.U.S.L.A. member. Society dues are \$12;00 per year and should be paid in full unless other arrangements are made with the Governing Committee. Dues may be paid at the February meeting or may be mailed to Andy Remon, 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.

### ORIENTATION CLASS:

Membership chairman Julia Fenderson reminds every one concerned, that the new Orientation Classes begin the second of the series at 8:00 P.M. January 26, 1979. These classes are all held in Julia's home at 9980 Farragut Dr. Culver City, CA 90230. Phone (213) 836-2432. Julia re-states the importance of each candidate attending every class if at all possible. The subject material found in this series has been compacted from six classes to only four. Much of import, could be lost if even one class were missed. You are urged to make every effort to attend every one of them.

### V I E W P O I N T

The URANTIA Book says that brotherhood is the platform on which a lasting peace is built; in business, in a nation, and in the world at large. Each of us has a hand in building this peace on earth. I'm now realizing that my family life was an example of how brotherhood evolves lasting peace. I find it a good example when seeking the part I can best play. Also, an example of what doesn't work. I wish I had known when I was really young that my family as a whole was much more peaceful, happy, and fun-loving when everybody did their share. During my highschool years even a simple thing like going to the grocery store with my mom seemed to make her efforts at home-making easier with five kids. I guess we all tuned into what she liked and needed and we provided those things. As a result all the work was fun and entertaining. When we were unavailable, so engrossed in our own thing that we were insensitive to the needs around us, the level of enthusiasm dropped to the bottom. But when we worked together, the enthusiasm level was so high, we were in an open avenue to really enjoying, appreciating and coming to know one another. It wasn't that our mother would get irritated if we weren't helping, that motivated us, although I think we were aware of that potential; it was just so much pleasure to see her happy, enjoying herself and all of us getting to know each other so well, that caused us to love being home and has kept us going back ever since. I perceive that our Father's family is the same. In building peace on earth it's not just that we keep ourselves available, but we must actually look for ways to lighten the load of others, to help make their life more fun and enjoyable. If we hope to have an enlightened civilization, it will come from this kind of unity. I believe also it is through reflecting on what worked and didn't work for us personally in our own families, that gives us the best insight into how we can cultivate an ideal family in our present circle of friends and acquaintances. And, isn't that what we really want, an ideal family, a brotherhood of man?

--Corlin Renn Sherwood

**A NEW MEMBER.**

Many of the Society members are acquainted with Dan Loweree and know that he has spent some time in the UCLA hospital in recent months. One of Dan's greatest desires was to become a member of F.U.S.L.A. This was made possible a few weeks ago by a joint action of the Governing Committee and the Membership Committee who performed his induction into the Society in a ceremony held in his room at the UCLA hospital. Dan was removed shortly after from the hospital. He is currently staying with his parents in Ohio. Dan says in part, in a recent letter to the F.U.S.-L.A. Secretary, quote:"Feel free to give out my address to anyone who asks for it. I would love to hear from any F.U.S.L.A. friends of mine in Los Angeles." unquote. Dan is a long time student of the URANTIA Book and has a deep insight into its teachings. This is most surely reflected in the way he lives: Courage and cheerfulness in the face of great adversity. Congratulations Dan and welcome to our Brotherhood. (For those who would like to correspond with Dan, his address is: Dan Loweree---- 500-20 Willow Circle--Aurora, Ohio 44202)

**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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