

The First Rules and Regulations. -- 1950

Minutes of the organization meeting of Fellowship Forum, on December 27, 1950, record the general objectives of the organization and a proposed plan to implement them. The founding group voted to adopt the name "*The Fellowship Forum.*" Activities were to be neither partisan nor denominational. Members were not to participate in or to voice propaganda. Activities were to be directed to the promotion of fellowship, to helping members keep abreast of the times, and to the development of a broader understanding of the needs and progress of our fellow men.

Operating procedure was to be as follows:

- 1) An elected Executive Committee of three members was to serve for three months. It was to plan programs, handle business matters, and from time to time, invite guest speakers from outside the group. Only the Executive Committee was to be privileged to invite persons to become members of the Forum.

- 2) Members were to be allowed to bring guests they believed would fit into the group and add to its interests.

- 3) Members expecting to be absent from a luncheon, or to be present with a guest, were to notify the Secretary before 9 a.m. on any given Tuesday.

- 4) Collection of \$1.50 for luncheon was to be taken after members were seated.

- 5) Guests were to be asked to meet the Secretary and sign a register including address and phone number.

The minutes of the organization meeting express the belief that membership in the Fellowship Forum should grow because of its desirability.

As operating experience developed, good ideas became regular procedures and customs were established. The substance of formal Rules and Regulations was in the making.