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## cover photo . . .

The Byrd Theatre in Richmond, Virginia appears today (after recent renovation) exactly as it did when it opened on December 27, 1928. The 4/17 Wurlitzer will be featured at the 17th Annual ATOS Convention. Preview begins on page 23.

(Photo by Ray Brubacher)

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## president's message . . .

The Los Angeles Regional Convention was, in my thinking, a great way to start what promises to be an eventful year for ATOS. The chapter is to be congratulated for three programs of dedication held in the beautiful San Gabriel Civic Auditorium and all the other enjoyable programs scheduled during this convention. Their generous contribution of a true labor of love — the preservation of the theatre organ — shall be shared by many through beautiful music from the King of Instruments, "The Theatre Pipe Organ".

I have been requested by Al Mason, Publisher of THEATRE ORGAN, to remind you that newsletters sent in from chapters cannot be used as chapter news in THEATRE ORGAN. We have no staff (paid or unpaid) to excerpt items of interest from these newsletters to be printed as "Chapter Notes".

Again it is time to nominate members for the National Board of Directors to serve a two year term. Send the names of your candidates to National Headquarters immediately as ballots must be printed soon. Don't forget to include a picture and short resume including occupations and hobbies.

Our membership is over 3500 on March 1st as compared to 2800 at this same time last year. We continue to grow through the efforts of all our members.

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