

PAST PRESIDENTS

Richard Simonton
Feb. 1955 — Oct. 1958

Judd Walton
Oct. 1958 — July 1961

Tiny James
July 1961 — July 1964

Carl Norvell
July 1964 — July 1966

Richard Schrum
July 1966 — July 1968

Al Mason
July 1968 — July 1970

Stillman Rice
July 1970 — July 1972

Erwin A. Young
July 1972 — July 1974

Paul M. Abernethy
July 1974 — July 1976

HONORARY MEMBERS

1959 — Jesse Crawford

1960 — Farny Wurlitzer

1961 — Mel Doner

1962 — Leonard MacClain

1963 — Eddie Dunstedter

1964 — Reginald Foort

1965 — Dan Barton

1966 — W. "Tiny" James

1967 — Erwin A. Young

1968 — Richard C. Simonton

1969 — Judd Walton

1970 — Bill Lamb

1971 — George and Vi Thompson

1972 — Stu Green

1973 — Al and Betty Mason

1974 — Lloyd E. Klos

1975 — Joe Patten

1976 — Floyd and Doris Mumm

1977 — Les and Edith Rawle

President's Message

In this issue of THEATRE ORGAN, in addition to many fine articles, you will find the current roster of chapter chairpersons and secretaries, the financial report for 1977, the 1978 budget and a preview of the Atlanta 1978 Convention.

The majority of chapters elect their leaders for this year in December or January. It is very interesting to see that a number of chapters have elected chairwomen and also women to serve in other offices or directors. I have always felt that

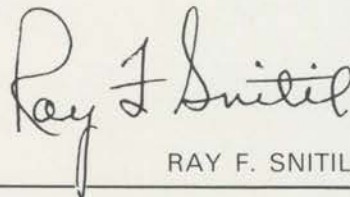
ATOS should be a family affair with the husband, wife and children all being active in all facets of furthering the aims and purposes of our society. The hard work that these here-to-fore 'silent' ATOS members have performed are now being recognized by their fellow members. They are the ones who prepare the refreshments, sell tickets, assist in the programs, help maintain the instruments like the men and the many other tasks that are so very important for the smooth operation of a well-run chapter. A hearty congratulation to all of the newly elected chapter officers, both men and women, who I am sure will have a great year. Also, a sincere 'well done' to those who have completed their terms of office because their work has been most beneficial to the growth of ATOS and their respective chapters.

Membership continues to grow with every report I receive from the membership department. In the past year, six new chapters have received their charters and presently there are two more being formed. It is so gratifying to have interested groups of members petitioning the national office for charters and bringing more members into our organization.

By the time this issue is received, the deadline of April 15, 1978 for nominations for Board of Directors will have passed. Ballots will be prepared and mailed to each member in good standing during the month of May, 1978. I hope that you will exercise your right to vote. Last year produced a record return and hopefully we will surpass that number this year.

The Atlanta and Birmingham Chapters are working together as a convention committee to formulate another great convention program in July, 1978 with beautiful theatres in Atlanta and Birmingham, great theatre and classical organs and a convention area that should have something to thrill all conventioners. We hope that many will be attending this great conclave.

Sincerely,



RAY F. SNITIL

