

To your correspondent, this 25th ATOS Convention had been a rhapsody in contrasts: from Wurlitzers to Comptons to Willis/Harrisons, from royal palaces to bingo palaces, from theatres to sanctuaries, from guildhalls to private homes, from extreme youth to venerable old age, from subtle to brassy, from laughter to tears (a profoundly moving moment of silent tribute to the late Richard Simonton) — all of it brilliantly orchestrated with unbelievable efficiency, graciousness and imagination by our London and South of England Chapter hosts and hostesses.

How do you say thanks to the likes of the Rawles — Edith, Les, Len, and Judy; or to George, Norman, Father Kerr and Ian; to Mike, Brian, Janice and Teddy; to the Chief Coach Captains, the theatre managers and custodians; to Mavis and Vera? You try, but you can't really. You can only predict that the 25th will live on in the memories of those lucky enough to have been there. The standards have been set mighty high, Seattle, and we'll be there too, if we're lucky. □

OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual membership meeting of ATOS convened at 2:30 p.m., July 23, 1980, in the sanctuary, rather than in the schoolroom, of St. Mary's, Hornchurch, to accommo-



Len Rawle received a standing ovation before and after his concert at the 3/19 Wurlitzer at Thursford.

date all members present. After words of welcome to all — including the Lord Mayor of Hornchurch and his Lady — Father Kerr invoked Divine Guidance and turned the meeting over to President Tommy Landrum.

Members voted to dispense with readings of the 1979 minutes and treasurer's report, and President Landrum proceeded with a report from the board of directors announcing a recommended dues increase to \$18. John Ledwon, as chairman of the bylaws committee, was asked to report on progress and estimate time frames for future action. Ledwon said that an exact date could not be predicted but that the committee hoped to have recommendations in final form by the end of 1980.

It was announced that the Nor-Cal Chapter would host the 1985 Convention, that there were 55 active ATOS chapters with a total membership of 5300. In response to requests from the floor President Landrum presented the results from the recent election of directors. At this point London Chapter members announced that they had received ballots within the week — too late to return for tabulation. This raised the whole question of mailings to countries other than the U.S. of ATOS materials including THEATRE ORGAN. A motion was introduced to allow U.K. members to pay extra as individuals to receive the journal via air mail; the motion was withdrawn when President Landrum explained that the option for individuals was currently available.

Chapters were urged to send in dues for members prior to January 1st each year so that members would receive copies of THEATRE ORGAN on schedule.

Lowell Ayers raised the question, "How do individuals who are not members of ATOS chapters register input to committees such as the bylaws committee (which had solicited suggestions from chapters only)?" No direct answer was forthcoming, but no formal motion was initiated for discussion.

The motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. was introduced by Paul Abernathy and seconded by Judd Walton. Motion carried. □



The hosts and hostesses of the ATOS Silver Anniversary Convention during the Grand Finale at Thursford.

London and the South of England Chapter members accomplished the task of producing an excellent convention in the short span of just one year.

