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## President's Message



From time to time, I believe that it is valuable for each of us to pause and reflect upon the purpose of our society. The current Bylaws state that the purpose of the American Theatre Organ Society is:

- The preservation and enhancement of the theatre organ.
- To further public appreciation of the theatre pipe organ and its music with educational programs and concerts, and
- To encourage talented musicians to preserve the art of theatre organ playing through competition and awards.

I fear that in some quarters the purpose and goals of ATOS have become blurred. Often, personality conflicts are the reason. In some cases, members have spent an inordinate amount of time and effort trying to exclude other members simply because others do not meet their personal criteria. Too often there has been little tolerance of members with differing philosophies, or differing points of view. All of this has had a negative impact upon the effectiveness of ATOS.

For a stronger, more vigorous organization, it is time for all of us to join forces and work together. ATOS needs individuals with diverse talents, skills, musical tastes, and backgrounds. There is a place for everyone who has a sincere desire to further the goals and objectives of our society. Establishing harmony, trust and cooperation among all segments of this society is one of my primary goals as president.

Please accept my most sincere wishes for a wonderful holiday season. May 1992 be filled with all of the good things life has to offer.

*Vern Bickel*

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