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SOONER STATE CHAPTER
American Theatre Organ Society
Tulsa, Oklahoma
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Phil Judkins

November 19, 1932 – November 29, 2024

On the morning of November 29, 2024, Phil, beloved husband of Laura, father of Linda and Karen, and a true friend of many, journeyed to Heaven. Phil was a very kind, patient, helpful, humble person that lived his faith. His many friends will miss him greatly but are thankful and truly blessed to have known him. We have many great memories!

He was a person with many passions besides his family. To mention a few: aviation, vintage automobiles, railroads, RVing, etc. He was most passionate about theatre pipe organs and did much in the pursuit of preserving several of them.

He and some friends started the Tulsa based Sooner State Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society with its eventual location of the chapter theatre pipe organ in the Broken Arrow Campus of Tulsa Tech.

Most notably were his outstanding efforts in returning the original Circle Theater (today the Circle Cinema) pipe organ to its original location for the musical enjoyment and enrichment of the Tulsa area community. His efforts were noted earlier this past April in a "Tribute to Phil Judkins" at the Circle Cinema when the organ was dedicated in his name.

I thank you Phil for being a very good friend and mentor.

Rudy

Visitation at Moore's Southlawn Chapel, 9350 East 51st Street from 3 to 6 pm Sunday, December 8.

Memorial Service will be at Tulsa First Methodist Church, Monday, December 9 at 1 pm. The Boulder Street parking lot is being resurfaced so parking space is available on Main Street on the East side of the church. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.



The Sooner State Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society is a non-profit corporation under IRS code 501 (c)(3) for the purpose of promoting America's Theatre Organ heritage. Annual membership dues and all donations are used to provide programs and maintain our 1928 Robert Morton theatre pipe organ.

Making the Pipes "Speak"



I sincerely hope that each and every one of you have had a good Thanksgiving Holiday.

As we enter December and the 2025 New Year, I would like to cover events and items that will take place in December and January.

December 2024:

Our annual Chapter Christmas Party event will be on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30pm. This is a "members and their guests" only party. There will be a \$5.00 fee per guest. The event will include a light meal of finger foods. Chapter members will play Christmas music on the organ and piano. "Open console" will also be available.

Please note that December 12 is the second Thursday of the month. In an attempt to improve attendance for our monthly chapter programs, we will begin a three-month trial period of having the monthly programs on the second Thursday of the month rather than the third Friday of each month. After the February program, we will review the attendance levels for the trial period and make a decision to either maintain the new program dates or revert back to the third Friday of the month. Other options to improve attendance will be discussed as well.

As a result of the date change and the Monday through Thursday evening operation of the Tulsa Tech Truck Drivers' training program, the following changes for access to the conference center will be in effect:

Everyone must enter the Tulsa Tech east entrance on Olive Avenue rather than the main south entrance.

Park in the north parking lot and use the sidewalk leading to the north conference center entrance. Note that any items required for a program (such as musical instruments, props, refreshments, ice, etc.) must be either carried or carted to the conference center. (A handcart will be available.)

Nominations for the following chapter 2025 – 2027 board positions are being accepted for the following elected positions: president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Additionally, nominations will be accepted for the following board appointed "chairman" positions: Program Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Membership Chairman, Maintenance Chairman, and Technology Chairman. Please contact the Nomination Committee: Rudy Geissler at rgeissler@aol.com, Joyce Hatchett at joylahat@gmail.com, Janice Barbour at jkh@aol.com to make a nomination. Persons nominated must be current chapter members in good standing, a member of the ATOS, and have consented to being a nominee.

January 2025:

January 9 - Annual Chapter Meeting: We will begin with an "Overview" status of the chapter regarding: Membership, Financial, Marketing, Activities, Maintenance. The nomination, election, and installation of 2025 – 2027 Board of Directors (as noted above) will be followed with discussions /recommendations/actions concerning: Increasing Membership; possible increase in dues; involvement programs/activities/ maintenance. Members are urged to attend this very important meeting.

*Have a Very Merry Christmas and a
Great New Year!*

Rudy

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