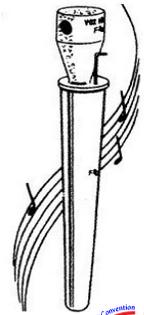
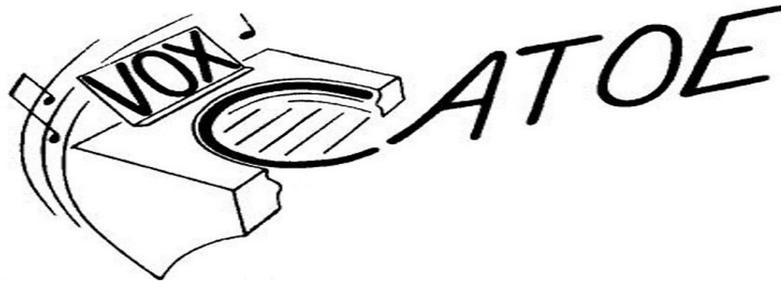


**Winter
2023**

The Newsletter Voice
of the CATOE



Is it really Winter?



Believe me, I am NOT complaining about lack of cold and snow! This has been a big help for us to not have to worry about getting out to work on the organs for the convention or attend convention meetings.

Yes, the convention is my #1 focus right now and I apologize to all of the CATOE membership for our minimal “social time” but once we are past this, we will have 5 top instruments and we will have some great events there. We are planning an “after convention” party for all CATOE members so stay tuned for that!

We will be having a work session at the Arcada and will need help for about 2 hours. Moving restored parts in and taking console parts out to be worked on. We are looking at the week of March 6th or 13th. If you can help, please let me know—email catoe_61@att.net or call 815.955.0255.

We had a great social at Downers Grove North High School back in November. David Rhodes, CATOE Chairman played a fantastic performance on the 3/10 Wurlitzer. “Lilith” had just come back to life after 3 years of not being played. She was a little cranky and a bit out of tune, but David (as always) made her sound like a Choir of Angels! Now that “Lilith” is back up and playable, we hope to have a couple socials at the High School each year (The high school charges us just over \$800 each time we have a social there—which is for the staff that are required to be there during events. We do not pay for the use of the auditorium. The new folks are so wonderful to work with — they love the Wurlitzer!

Update from the Arcada

Wow—lots has been going on at the Arcada. First, David Rhodes has been busily restoring the console. He has put in SAMs (Stop Action Magnets) began stripping away years and years of paint so that the console can be returned to its “red and silver” motif.



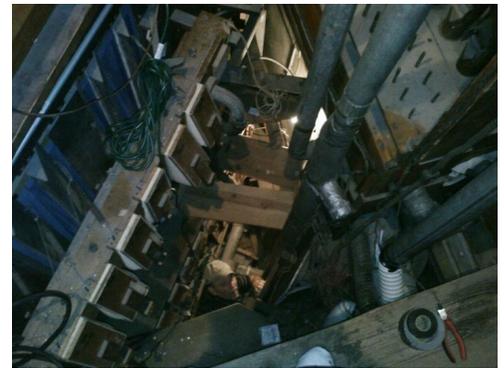
New console bolsters with SAMs. All stop tabs have had the old paper removed and cleaned.



“Crud” removed from the keys

Worn out bushing on the keys that were repaired

More from St. Charles.....



Clockwise—Top—trying out new colors for the front of the Arcada Console....New lighting for the “birds” View in the stage left “Geneva” chamber. Another view of same chamber... and the “new” view after the huge air handler was removed to allow for more space for the organ.



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JATOE our sister chapter will have a social at the Rialto on Sunday March 5th with **Jelani Eddington** at the console. Doors at 1:30 and concert begins at 2:00 pm. Bring treats, friends and your music!

Reels at the Rialto continue with Casablanca on 2/23 and the Wizard of Oz on 3/23. Barton Grande music begins at about 6:30. \$5

David Rhodes continues to perform each Friday at the Tivoli on our own 3/10

Wurlitzer. He plays before the early evening show. Stop in, have some fresh hot popcorn, hear the organ and watch a great movie! The Tivoli Wurlitzer will be featured at the convention!

