

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
American Guild of Organists Utah Valley Chapter*

## *Opening Gala*

*Honoring  
Dr. Parley Belnap  
Organ Professor Emeritus, BYU  
Charter Member, Utah Valley Chapter AGO*

*Thursday, September 11*

*Guest Speaker  
Dr. John Longhurst  
Tabernacle Organist, 1977-2007  
Fellow of the American Guild of Organists*



*Reception begins at half past six o'clock  
Buffet dinner served at quarter past seven o'clock  
Installation of chapter officers for 2008-2010  
Presentation of Distinguished Service Award  
Remarks by Guest Speaker*

*Chillon Reception Center  
710 East Center Street  
Spanish Fork, Utah  
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\$17.50 per person  
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September 11, 2008

### *Program*

#### **Welcome**

Mike Carson  
Incoming Dean

#### **Lifetime Service Award**

Presented by Trudy Barnes  
Incoming Secretary

#### **Invocation**

Carol Dean CAGO

Given to Dr. Parley L. Belnap in recognition  
of his dedicated service and distinguished  
accomplishments in organ education

Buffet dinner by The Chillon staff

#### **Remarks**

Ruth Ann Hay, Sub-Dean 2006-2008

#### **Remarks**

Dr. Parley L. Belnap

#### **Music**

Hymn: *When in our music God is glorified*  
(Everyone sing verse five)

#### **Introduction of Guest Speaker**

Mike Carson

#### **Installation of 2008-2010 Officers**

Dr. Linda Margetts FAGO  
Counselor of Education, Region IX AGO

#### **Guest Speaker**

Dr. John Longhurst FAGO

#### **Music**

J.S. Bach: *O Mensch, beweine' dein' Sünde gross*

#### **Music**

John Rutter: *Gaelic Blessing*

#### **Benediction**

Dr. Douglas E. Bush

Ernest Messerly, tenor  
Leslie Richards, viola  
Lella E. Pomeroy CAGO, piano

## Parley L. Belnap

This evening we are grateful to be able to honor our teacher and mentor, Dr. Parley Belnap. This humble, reserved man has spent his life mastering the massive and powerful organ. We acknowledge the abundance of his contributions. He has creatively dove-tailed duties and obligations with the pursuit of his organ studies. After building a sure foundation, Parley has abundantly shared his knowledge, education and gifts in continual service to others.

**Early Education:** This Hooper, Utah born man was

- encouraged by parents and teachers to pursue an organ career.
- one of his piano teachers encouraged him to study with Tabernacle organist, Frank W. Asper

**1950's:**

- he and future Tabernacle organist, Robert Cundick *played guest recitals on the SLC Tabernacle Organ*
- this *honor strengthened his resolve to pursue* an organ career
- Received his *BA from BYU in 1950*
- 1950-53 Served an *LDS Mission to Germany*
- Remained in Europe 6 months following his mission to study privately with *Marcel Dupre*, professor of organ and director of the Paris Conservatory.
- 1956-Received his *MA in Music Theory and Organ from BYU*
- during this time frame he came under the guidance of J.J. Keeler, professor of organ.
- 1956 drafted by the *US Army, returned to Germany*, making special arrangements to take organ lessons on the weekend in *Belgium, with Flor Peeters, of the Royal Flemish Conservatory* at Antwerp, where he later received the *First Prize degree* with

honors.

- 1964 he was bestowed the highest degree in Organ—the *Hoger Diplom*
- served as organist in the *Hyde Park Chapel in London* during the summer
- June 22, 1962: *Married Bona Belliston*, together they have 7 children, and 17 grandchildren, with 2 more to be born.

#### **BYU Years:**

- 1965-Became one of the *music faculty at BYU*
- Continued his organ studies with teachers such as Everet Hilty, Don Vollstedt, and Dr. Marilyn Mason
- 1975 Achieved his *Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Colorado in Boulder.*
- In his 33 years at BYU (1965-1998) He coordinated *organ studies*, served as University Organist, produced a *group organ* curriculum, developed an *organ certification program*, and administered summer *workshops on Church Music*.
- His Book, "*Hymn Studies for Organists*" is a pedagogical approach to the *art of hymn playing*

#### **Jerusalem Center:**

- Dr. Belnap and Tabernacle organists Robert Cundick and John Longhurst, were appointed to *consult on the construction of a pipe organ* at the *Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies*.
- In 1984 the contract was signed to build the organ.
- 1988, Dr. Belnap returned to *Jerusalem to accept the organ* on behalf of BYU.
- Feb. 4, 1988 he performed *a concert on the new organ* to a capacity audience.

#### **Retirement Years:**

- Several years later, Parley and his wife, Bona, returned to serve and *LDS Mission at the Jerusalem Center.*

- Parley *served as Dean* of this *Utah Valley Chapter* of the American Guild of Organists from 2000-2002
- He currently continues to *teach organists in his Stake*
- Parley has instructed organists in organ registration for service in the *Mount Timpanogos Temple*.
- At this year's Organ Workshop at BYU, he presented a masterful *keynote address*.

In Parley's life, he has *daily sown seeds of good*. And by his *gentle whispers, he has sown blessings* upon many of his students and associates. Dr. Belnap has *sown a character and indeed reaped a great destiny* in his chosen life pursuit.

As Parley has counseled, may we "*prepare well and trust our preparation*" as his life so beautifully exemplifies.

*Thank you, Dr. Belnap, for teaching us* and countless others beyond this room. It is with loving respect and gratitude that we bestow this award:

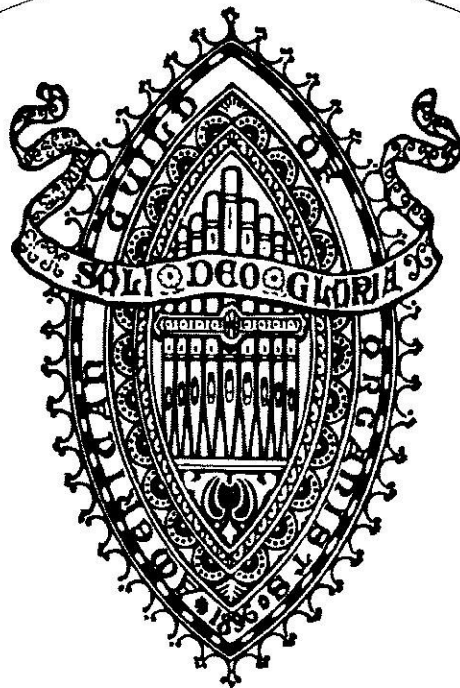
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