



FootNotes



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Directors Notes

Thanks for adapting last week to our unusual circumstances. It was kind of the church to allow us the use of their sanctuary during the termite tenting process. —special thanks to the guys who took the extra time to make the arrangements for us.

I was both surprised and a little alarmed at how many of you will be away for the Inspirational Concert. As you know, I place family commitments first and understand the need to fulfill our obligations, but that understanding does not make the real challenge we face any easier. With many of our strong singers away, it becomes necessary for every single one of us to step up to the plate and become a leader, not a leaner. This is your chance to prove how good a singer you are, how much you've learned, and how dedicated you are. You need to think of yourself as a member of Special Edition, realizing that every word and every note counts for every man, and more than that, more important than ever is properly applied vocal craft and technique. Those of you who have heard the Northern Lights chorus, (many-time silver medalist chorus at International) know that 35 men can make not only a great sound but also a big sound when they perform as a unit. Clean equates to a full and complete sound. Muddy does the opposite. Cleanness comes from accurate pitches, tight synchronization, and a pure unit sound within each section, as well as the chorus as a whole. I am willing to do everything I can to help you achieve a world-class sound, even if we only have 35-45 singers, but that means that you have to do everything that you can as well. Know your notes and words, practice connecting sounds, and exercise the highest level of discipline you are capable of while you are on the risers. Follow me precisely, never take your eyes off my hands and my mouth, and know the interpretive plan so that you can follow my direction with precision.

What will you have to show for all this hard work and dedication? A couple of things: first, the deep satisfaction of knowing that you have done your personal best; secondly, the gratification of singing in one of America's best men's choruses,

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Calendar

- Jun. 28: Lunch Bunch at Linger Lodge.
- Jul. 2 thru 8: 2007 International, Denver, Colorado.
- Jul. 15: First Baptist Church, full chorus performance at their morning service.
- Jul. 22: Church of the Palms, scheduled performance of the Chorus.
- Jul. 29: Harmony University, St. Jo. MO
- Aug. 10: Inspirational Concert at Church of the Palms, Bee Ridge, Sarasota. 7:00 PM
- Aug. 11: Inspirational Concert at Church of the Palms, Bee Ridge, Sarasota. 2:00 PM
- Aug. 31: Labor Day Jamboree, Orlando
- Oct. 5: Fall Convention

Inspirational Concert Repertoire (not in order)

- You'll Never Walk Alone
- How Great Thou Art
- Great in The Faithfulness
- I Believe
- The Lord's Prayer
- God Bless America
- I'll Fly Away
- When There's Love at Home
- Irish Blessing
- How Sweet the Sound Medley
- Hallelujah Chorus

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and most importantly of all, the joy of knowing that you have given of yourself in such a way that has both an immediate and eternal impact on the audience for whom we perform. Now is the time to be the best that you can be!

Onward and Upward!

Stephen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

6-27 Bob McPherson

6-29 Jim Marray

And Spouse

6-28 Radeene Rothweiler, Milt

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6-27 Tom & Marguerite Hankins

6-28 Del & Jan Sinclair

6-30 Steve & Cynthia Eccher

6-30 Don & Mary Shipp

7-1 Walt & Margaret Schlicht

Sunshine News

Leo Mailhotte: still cannot sing but is still involved with his music by transposing 'I'll Fly Away' for Ann's Sweet Ads.

Wilma Love, Sam: still doing chemo & x-rays, tired of it.

Jim Styer: still doing chemo; radiation later.

Nancy Lenny, Charlie: is at SMH with severe abdominal pain. Is improving slooowly.

Charlie Becker: is still hanging in there. What a guy.

Cards, calls & prayers to our friends are always welcome.

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MEETING NIGHT AFTERGLOW

Everyone is Welcome..... to attend our weekly "Afterglow" immediately following the meeting on Tuesday nights. You're invited to wet your whistle, sing songs with the guys, chat with our Director and get a bite to eat in the mall alcove at Applebee's Restaurant on Main Street just a few blocks east of our meeting hall on the corner of the movie theater parking garage. Park along Main Street or pull into the parking garage (it's free at that time of night) and come and ring some chords from 9:45 pm until.....? See you there!

CARE OF THE NEW UNIFORMS

The new tux jackets should **always** be dry cleaned—**never washed**. The new formal trousers may be washed, but **should** really be dry cleaned. It is urged that they be dry cleaned only. The vest should **never** be washed: **must** be dry cleaned when soiled. **ALL PIECES, AFTER EACH SHOW.**

In case you haven't noticed, there is an extra button on the inside pocket of the tux jacket. It is suggested that it be removed to a safe storage place. **Please remember where you store it!!!!**

Each vest has an extra button sewed to the inside lining, It will probably be safer if you remove it & put it with the jacket button.

FALL CRUISE

Pick up your cruise information at sign-in table. Join us aboard the "Sovereign of the Seas" for a 3 night cruise. Oct. 26—29, 2007

DON'T MISS THE BOAT

Make your cruise reservations on-line today. Pick up your cruise flyer & additional info at rear table. Bob Hagen, 923-3843

Thank you for your cooperation,
Jack Webber

Mel Stone Memorial Service

Saturday, July 7th, 2:00 pm at the Auditorium in Bay Village, 8400 Vamo Rd. Sarasota.

We will perform 2 songs that Mel personally requested.

**Amazing Grace
The Hallelujah Chorus**

We will assemble at 1:15 pm—room TBA.

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