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[Piano Technicians Guild](#)

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No meeting in July

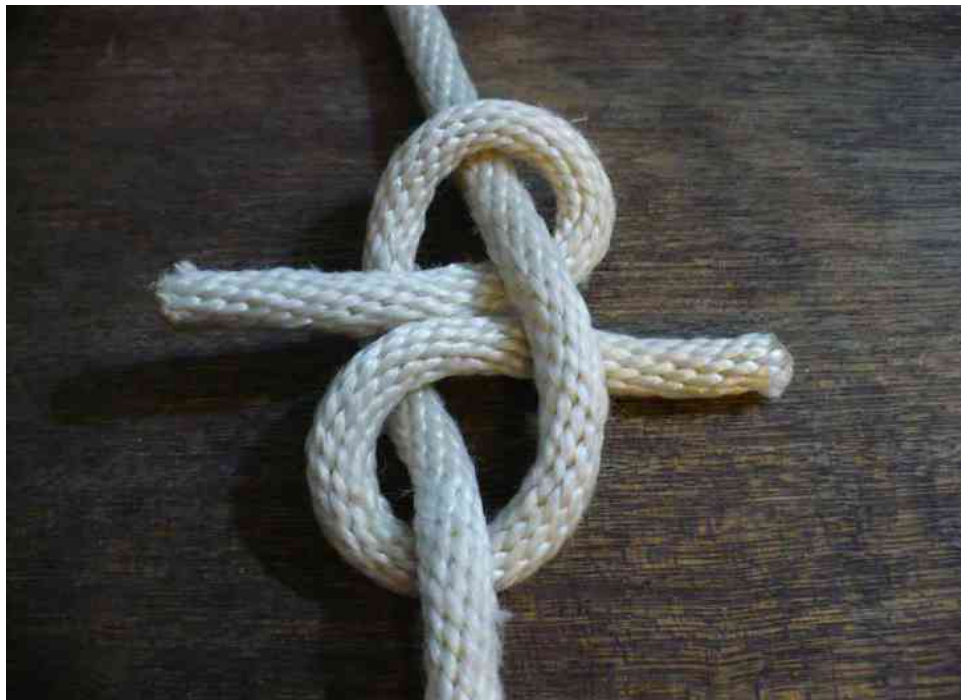
**Minutes for June's meeting
will be in the August newsletter**



Angel Oak Tree, Charleston, South Carolina



Thief's knot
(from the internet)



Tuner's knot
(from the internet)

Piano Links

[*Upcoming Piano Technicians Guild Events*](#)

(Regional and National events, 2014-15)

[*Piano Technicians Journal Media*](#)

(These videos are referenced by the Piano Technician Journal)

[*YouTube Channel*](#)

[*Virtual Piano Appraisal*](#)

(This virtual-piano-appraisal link can save you some time and educate customers all in a very nice easy going way ... David Estey, RPT)

[*Determine The Condition of Your Piano*](#)

(This .pdf won't make you an expert, nor will it solve your technical problems, but it will help you spot a nightmare in the making ... David Estey, RPT)

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Oklahoma Chapter Newsletter Editor
Keith McGavern, RPT

~ High Lights ~

[Lara Fabian](#)
(Always)

[Angelina Jordan](#)
(Fly Me to the Moon)
(editor note: guitarist ain't no slouch)

[Abigail & Brittany Hensel](#)
(The Twins Who Share a Body)

[Brenda dos Santos & Renato Vianna](#)
(Endless Love)

[Kumho](#)
(Chopin Polonaise No.5, Op.44)

[Jackie Evancho w/David Foster](#)
(Pie Jesu & O mio babbino caro)

[Sting](#)
(TED - How I started writing songs again)

[Joni Mitchell](#)
(A Case of You + a display of her artwork & pics of her life)

[Salut Salon](#)
(Competitive Foursome)
(We'll Meet Again)

[John Legend & Lindsey Stirling](#)
(All of Me)

[The Way Kids See It](#)

[Bond](#)
(String Quartet, live from the Royal Hall)

[Sylvia Urban](#)
(Pink Floyd - Comfortably Numb electric guitar solo cover)

[Pierre-Laurent Aimard](#)
(Debussy's "Préludes" captured with interpretations)

[A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera](#)
(Say Something)

Executive Outlook

July 2014

Electing Leaders

*Norman Cantrell, RPT
PTG President*



It is July and this is the month that many members of PTG will gather in Atlanta for the annual PTG Institute and Convention. Prior to the beginning of classes, delegates from your chapter will gather for Council. For years we have conducted the business of PTG in this manner. One of the items on the agenda every year is the election of officers. The president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and seven regional vice presidents will form your board of directors.

What exactly qualifies a person to serve on the board of directors? Most of us operate small businesses that may have one or two employees beside ourselves. A few of the members have stores and small groups of sales people and service techs, but a lot of the members are sole proprietors. This background give us great insight into the minds of the members, but the reality is that the board of directors oversees a corporate structure that includes a budget of over 1.4 million dollars of income and a full-time staff of eight employees. Board members also answer to roughly 3600 PTG members. In addition to these management responsibilities, each member of the board is legally liable for the decisions made during the course of holding office.

So how does one learn to be a corporate officer? Most of us have enjoyed a bit of on-the-job training in our service to PTG. I daresay that incorporating targeted leadership training into the mix for your board of directors on an ongoing basis would be an investment in the future of PTG. There are several options for corporate training, and we will need to decide which one best fits our needs. We as an organization have demonstrated a commitment to continuing education by providing opportunities for our members to hone their craft at local, regional and national levels. Better-informed and educated technicians serve the needs of their customers more effectively. The same can be said for your board. The better informed and educated they are as corporate officers, the better they can serve the needs of PTG.

PTG offered a leadership challenge to our chapters this year. Several members who were selected will be attending that training with the hope of fostering better leaders at the chapter and regional levels. Your newly elected board will also be attending those same leadership classes in Atlanta as well. I look forward to serving you again next year.

An amazing project by David Love, RPT
from my.ptg.org

[Saving Plate Signatures](#)

before



after



Request received from [Ross Trawick](#) June 28th

Greetings Mr. Mac! Hope all is well with you.

I have a question I would like to submit to the Chapter seeking some assistance in properly identifying a brand of piano I moved and tuned for a church here in Norman recently. The piano was a donation from an individual, and it was a high gloss ebony finish (this is a baby grand by the way), and this piano seems to be of reasonably good quality as it had good tone overall after getting it in tune, but one thing I would like to find out is what brand it is as it was missing the fall board and the music desk and rack.

The only identifying source it had was a round decal on the soundboard that said "World Class German Technic" and a serial or model number that started with the letters "DG" and then a set of numbers following that. I would like to help the client with identifying what brand of piano this is so that a replacement fall board and music rack might be obtained to make the piano "whole " again.

Any assistance that any of the members could provide from their knowledge or experience of a piano possessing this decal on the soundboard would be greatly appreciated. The piano is believed to have been made in China. Many thanks !

(please reply directly to Ross on the link provided in the header)

SILLY CARTOON FROM THE INTERNET



Piano Technician's Menu

by Wim and Jan Blee
from [Eating Well on the Run](http://my.ptg.org)
on my.ptg.org

Drinks

Your choice of balance or front rail punch
A diminished 5th of Jack Daniels
Egg knob
A Case of Beer
So-La-Ti (our special blend of herb tea)

Appetizers (Hors D'oeuvres)

Stuffed mushroom Capstans
Deep Fried Soundboard Buttons
String cheese
Egg drop screw soup
Southern Fried Key buttons
Marinated monkey

Miscellaneous (A LA Cart)

Stack of pancakes
Treble string beans
Lettuce wedge
Key bed of spinach
Sour "do" piano rolls
Half baked piano rolls
(let off the stove 1⁶th hour early
Wippen Potatoes (served with spoons)
Potatoes chipped, (up to 445)

Pork, Steak, Lamb & Poultry

Butt steak
Pork belly rail
Bar-B-Q Baby Back Check Ribs
Hammer shank Steak
New York Temperament Strip Steak
Let-off rack of Lamb
Dark & White Turkey
Becket O' Chicken

C Food

Lobster Tails
Bass Strings
Fish Prop Sticks
Jack Salmon
Fillet of Sol

Desserts.

Key Lime pie
Plate Horn O' Plenty