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of the American Guild of Organists

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FROM THE DEAN

2017. Can it be? As I get older the years seem to fly by more quickly. And this Chapter year (July – June is certainly moving along at a rapid pace.

Chapter membership is remaining relatively steady with paid memberships at 86. This past autumn we conducted a mail membership campaign promoting a six-month free trial membership. As a result we gained a few new paid memberships and one person has decided to take advantage of the free membership.

We have to keep in mind, though, that the most effective way to gain new members is to invite and bring prospective members to our meetings.

As of December 15 our treasury balance is \$13,635.44.

Our website continues to be an effective means of communication, especially the events area. One of the popular new features is the link to Google maps that provides directions to event sites.

During the week of December 5-11, 2016, the website had 127 visits. Most of these visits were from folks in Florida, but there were visits from as far away as Kansas, California, Canada, China and Germany.

Our first two Chapter events were well attended. The September theatre organ program was enjoyed by all. The October choral reading session, presented by members, attracted a large number of singers. Everyone left with a number of useful anthems to be used in the future.

Coming up this month is a recital by Jeremy Filsell at St Boniface Episcopal Church on Friday, January 13. And on Thursday, January 12, you have an opportunity to have lunch with Mr. Filsell. You don't want to miss these!

During January the nominating committee will be putting together a slate of officers and board members to serve the following year. If contacted, we hope that you will agree to serve your Chapter. We continue to provide educational and cultural events to our church musicians and friends only because of the willingness of our membership to assume leadership roles.

Happy New Year!

Dwane Grace, Dean

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

■ **Loretta Atkinson**, Venice, transferred membership from the Tidewater (Virginia Beach, VA) to our chapter. ■ **Terri Chapman, Sarasota**, organist and Worship Ministry Director, St James United Methodist Church.

IN MEMORIUM

■ We are saddened to learn of the death of Chapter member R Barry Crook, a Venice resident. A member of Venice Presbyterian Church, Barry died this past June at his home. He was born November 2, 1929 and had lived a number of years in New Orleans before moving to Florida.

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENTS Not to Be Missed

Lunch with Jeremy Filsell ■

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Noon.
St. Boniface Episcopal Church
5615 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota

There will be a small cash charge for lunch. Please RSVP with Janet Davis by Friday, January 6 at 941.209.5275 or janmato10@icloud.com.

Organ/Piano Concert, Jeremy Filsell ■

Friday, January 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Boniface Episcopal Church
5615 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota

Chapter members admitted free.



England-born **Jeremy Filsell**, widely recognized as one of the few virtuoso performers who concertizes equally as organist and pianist! With piano concerti repertoire from Mozart and Beethoven to Rachmaninoff, solo piano repertoire from Schubert to Howells to Gershwin, and a vast organ repertoire including the complete works of Marcel Dupre, Filsell's program will offer great variety, interest and an elegant British "pomp."

"Jeremy Filsell is a gifted performer, as a pianist and also as an organist, and he is a most convincing and persuasive guide to this repertoire. He has an especially pleasing colour at softer dynamics when necessary he is inwardly brooding or outwardly ebullient imaginatively and expressively played...." (Gramophone, London)

Organ Concert, Dexter Kennedy ■

Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church of Bradenton

4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

Kennedy recently won the Chartres competition. Members admitted free. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray concert expenses.

As the winner of the Grand Prix d'Interprétation at the 24th Concours International d'Orgue de



Chartres, Dexter Kennedy has established himself internationally as "one of the greatest organists of our times" (Iceland Monitor). Praised for his "prodigious technique and grand style musicality" in *The American Organist*, Dexter Kennedy currently serves on the music faculty of the College of Wooster

(Ohio) as Instructor of Organ and Harpsichord.

Kennedy is an active recitalist throughout both North America and Europe, having performed in great cathedrals, churches, and concert halls.

He holds the Artist Diploma from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. His principal teachers include James David Christie, Martin Jean, Olivier Latry, and Jeffrey Brillhart. He is currently Assistant Organist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe (MI). More information can be found at his website, www.dexterkenedy.com.

FUTURE CHAPTER EVENTS

New Schantz Pipe Organ Introduction ■

Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Siesta Key Chapel

4615 Gleason Avenue at Ocean Blvd, Sarasota

Cynthia Roberts-Greene will present the new Schantz followed by Cynthia and your officers playing useful preludes/postludes. Program to be followed by dessert bites.

Bach Concerti for 4 Harpsichords ■

Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church of Bradenton

4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

Exciting program with rarely performed concerti... for 4, 3, and 2 harpsichords at Christ Church, Bradenton. Members admitted free.

Organ Concert, Ken Cowan ■

Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 S Palm Ave, Sarasota .

Members admitted free.

Organ Concert, Vincent Dubois ■

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

1031 S Euclid Ave, Sarasota

Vincent Dubois was recently appointed titular at Notre Dame, Paris.

Members admitted free.

Annual Chapter Banquet ■

Monday, May 22, 2017

St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church

40 N Adams Drive, Sarasota

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Solemn Eucharist & Feast of the Epiphany ■

featuring "Amahl and the Night Visitors"

Sunday, January 6, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

Horns-a-Plenty ■

The First brass of Sarasota

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 4 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

2256 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota

Solemn Evensong in G ■

by *Herbert Sumsion*

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

Piano Recital, Andrew Lapp ■

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

104 South Pineapple Ave, Sarasota

Organ Recital, Dextor Kennedy ■

Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Christ Church

4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

Musica Sacra Cantorum ■

Music by Durufle and Poulenc

Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

Mozart's "Requiem" Lecture & Discussion ■

Richard P. Benedum, DMA

Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Christ Church Parish Hall

4030 Manatee Ave. W, Bradenton

Couperin's "Concert Royal" ■

Mark Kroll, Harpsichord; Carol Liberman, Violin

Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

The Merling Trio ■

Piano, Violin, and Cello

Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Pine Shores Presbyterian Church

6116 Crestwood Avenue, Sarasota

Highland Games ■*Jacobite Pipe Band*Saturday, February 4, 2017 (*time unknown*)

Sarasota County Fairgrounds

3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota

Mardi Gras ■*The First Brass of Sarasota with Sharon Scott*

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 4 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

2256 Bahia Vista, Sarasota

Letourneau Pipe Organ Recital ■*10th Anniversary Celebration*

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Christ Church

4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**AGO Southwest Region Jubilee ■**

The Tallahassee Chapter AGO is hosting the Southeast Region January Jubilee on February 3 and 4 in partnership with the Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference. Additional information may be found on page 68 of the December issue of *The American Organist*.

AGO Southeast Regional Convention ■

The AGO Southeast 2017 Regional Convention will be held June 11-14 in Jacksonville (the “Bold City”) and St. Augustine (the Oldest City). World-class artists include Raúl Prieto Ramírez, Christopher Houlihan, Chelsea Chen, and Jan Kraybill. Final banquet and concert are in the riverfront Jacoby Symphony Hall with its Casavant organ. Additional information and registration is available at www.agojax2017.com.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**Lutheran Summer Music Program ■**

Encourage young organists to apply for the Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival.

Lutheran Music Program has selected Kenneth Miller to serve as the Regina Holmen Fryxell and Patricia Schad Leege Chapel Organist at the 2017 Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) from June 25 to July 23 on the campus of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Miller currently serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music and Organist and Choirmaster of the Chapel of the Apostles at the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

As a member of the artistic faculty, Miller will maintain a private organ studio, teach the Introduction to Pipe Organ elective class, and serve as a member of the LSM worship team. In addition to serving as primary organist for all LSM worship services, Miller will also perform as a soloist and with the LSM Bach Cantata.

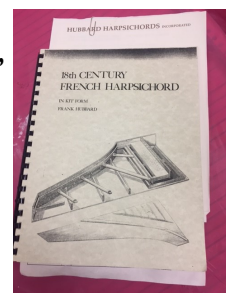
Lutheran Summer Music is a four-week residential training and performance program. Each summer, LSM brings together 150+ 8-12 grade band, orchestra, choir, keyboard and organ students from the U.S. and abroad in a supportive, intentional community.

AGO members from the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter are invited to refer students for the 2017 convening of Lutheran Summer Music Academy. All students using the application code AGO200 will receive an automatic \$200 tuition discount. Other merit and need-based assistance is available. For more information, go to lutheransummermusic.org or contact Dietrich Jessen and Kristina Rodel, Admissions Directors, at 888.635.6583 or via email at admissions@lutheransummermusic.org.

FOR SALE**French Harpsichord ■**

18th century French harpsichord, in kit form. Call John Ferreira at 941.376.6233 for more information.

(Cover of instruction manual.)



CHAPTER INFORMATION

Website ■ agosm.org

Here you'll find the full chapter calendar of events the Deans' message, as well as the other concerts and events of interest planned for the wider Manatee and Sarasota county areas.

We have added links to a map of all the posted event sites for the convenience of our members and guests. Just click on the address link below the event description and Google Maps will take you there. Once the map software takes you there you can easily get directions to the event site by typing in your address. I encourage you to take time to explore all it has to offer.

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