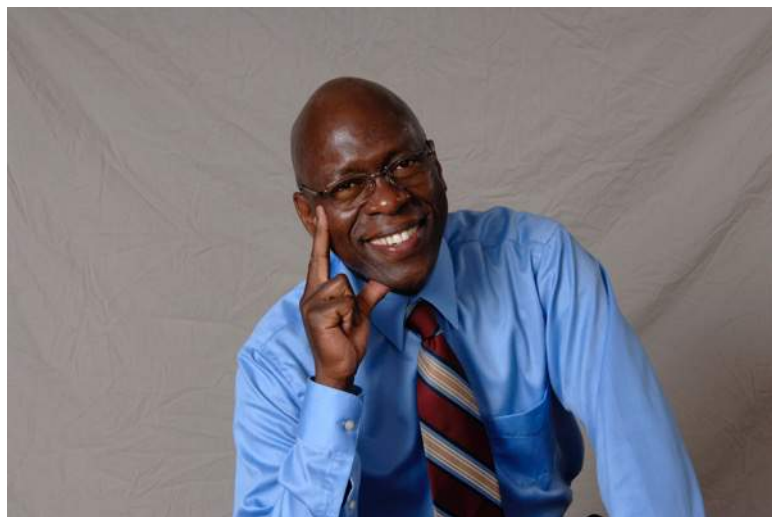


THE COUPLER

The Dean's Message



Dear Members -

Thanksgiving greetings to you all.

As we enter this beautiful season of thankfulness and celebration we come to realize that we all have many things to be thankful for.

The crisp cool weather, the beautiful colors of the falling leaves and the rare and daunting sight of a super moon all seem to enhance our anticipation as we move closer to the season of Advent.

On a more personal note, I am thankful for the

speedy recovery of my friend and Co-Dean, Russell Weismann following a recent emergency appendectomy.

But I must also give a shout out to all of you, the members of this chapter, who continue to offer your warm and genuine support of our efforts to accomplish our mission.

We are challenged with the task of promoting the performance and education of excellent organ and choral music

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SAVE THE DATE

12th Night Dinner

Tri-Chapter AGO Event

**Monday Evening
January 9, 2017**

6:30 Rehearsal

7:15 Service

7:45 Dinner

See page 5 for details

2016-2017 DC AGO Chapter Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 25 at 7:00 pm
Opening Convocation and Installation of Officers
with Eileen Gunther officiating and
recitalist Chris Betts
Church of the Redeemer
6201 Dunrobbin Dr.
Bethesda, Maryland 20816

Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 pm
Tri-Chapter Pipes Spectacular
Johann Vexo, Organist
National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20016

Monday, January 9, 2017
Twelfth Night Service and Catered Dinner
With members of the Potomac and NOVA Chapters
All Saints Episcopal Church
3 Chevy Chase Circle
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Monday, February 20, 2017
Presidents' Day Organ Festival
Including a session with The American Boychoir
and other workshops
More information to come

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Tuesday, March 14, 2017
 An evening with Past AGO President, Dr. John Walker
 Co-Sponsored with the DC/Arlington NPM chapter
 The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More
 3901 N Cathedral Lane
 Arlington, VA 22203

May 2017
 Potomac Organ Institute Student Recital



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in our community and around the globe. And with your generous and enthusiastic help, we are doing just that.

My grateful thanks to our amazing members.

This fall has already been filled with many wonderful and inspiring performances and activities. Pipes Spectacular, with French organist Johann Vexo and hosted by the tri-chapters at National Presbyterian Church back in October was a thrilling experience.

The 4th annual Halloween Organ Spectacular, hosted by member Lon Schreiber treated its audience to a healthy dose of spooky and frightening sounds and costumes. AGO members Carol Feather-Martin, Ted Gustin, Lon Schreiber and yours truly used the opportunity to exploit the ample resources of the newly installed (2013) V manual console, 6000 pipes, 118 rank, Austin Organ of the First Baptist Church in the city of Washington, D.C.

One of my favorite pastimes is to attend the Friday Music at Midday series of noontime concerts at National City Christian Church. These concerts regularly feature a nice combination of very talented local and internationally know organists with occasional collaborations with vocalists and instrumentalists.

One such performance of note occurred on October 28th when AGO member Stephen Kalnoske performed with the choirs of Damascus and Marriott's Ridge High Schools. Mr. Kalnoske accompanied the choirs and performed an improvisation on a selected theme from host and member Dr. Michael McMahon.

While we were disappointed to have to cancel our road trip to Atlantic City, (the animals won that one) I would highly encourage you to take advantage of the wealth of offerings available right here in the D.C. metropolitan area: The Monastery Series, 12th Night and the President's Day Organ Festival at metro center featuring the American Boychoir to name a few.

You may find more information about these and other events included in this newsletter.

If you have not done so already please take the opportunity to check out an article in the November issue of TAO entitled "Remembering J. Reilly Lewis" by Margaret Shannon.

Lastly, I would like to encourage each of you to seriously consider attending our 2017 regional convention in Richmond, Virginia, June 25-28.

The convention will feature some of our outstanding local talent. But in addition to that, it is my sincere belief that attending our conventions serves to energize us and renew our spirits and convictions as they relate to our love of music.

I sign off with the words of our recently elected National President, Michael Bedford, AAGO, CHM..."Thank you for your continued care and feeding of the American Guild of Organists, and for being its lifeblood!"

Sincerely,

Irvin

Twelfth Night

An annual Tri-Chapter event, hosted by Potomac Chapter AGO

Monday, January 9

All Saints Episcopal Church, 3 Chevy Chase Circle, Chevy Chase, MD

6:30 pm Rehearsal – singers are attendees

7:15 pm Service

7:45 pm Dinner

Twelfth Night Dinner

Cost per AGO member is \$20. Each AGO member may bring one guest at the subsidized rate of \$20. Each extra guest pays full price of \$35.

Please note: RSVP is for dinner, only. If you plan on coming to the service, but not stay for dinner, you need not make a reservation.

Please RSVP via RSVP link by Thursday, January 5, 2017. You need to indicate chapter affiliation and guest (if you bring one.)

You may RSVP via mail by mailing your check to Gerald Piercey by Friday, December 16, 2016. You need to indicate chapter affiliation and guest (if included).

Gerald Piercey, 4008 Decatur Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895

MENU

Hot Crab Dip with Crostini

Artisanal Cheese Platter with Nuts and Dried Fruit

Braised Short Ribs

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Oven Roasted Salmon

Wild Mushroom Risotto

Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings

Warm Edamame Salad with Walnuts

Rustic Bread and Butter

Tiramisu Cake

Strawberry Romanoff Cake

Still and Sparkling Water

Decaf Coffee and Tea with Condiments

Wine



Members' Events

Sunday, November 6, 5 pm

Marching to Zion: Saints in Story and Song
Christ Church Alexandria

Sunday, November 13, 7 pm

Benefit Concert for Flood Relief with the
American Red Cross
First Presbyterian Church, Arlington

Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 pm

Northern Virginia AGO Chapter Member
Recital
Saint Theresa Catholic Church, Asburn, VA

Friday, November 18, 12:15 pm

Music at Midday
National City Christian Church
Organist Sherry Turner Graveson presents
Music for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 20, 3 pm

Organ Recital
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda
Organist Russell Weismann

Friday, December 2, 12:15 pm

Music at Midday
National City Christian Church
Organist Van Knauss

Sunday, December 4, 4 pm

Fort Washington Community Chorus
Presents Excerpt from Handel's *Messiah*
With soloist and chamber orchestra, Irvin
Peterson, Conductor
Forest Heights Baptist Church, 6371 Oxon
Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD

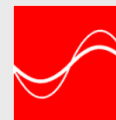
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A new addition to The Coupler, we would like to include various rare and little-known factoids about our local churches and organs. If you have some information, no matter how odd or quirky about instruments or church buildings in the DC Chapter area, please send us an email and let us know.

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Music @ the Monastery

Located on forty-four acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, the Franciscan Monastery (Mount St. Sepulchre Franciscan Monastery) is a beautiful architectural gem hidden in the northeast corner of Washington, D.C. Built in 1899 in the shape of a Jerusalem Cross in neo-Byzantine architectural style, the Monastery includes gardens, replicas of various shrines throughout Israel, a replica of the catacombs in Rome, an archive, a library, as well as bones of Saint Benignus of Armagh, brought from the Roman Catacombs and originally in the Cathedral of Narni, Italy. The Monastery's Lively-Fulcher pipe organ was built in 1998 and contains forty ranks of pipes over three manuals and pedal.

Together with the Franciscan Monastery, the DC AGO is proud to support a series of community outreach musical events titled, "Music @ the Monastery". These events are free of charge and take place on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome!

2016-2017 Recitalists

October 9	<i>Russell Weismann (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Parish - Bethesda, Maryland)</i>
November 13	Carl Schwartz (All Hallows Parish - Davidsonville, Maryland)
December 11	Iris Lan (New York, NY)
January 8	Clarice Snyder (Washington, DC)
February 12	Nathan Davy (National Shrine - Washington, DC)
March 12	Brass and Organ (Brass of Peace Ensemble with Lisa Galoci, Organist)
April 9	Ronald Butts-Boehmer (Messiah Lutheran Church - Germantown, Maryland)
May 14	Paul Skevington (Saint Luke Catholic Church - McLean, Virginia)

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