



Dean's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

I am very excited to take on the role of Dean for our chapter! I do so with great humility and an eagerness to serve. As I look at all of the past deans since 1922, there are a lot of names that I have great respect for, including our most recent past deans. It is my goal and honor to follow in their footsteps and try my best by God's grace to uphold the standards they have set.

I'd like to also take a moment to remember Rene Zajner, who was our Photographer and Social Media Communicator. He has left some important shoes to fill, and I'm happy to say that we have individuals willing to step in and take those roles over. David Sinden will take over the Social Media, and Dawn Riske is willing to fill in as Photographer until we have someone who can take that on. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to take photos and be able to process them to make them magazine-ready, please let me know. Rene's memorial service will be on September 9th at Our Lady of Providence at 11:00 AM. A reminder will be sent.

I'd also like to thank Kendra Ruesler for serving as Membership Coordinator in conjunction with our Registrar, Regina Morris. Kendra has accepted the role of Convention Secretary for our 2026 National Convention. Mary Beth Wittry has agreed to take over along with being our Sub-Dean.

Finally, it is my hope to learn more about what our membership would like to see in our programming for future events, and what interests you may have. During the leadership meeting at the National Convention in Seattle this past Summer, my fellow colleagues talked about ideas they have for their chapter which prompted me to ask myself "What do I want to accomplish during my tenure?" I'd like to know more about what would help increase attendance and interest in our programs throughout the year. I'd like to know how the chapter can assist you in your work in your respective churches or schools. What excites you about the organ and being an organist (or organ enthusiast?).

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More to come ... and I would love to hear your thoughts and concerns.

My hopes and best wishes to you all!

Your humble servant,

Jeff White, CAGO
Dean



Organ Recital

**Sunday, September 25, 2022, 3 p.m.
St Monica Church**

Organist **Heather Martin Cooper** will play a recital in celebration of the parish Sesquicentennial year. The program will include works by Paul Hindemith, Anton Heiller, Margaret Sandresky, and several shorter pieces from France, Germany and the USA based on well-loved hymn tunes. Organ music composed from 1871 to the present day will be played on the 1991 Martin Ott organ. All are welcome, and a reception follows.

Sub-Dean's Column

Greetings to all, and welcome to our new chapter year of 2022-2023!

I am pleased and honored to be working this year with our Dean, Jeff White, and the rest of the Executive Committee to offer all of us a worthy program of events. We will have opportunities to enjoy fellowship, pray and sing together, continue our own formation, and of course, listen to lovely playing!

May you all be blessed in your service to our churches this year. As, always,
Soli Deo Gloria!

Mary Beth Wittry
Sub-dean of the STL AGO



AGO Programs for 2022-2023

Monday, September 12, 2022

Opening Banquet and Event at the Rigali Center

20 Archbishop May Drive, 63119

6:15 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Drinks

The AGO will have host a combined event with National Association of Pastoral Musicians at the Cardinal Rigali Center.

The evening will begin with Vespers, continue with dinner and social time. We will have a chance to meet and greet three new musicians in St. Louis:

Andrew Kreigh (Cathedral Basilica),

Spencer Smith (Second Presbyterian Church), and

Dominic Richards (Christ Prince of Peace).

**Please RSVP to Cathy Bolduan at 314-853-5011 or
kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com**

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Organ Crawl with Martin Ott

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Martin Ott has built many lovely instruments in the St. Louis area which we hope to hear and play for a day of organ fun with lunch together in between organ visits.

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Monday, November 21, 2022

Thanksgiving Service at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Service

Stephen Eros will lead all of us with choir and brass in a beautiful and inspiring Thanksgiving service, and Rich Thompson (Cathedral Director of Music) be our host at the beautiful Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. Rich will show us the lovely organ and the new counsel.

Friday, January 6

Epiphany Party 6:00 p.m.

Rick Burk, our 2020-2022 Dean, has graciously offered his home for our Epiphany bash!

Saturday, February 12

Festival Flourish at Peace Lutheran Church

Time TBA

The day will include workshops for continuing education and formation in our role as organists and church musicians, and time for fellowship.

Monday, March 27

Members' Concert at Grace United Methodist

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Concert

We will be looking for volunteers to play in this concert. Please consider yourself invited to play!

Monday, May 22

Closing Banquet, 6:30 dinner

The venue will be announced very soon. We will gather for a lovely meal to celebrate the year, and afterwards the chapter will recognize and thank the officers who have served the chapter in 2022-2023, recognize chapter awards, and install the newly elected officers for 2023-2024.

If Organists Wrote the Wedding Column

On Saturday, the fifth of August, at well after the stated time of 2:00 P.M., Ann Jones and Bob Smith were married at Our Lady of Sorry Acoustics. The groom wore a black suit and the bride wore a dress. The organist's shoes, in tasteful basic black, were by Organmaster.

The organ is a rebuild by Harvey Piston Schotz VI of a 2m Whisk which contains pipework from the original Ox tracker that existed before the tragic fire. The harmonic flute is to die for and the cor anglais is like buttah, but the combination action is unreliable.

There were attendants all over the place, but the organist still got only 3/4 of the way through "The Prince of Denmark's March" with no repeats, ending in the dominant. That the 8' Tuba was the central feature of the processional was obvious; this could be seen on the smiling faces of everyone in attendance.

After a few minutes of some speaking by some clergy-type, the organist played the first four phrases of the Schubert "Ave Maria" (in E-flat) on the Gemshorn 8' while the couple did something. Later, the bride's sister's best friend's adopted niece breathily sang "The Wedding Song" from the balcony, without interludes. (The organist left them in.) This didn't matter because she used the microphone, obliterating the subtle chiff of the Gedeckt 8'.

The recessional was the Mendelssohn, played on a satisfying plenum. It was played in ABABA form to fit the length of the movement.

The guests talked throughout the postlude, but the organist added stops as the noise level increased, masterfully maneuvering each draw knob, coupler, and reversible WITHOUT MISSING A SINGLE NOTE OF THE WIDOR!!! This noble feat did not go unnoticed by the congregation, as attested to by the audible sighs of relief which were heard as soon as the music stopped.

The bride and groom went to college somewhere, but they did not take any music appreciation courses. After their honeymoon somewhere, they plan to blend into suburbia, where the highlight of each year will undoubtedly be the replaying of their wedding video and reliving each musical moment.

-from <http://www.danwebs.com/chorg/humor.html>

HELP WANTED!



Do you like taking pictures of people and places? Do you want to be part of the St. Louis AGO team with not much work required? Do you have a smart phone or a digital camera? You might be the person we need to be the official photographer for our chapter. Talk to Dawn Riske about how much time that takes.

If you are interested, please contact Jeff White at email dean@agostlouis.org or jawhite1967@gmail.com.



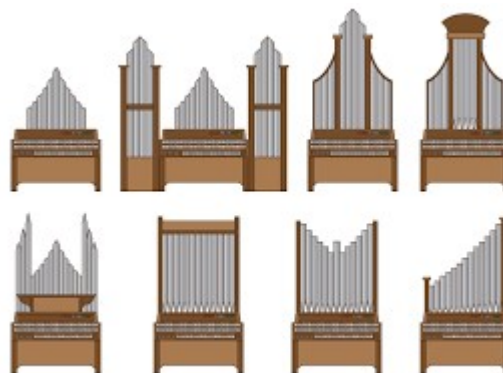
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