



Zacharias Hildebrandt Organ (1746)
Stadtkirche St. Wenzel, Naumburg
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FROM THE DEAN

Chapter members,

Happy New Year! I do hope that you were able to enjoy, and share, blessings and peace this Christmas and holiday season. One New Year toast states 'Out with the old, and in with the new!'

And now all of us are hopeful that we can put this past year behind us.

Things seem encouraging that 2021 will be a better year for us. May the New Year bring peace, joy and happiness!

There are lots of updates for you in this newsletter. We share notes here about the upcoming chapter programs, board updates and news about a 'new' pipe organ in our metro area. And we again offer some live and virtual chapter events, we hope to have you join us!

Mike

JANUARY PROGRAM

Organ Music Reading Session
Monday, January 18, 2021 7:30 PM
Zoom only

We plan to share during this virtual meeting short video clips of public domain music available on IMSLP. Thanks to the members that have

volunteered to assist with this program. We will talk about IMSLP and hear some samples of free music available there. We will make our next chapter virtual-only meeting a chance to share our collective knowledge with each other and possibly discover some new music. The details for Zoom will be sent to the members about a week prior to this program. We will hold a short chapter meeting as we start this meeting at 7:30 pm. See you on Zoom!

CALENDAR REMINDERS: (More information at KcAGO.COM)

Monday, January 18, 2021

7:30 PM Organ Music Reading Session

ZOOM MEETING ONLY

Episc. Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs MO

Sunday, February 14, 2021

4:00 PM David Briggs in Recital - Great Spaces
Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka KS

Sunday, March 14, 2021

2:00 - 5:00 PM Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, KCMO

Monday, April 19, 2021

7:30 PM Reuter in Recital

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Olathe KS

Sunday, May 2, 2021

2:00 - 6:00 PM Bachathon XLII
Village Presbyterian Church, PV KS

Monday, May 17, 2021

7:30 PM Jacob Hofeling - German Romantics
Atonement Lutheran Church, OP KS

Monday, June 7, 2021

6:00 PM Chapter Potluck
Liberty Christian Church, Liberty, MO

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

David Briggs in Recital

Sunday, February 14, 2021 4:00 PM

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

701 SW 8th Ave Topeka, KS 66603

Currently this program is planned for us to collaborate with Grace Cathedral and the Topeka AGO chapter for a Great Spaces event. There we will enjoy the musical mastery of David Briggs, currently Artist-in-Residence at the Cathedral of St John the Divine, New York City, and also Organist Emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral, UK. In talking with Steve Burk, we are exploring possibly moving this program to later in the year once pandemic restrictions are more relaxed. **So more details to come for that.** And thanks to all who completed the chapter survey for this program. From those responses we will not plan for a bus nor will we host for dinner if this program remains in February. We will keep the members updated via email about this program.

MARCH PROGRAM

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Sunday

March 14, 2021 2:00-5:00 PM

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

416 W 12th St Kansas City, MO 64105

We have a PPP committee now, consisting of Dan Brown, Stephanie Henry, Mario Pearson, Ann Posey and your dean. The committee has met to start planning for this event. Many thanks to the members that are working on this committee. If you would still like to join us please send an email to dean@kcago.com. As the committee met we realized that the Kansas City Symphony is scheduled to perform the Organ Concerto, Op. 4, No. 4, by G.F. Handel with our very own Jan Kraybill at 1 pm and 5 pm on Sunday, March 21, 2021. With this information we have moved the PPP event to Sunday, March 14, 2021 2-5 pm. Jan says it is still too early to know what will happen for the KCS event. They are set to begin performances again in January, and more details can be found on their website: kcsymphony.org/coronavirus. So more to come around KCS events and our chapter PPP event.

Obviously all of these events require special considerations due to pandemic restrictions needed to ensure safety for all. And the hope is that we will be able to enjoy all of these events!

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Continuing a review of resources at agohq.org, Lesson 11 from *Lessons for the New Organist* is entitled "Does the Shoe Fit?" Organ Shoes and Bench Height. Fred Hohman discusses the advantages of organ shoes and the features to look for in them. He prefers leather soles and heels, and notes that the heel should be at least 1 inch in height. He point outs that the shoes should be light weight and "balanced". He demonstrates how to find the proper height for the bench.

In *The Master Series IV* part 2, Gerre Hancock is shown doing masterful improvisations. He studied French Improvisation, but made it American Style Improvisation in an era when few other American Organists were practicing the art. It's reported that in one service at St. Thomas, the choir sang a movement from a Haydn Mass, he then improvised for 4 and 1/2 minutes and across 200 years of music to the next piece which was by Messiaen.

Gerre encouraged organists to be involved in the worship and "tuned in" to what was happening in the building. For hymns, it was always words first, music second. The mood of his playing shifted from one verse to the next to match the text. The next AGO Young Organist seminar is entitled: *Young Conductors' and Organists' guide to Church Music*. It is January 8th at 11 Central Time, again, accessible from agohq.org.

Dan Cline Personal Development Chair

CHAPTER BOARD NEWS

For the time being our chapter board meetings will continue as virtual only using Zoom. We will communicate updates into next year if this changes. The chapter board meetings in early 2021, all on a Saturday, are scheduled for Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 and May 8. See you on Zoom!

Your Chapter Needs You!

Our chapter's Nominations Committee, chaired by Dan Brown, is busy recruiting members to serve in an elected position on our chapter board. We always need candidates to serve on long-range planning and especially as sub-dean. Even if you already have served on the board or as sub-dean/dean, we would love to have you serve with us again!

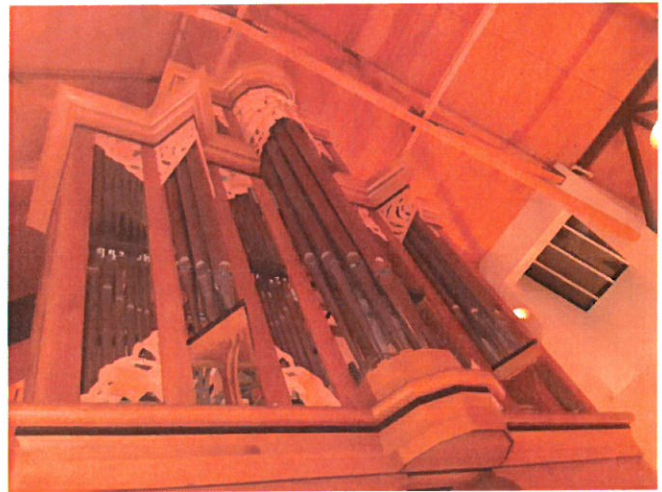
Please seriously consider to say Yes! as you are asked to serve on the board. Thanks to all of our members that have already agreed to have their name on the election ballot for next year. We greatly appreciate all of our members serving on the chapter board. Together we achieve more!

THE ORGAN OVER THE DOOR NOW IN KANSAS

We have some interesting and exciting pipe organ news to share. The pipe organ crafted by Hal Gober (Opus 5, 1997) has been moved and relocated from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, Ohio to Holy Angels Catholic Church in Basehor, Kansas.

The instrument is a 2M/P tracker with 26 ranks, 22 stops and 24 registers. Craig Cramer recorded a CD featuring this instrument while it was in Brooklyn and on there it sounds lovely and baroque in style. The organ was designed to fit the space available at that church and there was built over the door into the sanctuary, hence the nickname. Hal Gober has been building fine tracker pipe organs for many years and is located in Elora, Ontario, and will complete the installation and voicing for this instrument. He has also been involved recently with work on the pipe organ at Visitation Parish in Kansas City, Missouri.

One can find out more about his work at goberorgans.com, and under the recordings link one can listen to this organ. The organ is still being reassembled, from the pictures one can see the current state of the instrument as of mid-December. It is exciting to have another fine pipe organ in our metro area, for this instrument to find a good home and to be used to enhance the musical assets in this parish and the community.



EVENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



We share the passing of long-time chapter member Monsignor Ralph Kaiser (1928-2020). He passed away December 11, 2020 and had served in the church for over sixty-six years in priestly ministry. An obituary can be found with a search on [legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com). May his soul find eternal rest and peace.

THE GKCAGO CHORAL LENDING LIBRARY

Remember the GKCAGO Choral Lending Library is now up and running! The process is simple. Check the holdings on our website. (Our holdings now include a separate catalogue of anthems by Eugene Butler.) If you locate something you want, call Mary Davis (816-436-1419) who will assist you in acquiring the sheet music. This library is housed in Fairway, KS thanks to the generosity of William Baker and the Choral Foundation. Happy hunting!

Stephanie Henry



St.. Martini Church, Braunschweig, Germany. Organ completely reconstructed after WWII.
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month for the next month's edition.

All submissions must be sent to the editor at bombarde@kicago.com.

No other email addresses, please.

JOB PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Placement Coordinator: John Schaefer canonjohn40@gmail.com.

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

Substitutes listed are members of the local organ guild. The people who hold AGO certificates have passed requirements of the National American Guild of Organists for various levels of service playing and choral conducting. However, the GKAGO is not an endorsement agency for service provided by the persons listed here. To learn proficiency of substitutes, feel free to ask them for references. Feedback regarding the hiring of GKAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer canonjohn40@gmail.com.

These substitutes have passed various levels of AGO certification requirements :

Mary Bronaugh Davis, MA, CAGO	organ	816-436-1419, c. 816-456-0343
Nancy Custand, CAGO, S.S. Music Ed	organ/piano	816-590-9414 nancustead@gmail.com
Barbara Eichenberger, BM, CAGO	organ/piano	816-568-3873 musicaltouch36@gmail.com
Stephen Kucera, CAGO, BM	organ/piano/lit.	913-568-3873 skkansas@gmail.com
Linda Mann, BME, SPC (Weddings/Funerals only)	organ/piano	816-353-4826, c. 816-289-9760
Marjorie O'Konski, MM, MME, SPC	organ/piano	785-766-2545 mjokonski@hotmail.com
John Pitchford, MM, SPC	organ	913-663-3768 johnpitchford@kc.rr.com
John Schaefer, AAGO, Ch M	organ/piano/lit.	816-520-2084

*SPC = service playing certificate | CAGO = Colleague certification | AAGO = Associate certification |
FAGO = Fellow certification | org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist*

The following also offer their services.

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John Deahl, MM	org, dir, lit, bass soloist	785-250-4141 johnldeahl@gmail.com
Stephanie Henry, DMA Choral	org, piano, dir, lts	816-678-6372 shenry24@kc.rr.com
Sharon Hettinger, DMA	org, lit, dir, handbell	785-842-2053 shett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com
Ronald Krebs, BM, MM	org, lit	785-843-2622 rkrebs@reuterorgan.com
Sarah Lyons, DMA	org, piano, lit, dir	309-333-8745 sarah.orr.lyons@gmail.com
Ann Marie Rigler, DMA	org, lit	816-808-8663 amrwc@gmail.com
Rachel Schulz	org, piano, lit, dir	717-466-8080 rschulz@ku.edu
Boyd Ahrens	org, lit	816-453-8406 boydlee@aol.com
Betty Bauer	org, lit	913-814-9021 hababab@earthlink.net
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Phillip Grubbs	org	816-721-2325 pgrubbs@embassylandscape.com
Marilyn VanderLinden	org, lit	816-665-4441

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