



Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

Fall is my favorite time of the year. The days are still crisp and pleasant, with just the right amount of nighttime chill. There's the scent of a distant bonfire in the air -- and it's time to polish our organ shoes, dust off our benches, and get to work!

Actually, there has been no downtime for the Lexington Chapter this summer, between the National Convention in Houston, the Great Lakes POE in Lexington, and putting the final touches on our AGO fall programming.

It is an honor to serve as only the second AGO Dean from Winchester. I am proud to report that the Lexington Chapter is as strong and vibrant as it has ever been. I have inherited from our immediate past-dean, Jane Johnson, a chapter that is in tip-top shape in all areas. But this raises the question: What do we do with a chapter in such good condition? The answer is: We go back to the basics! That means we will be emphasizing (1) Membership, and (2) Certification. This year's goals, programs and challenges will be focused on building and sustaining our membership, and encouraging the professional certification of our members.

One stated goal of reaching 100 chapter members this year has already been surpassed! I am pleased to report that, at the start of our 2016-17 Program Year, the LexAGO membership stands at 115. And we're still growing! There's no reason to think this trend will not continue. One of our newest members wrote to me, stating that she considers the LexAGO to be the "gold standard," when it comes to AGO Chapters. I agree! We will discuss AGO Certification in more detail in the October Newsletter.

Your new Executive Committee is pleased to present the upcoming 2016-17 Program Year to you in this edition of the Newsletter. We have a busy and ambitious year mapped out for you, with ten programs spanning nine months in three cities. There are recitals, workshops, choral and educational opportunities, social events -- in short, something for everyone! We will kickoff the new program year with a Catered Dinner and POE Celebration on Saturday evening, September 24, at Beaumont Presbyterian Church in Lexington. This is a ticketed event, so please read the complete details in this newsletter, and RSVP to me no later than Sunday, September 18.

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2016-17 Chapter Program

The following calendar are the events that are formally supported by the Lexington AGO chapter.

SAT / 9.24.16

6.30p

POE Celebration and Catered Dinner

Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SAT / 10.15.16

9.00a

AGO Certification Workshop with Dr. Greg Gyllsdorff

Great Lakes Region Education Coordinator

Southern Hills UMC, Lexington

SAT / 11.19.16

9.30a Gather, 10.00a Program

Max Reger 100th Anniversary with Dr. Christopher Anderson

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SUN / 12.18.16

2.00p

Christmas Pipes: A program of seasonal music performed by chapter members

Donations accepted for POE scholarships

Central Baptist Church, Lexington

SAT / 1.21.17

9.00a

Choral and Organ Reading Session

St. John's Episcopal Church, Versailles

Feb 17, 18, 19

Times Vary

Bruce Neswick Recital, Open Rehearsal and Festival Evensong

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lexington

Feb 25, 26

Times Vary

Malcolm Archer Open Rehearsal and Choral Evensong

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

SAT / 3.11.17

9.30a Gather, 10.00a Program

Wilma Jensen Workshop: Developing and Maintaining Natural Keyboard Technique

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lexington

SUN / 4.30.17

4.00p

David Briggs Recital

Trinity Episcopal Church, Danville

SUN / 5.14.17

2.00p

Schuyler Robinson Recital

Christ the King Cathedral, Lexington

Chapter Event

9/24 AGO Catered Dinner and POE Celebration

Lexington's first POE was a success this past summer! Twenty regional student organists were paired with ten outstanding regional instructors, not to mention countless LexAGO volunteers, for a busy and fun-filled week of organ lessons, practice sessions, recitals, workshops, food and fun!

To kickoff our 2016-17 LexAGO Program Year, the fun and food will continue as we celebrate our POE with a catered dinner for all members on Saturday, September 24, 6:30 p.m., at Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Road, Lexington.

Area POE students and their parents will be our special guests of honor on this evening. Highlights from the POE will be featured in a slide show presentation put together by our own expert photographer, Mark DeAlba. There will be music and prizes.

The dinner will be catered and prepared by Mary Parlanti, past chef and manager at the former Amato's Restaurant in Lexington. Mary's menu for the evening will include Chicken Picatta (sautéed in olive oil with a lemon and white wine sauce), a side of pasta, strawberry and spinach salad with poppyseed dressing, plus Italian Cream Cake for dessert. Truly, not to be missed!

Each LexAGO member is invited to attend this special event. There will be NO CHARGE for all dues-paying members. Additional guest tickets may be purchased for \$18.00. Since we need a precise headcount for the evening, please RSVP to Dean Larry Sharp, NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. Sorry, but there will be no extra tickets at the door, so please do not ask!

Again, please contact Larry as soon as possible to be included in this evening's festivities. Guest tickets may be purchased and members' tickets reserved BEFORE 9/18. No exceptions! Larry may be reached at (859) 744-2211, or at agolarry@att.net.

POE Pictures on Facebook

Didn't get a chance to attend POE? Check out the POE Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AGOLexingtonPOE2016/>

And don't forget our chapter Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AGOLexington/>

September Events

TUE / 9.6.16

12.05p

Lisa Hall, Organ

Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

SAT / 9.10.16

9.30a-3.30p

Jubilate 2016: Reimagining Advent

Procter Conference Center, London, OH

SUN / 9.11.16

4.00p

United in Memory: Community 9/11 Memorial

Historic St. Paul Catholic Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 9.11.16

6.00p

Candelight Service of Remembrance for the 15th Anniversary of 9/11 featuring Celtic music and the SCAPA Lafayette Madrigal Singers

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

TUE / 9.13.16

12.20p-12.50p

Kenneth Stein, Organ

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

SUN / 9.18.16

3.00p

Kevin Vaughn, Organ

Presbyterian Church of Danville, Danville, KY

SAT / 9.24.16

6.30p

POE Celebration and Catered Dinner

RSVP by 9/18 to Larry Sharp, agolarry@att.net

Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 9.25.16

5.00p

Thom Miles, Inaugural Recital of M.P. Rathke, Inc., Opus 8

Newtown United Methodist Church, Newtown (Cincinnati), OH

First AGO “Night Out” a Success!

Our very first AGO “Night Out” was held on Friday night, August 26, at Puccini’s Smiling Teeth in Chevy Chase. A dozen LexAGO members turned out for dinner together, along with some great conversation and plenty of laughs! Our group included several longtime chapter members, as well as some of our newest members. Ask anyone who was there -- it was FUN! Be watching throughout the fall season for additional opportunities to join your AGO friends for food and fun. We will plan another AGO “Night Out” in the coming months. Hope to see you then!

An Invitation

Beaumont Presbyterian Church invites you to an Open House featuring the newly renovated Fellowship Hall and Courtyard, Sat. September 17, 2-5 pm. Visit bpclex.org for more information.

October Events

SUN / 10.2.16

3.30p Concert

4.00p Evensong

**Concert, Cully Bell, Collaborative Piano
Evensong, The Cathedral Choir**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

TUE / 10.4.16

12.20p-12.50p

Gabriel Evans, Organ

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

SUN / 10.9.16

4.30p Concert

5.00p Evensong

**Dr. Schuyler Robinson, Organ,
and Festal Choral Evensong**

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

MON / 10.10.16

8.00p

Rodney Barbour, Organ

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

SAT / 10.15.16

9.00a

**AGO Certification Workshop, Dr. Greg Gyllsdorff
Great Lakes Regional Education Coordinator**

Southern Hills UMC, Lexington, KY

TUE / 10.18.16

12.05p

Schuyler Robinson, Organ

Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

FRI / 10.21.16

8.00p

Ben Sollee, Cello

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

Tickets: Lyric Theater or www.ccclex.org/bensollee

SUN / 10.23.16

4.30p

**“BEAUTIFUL LIFE” Concert: Maureen Howell, Piano, Organ
Featuring guest musicians Jane Johnson, Nan McSwain,
Kevin Raybuck and friends from the UK Opera and
Vocal departments.**

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY

Benefit Concert at Crestwood Christian Church

A free concert on Oct. 23 will be presented at Crestwood Christian Church. Lexington AGO member Maureen Howell has prepared the concert in memory of her son, Andrew Austin Howell, who died on October 23, 2010, while a horn student at CCM in Cincinnati. Donations will be accepted to benefit a scholarship fund in Andrew's memory.

A Note From a POE Participant

Dear Dr. Sharp,

The 2016 Lexington POE was a time for young organists like myself to learn tips and techniques in a week of lessons, recitals, workshops, and practice. We got to play and listen to many organs in the Lexington area. Some activities that I enjoyed were the carillon recital in Berea, the theatre organ demonstration, and the harpsichord and clavichord workshops. The week culminated in pizza at Joe B's, Organ Jeopardy, pool time, and the following morning (Friday) a student recital at two churches near Transylvania University. Overall, it was a beneficial experience; we had the opportunity to meet organists of our own age and learn from new teachers who may have new ideas. I would like to thank Mr. Klobnak and everyone who helped make this such a fun time for me and other young organists.

Sander Owens, Valparaiso, Indiana, POE participant and Organ Jeopardy champ

Pipe Organ Music at Asbury

Asbury University announces the 13th annual Pipe Organ Performance Series. The series originated as a means to make organ performances more accessible to the college and community, and to provide local organists with additional performance venues. The 30-minute recitals are set during the noon hour (beginning at 12:05) in the hope that students as well as community members will take a short break and enjoy these events.

Performances include Lisa Hall (9/6), Schuyler Robinson (10/18) and Charlie Mitchell (1/17). Mark your calendars!

Bad Music Joke of the Month

This was overheard from Bill Johnson on the bus ride back to Lexington from the POE excursion to Berea and Danville:

Q: What would you see if you dropped a piano down a mine shaft?

A: A-flat minor!

Please feel free to submit your bad musical jokes to Newsletter Editor Scott Heydinger or Dean Larry Sharp.

Chapter News

Volunteer Hosts Needed

From time to time, we are in need of housing accommodations for one of our AGO program speakers or recitalists. The success of this summer's POE was due, in no small part, to the efforts of several members and friends who graciously agreed to host our visiting faculty members. So, if you have a spare bedroom, and would be so kind to open your home to one of our AGO guests, please let Dean Larry Sharp know. Opportunities will exist to host a couple of this fall's program presenters, as well as another guest in the spring. The Lexington AGO is known for its hospitality, so won't you please volunteer for this important service? Thank you!

Thanks to Our Sponsors!

Many thanks to those organizations that have sponsored our monthly newsletter for 2016-17: D.C. Schroth, Christ Church Cathedral, The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Rivierstad, B. Rule, and Beaumont Presbyterian. The ads appear at the end of this newsletter.

Dean's Message (Continued)

In conclusion, here is the AGO CHALLENGE that I am putting before you, the membership, at the start of this new program year. Let's each of us build upon what we accomplished last year by "ADDING ONE!"

If you did not participate in a chapter activity last year, then choose ONE program from the lineup, and join us! If you attended 2 or 3 events last year, then set as your goal to ADD ONE! If you attended programs regularly, then consider volunteering to help with -- or host -- an AGO program. Volunteers are always needed. If you made a financial contribution, please consider adding to it this year. Perhaps this is the year you will step up and offer your spare room to a visiting guest speaker or recitalist. If you have never invited a friend or colleague to become an AGO member, perhaps this is the time. Perhaps this will be the year you will stop thinking about AGO certification, and do it!

Needless to say, the sky's the limit! I am honored to serve as the Dean of our Lexington Chapter -- the BEST AGO Chapter anywhere!

I hope to see you on September 24,
Larry Sharp

2016-2017 LexAGO Membership Update

Ever since the National AGO Convention in Houston last June, we have enjoyed a steady influx of new Chapter Members. Since the last Newsletter alone, we have added 27 new members to our “ranks!” Some of these are new to Lexington, while others are returning members. Some are full members; others are “friends” of the chapter. Some are teachers; others are students. Some are full-time organists, some are part-time, some are vocalists, and others simply enjoy good music. Check the list closely and you’ll even see a couple of new members featured on the back cover of our TAO!

Recruiting new members is at the heart of any dues-paying membership organization, such as the AGO. But whose job is it to recruit new AGO Members? Here’s a hint: Take a look in your own mirror. It’s YOU!

Each current LexAGO Member is able to list potential new members. Simply initiate the conversation with people you already know who could benefit from AGO Membership. Start by mentioning your own AGO Membership and what it means to you. Share funny stories. Invite someone to a meeting or recital. In short, ASK someone to join -- and he or she probably will!

Emails and phone messages have their places, but they are NOT the same as personal, old-fashioned, one-on-one contact!

So, what are you waiting on? NOW is the time to invite that choir member, director, clergy, friend or neighbor to join the Lexington AGO!

Welcome New Members

Stephen Adams, Vicki Bell, Grace Brown, Gabriel Cassone, Carolyn Craig, Joyce Crofts, Martha Duttlinger, Katelyn Emerson, Terry Ensor, Gwendolyn Frazier, David Gallivan, Ben Gillig, Cathy Hunt, Anna Lauren Jacobs, Bill Johnson, Samuel Martin, Doug & Sue Michael, Dabney Parker, Luke Ransom, Jonathan Rudy, Katie Alms Rudy, James Sperry, Janyce Stephenson, Will Thacker, Tyler Wilson, Ruth Witt.

Mission

Mission, Vision and Values Statement

AGO National has provided a new Mission, Vision and Values Statement, shown below:

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- enjoy camaraderie at chapter events and conventions
- find inspiration and challenge
- receive encouragement from colleagues
- experience great organs and organists
- access career opportunities and job listings
- earn professional credentials through AGO certification

Approved by the National Council, 5/10/16

AGO Trivia Contest

From time to time this year, we will present a trivia question for you to answer. Be the first to email Dean Larry Sharp with the correct answer, and you will win a prize! At this particular time, we have no idea what the prize will be, but, to quote one of the current presidential candidates, it will be something “really, really terrific!”

Q: Who was the only other Lexington AGO Dean from Winchester, and how long ago did he/she serve?

A: Please submit answers to agolarry@att.net



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at Christ Church Cathedral

2016-2017



Evensongs

3:30pm Concerts

4:00pm Evensongs with Cathedral Choirs

October 2

February 26

November 6

March 19

January 22

May 21

Friday, December 2

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*
with the Cathedral Choir

*For ticket reservations visit
www.ccclex.org/messiah*



Sunday, December 18

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
with the Cathedral Choir

Wednesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten
Roseanna Shafer, harp and the Cathedral Girls
Choir



Palm Sunday, April 9

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with the Choir of
Men and Boys



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complete list of events.*

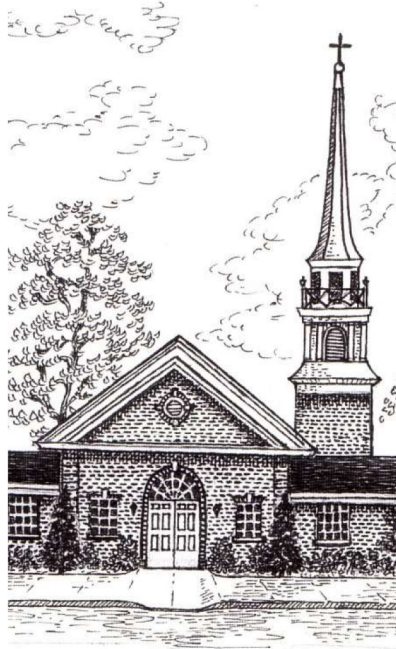
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2016 - 17 Music

at

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Dr. Wayne Gebb
Music Director

Dr. Larry Sharp
Organist

Sunday, October 9	Merrilee Elliott, flute Mozart, Faure'
Sunday, November 6	David Powell, oboe Telemann, Lynn Trapp
Sunday, November 27 Advent I	Bailey Yates, violin Rutter, Dandrieu, Bach
Sunday, December 4 Advent II	Advent Lessons & Carols SCAPA String Ensemble
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Premiere of Original Organ Composition by John S. Dixon
Lent, 2017 (TBA)	SCAPA String Ensemble
Sunday April 16 Easter	Brass Ensemble with Beaumont Choir

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Music & Liturgy at Good Shepherd

9 October 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert - Dr. Schuyler Robinson,
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

6 November 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

All Saints' Concert featuring the Fauré *Requiem*

18 December 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

17 February 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Organ Concert - Bruce Neswick

18 February 2017, 10:00 – 12:30

Open choir rehearsal under the direction of Bruce Neswick
The choirs of Good Shepherd; St. John's, Versailles; & St. Michael's

19 February 2017

Choir Festival

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist & 5:00 p.m. Festal Choral Evensong
under the direction of Bruce Neswick

19 March 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert – Dr. Robert Bozeman,
followed by Solemn Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

7 May 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Oboe concert by Dr. ToniMarie Marchioni,
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

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