

PipeNotes

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Please note the
AGO 2020 National
Convention that was to
take place in Atlanta in July
has been cancelled for the
health and safety of the
performers and
participants.

AGO Responds to COVID-19 with Resources for Organists

Concerts and worship services may have been cancelled, but AGO's commitment to our members has not!

Please go to [AGO Responding to COVID-19](http://agohq.org/responding-to-covid-19), agohq.org/responding-to-covid-19, a page of resources compiled by the AGO Committee on Career Development and Support, to find helpful links to relief funds, tools for working remotely, and links to helpful information for remaining productive during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Congratulations to our Newly elected and returning Officers and Board Members!

Dean – Audrey Rhinehart
Sub Dean – John Schubring
Secretary – Mike Keegan
Treasurer – Steven Jensen
Registrar – David Beyer

Class of 2022
Caroline Senn
Joe Dominic
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Mary Utzerath

Thank You to the Class of 2020: Dean Rosko, Bill Lieven,
Fr. Tom Lijewski, and Joel Schwartz; also to
Sheri Masiakowski, Dean; and Nicole Moritz, Secretary
As they finish their service to our Chapter!

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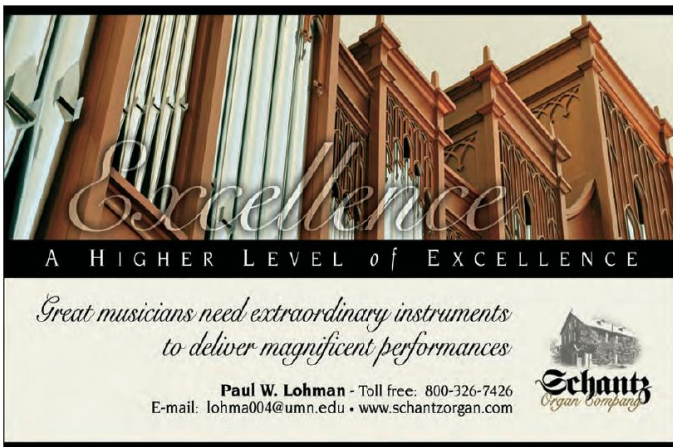
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WHEN IT IS SAFE FOR ALL OF US
TO GATHER TOGETHER AGAIN.**

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OR EVENTS PLEASE LET US KNOW
AND WE WILL LIST THEM.**

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- **Concerts on the internet:** Our Savior Lutheran ELCA (Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee) has sold their church property to Pathways Charter School. With the assistance of Chapter members and friends, organist **John Scholdt** prepared a virtual concert on the congregation's 1963 Opus 2770 Casavant III/68R at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1474791869392961/> available June 7th onward.



Check these links for online presentations of these (normally) public summer concert series:

- [Boardwalk Hall Historic Organ Restoration Committee](#)
- [Friends of the Wanamaker Organ](#)
- [Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ](#)
- [Ocean Grove Auditorium Organ](#)
- [Round Lake Auditorium](#)
- [Methuen Memorial Music Hall](#)
- [Spreckels Organ Society](#)
- [St. John's Organ Society](#)
- [Riverside Church](#)

We also heard from **Drew Rutz** that the John XXIII summer series at the old St. Mary's in Port Washington (**Tim Handle**) may be available on-line later in the summer.

• **Jayne Latva** texted me today regarding The Master Series-Volume 3 by Fred Swann (5 free Youtube videos) on accompanying <https://www.agohq.org/online-educational-resources/>. The Master Series has four volumes: 1. Catherine Crozier, 2. Marie-Claire Alain, 3. Fred Swann and 4. Gerre Hancock. You will find more useful videos at

this link also. Thanks muchly, Jayne.

- Would you find it useful to have a round-table (Zoom) discussion of video or sound-editing experiences? It seems that virtual choirs may be the mode for the immediate future. Send me an email at seasonoftheheart@wi.rr.com with your offered experience or needs. One-on-one conversations are also possible. I discover new tools and challenges with each project I tackle but it's often scary and frustrating. I breathe sighs of relief when I am successful. Who would think we would be doing this?
- Congratulate **Larry Wheelock** on his appointment as AGO Wisconsin Convener (notice his new email signature). Larry succeeds Jeff Verkuilen in this position. Send him your best wishes, compliments (and complaints).
- Thanks to **Michael Batcho** for suggesting on-line elections and a whopping round of applause to **Larry Wheelock** on the successful set-up/ completion of the election process. We had a record 76 cast votes (74 on-line, 2 mailed). The system allowed only one set of votes per registered email.

ELECTION RESULTS

- We extend a sincere thank you to **Nicole Moritz** for her many years as secretary to the Milwaukee Chapter and welcome **Mike Keegan** as he assumes this role. Mike has shadowed Nicole for this past year to learn the internet ropes in order to post meeting minutes on our website. All members can log in at <http://agomilwaukee.org> and access these minutes through the lower left category on the site.

Members-only section	Positions Available	Minutes of Meetings
	Member Directory	
2012/2018 Updated Operating Procedures	Discussion forum	Chapter Financial Information
	Materials for members	Responses from "Workshops in Wauwatosa" Event
	2012/2018 Updated Operating Procedures	2012 Membership Survey Results

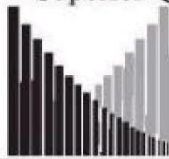
- Many thanks also to our outgoing Board Members: **Bill Lieven, Fr. Tom Lijewski, Dean Rosko and Joel Schwartz**.
- Our on-line and mailed election ballots have been counted. Thanks to John Schubring who collected the candidate information, Larry Wheelock who set up the on-line election format and those who indicated willingness to serve our Chapter as officers or board members. Congratulations to those elected to the 2021 Executive Board: **Caroline Senn, Joe Dominic, Rick Ewert and Mary Utzerath**. Their 2-year terms will begin on July 1, 2020. Welcome aBoard!
- As always we are grateful to ongoing officers: **John Schubring** - Sub-Dean, **Steve Jensen** - Treasurer and **David Beyer** - Registrar. All have adapted admirably from our Chapter system to National's ONCARD software.
- We confidentially pass the baton to **Audrey Rhinehart**, Dean-elect of the Milwaukee Chapter. We have a tremendously talented, creative and organized guide in this challenging time of Covid pandemic programming!

Blessings on all our leadership in these coming years...

It has been an honor to serve you as Dean for the past four years. My personal goal has been to meet you, get to know you, connect you with others of similar interests and provide resources to enrich your professional lives. Though there will not be the direct platform of this office I will continue to care about you and hold you in prayer.

😊 Sheri

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From the National Headquarters: Deadlines, Postponements and Cancellations Due to COVID-19

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the following AGO national programs are being postponed or canceled in order to ensure the health and safety of all participants. Please check with your local chapter regarding local events.

- The 2020 FAGO, AAGO, and ChM exams have been canceled. Candidates registered for the exams will receive a full refund of any fees paid. [Click here](#) to read a letter from the National Committee on Professional Certification or [E-mail](#) for more information.
- The AGO National Convention in Atlanta has been canceled. If you have questions please call 404-981-7210. The AGO National Council and a newly formed steering committee are considering alternatives including a virtual organ festival. Save the dates: July 20-24. Plans are also being developed for a virtual Annual Business Meeting.
- All 2020 Pipe Organ Encounters have been canceled. Many will be rescheduled in 2021. Updates will be posted [online](#). [E-mail](#) for more information.

Calling All Composers

The 2022 [AGO/ECS Publishing Award in Choral Composition](#) seeks a new choral work utilizing the text of “Christmas Eve” by Christina Rossetti. The [2022 AGO/Marilyn Mason Award in Organ Composition](#) seeks a new solo organ work between five and eight minutes in length. The deadline for submitting an entry to either competition is July 1, 2020.

Membership Renewal

Please renew your membership [online](#) or give us a call at 212-870-2310 to renew by phone. During this difficult time the AGO has extended a three-month grace period beyond your membership expiration to assist those whose livelihood has been impacted by COVID-19.

From the Chaplain's Computer

Twenty-five years ago, I wrote the following in the Chapter's newsletter "PipeNotes": "When I joined the Milwaukee Chapter AGO in 1960, little did I realize that 35 years later that many happy experiences would be part of my 25th Anniversary of Ordination." Twenty-five years later I have even more memories to add to that font of activities. Some of these include the Regional Convention in 2019; the Dedication Recital at Holy Hill (2010) and the Members' Recital at Gesu Church (2012). These and many more bring me to another anniversary this year. Fifty years of doing anything needs to be a time of reflection on the graces God has given me through this time.

As Chaplain of the Guild, I have been asked to do many things, all of them with many members of the Chapter. New members become new friends, long standing members became a new experience in the ecumenical approach to church and the music of the church. I realize that time does not stop at fifty but continues. The future is always unknown, but I keep looking forward to more memories that will be a blessing in my life. I am using "PipeNotes" to let you know that your friendship and musical talents have made the past fifty years a blessing in my life.

Fr. Thomas Lijewski