



Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

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Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music; inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors; provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support; nurture future generations of organists; promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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From the Dean

Hello everyone!

I wish to thank you for placing your trust in me, and electing me your Dean. It seems very strange to me that a hymn player has been elected to this office, when there are so many fine organists in our Guild. I will strive to live up to the legacy of those that have led this organization in the past. I am sure that I will be asking a lot of you for help, and I will be most thankful for any input that anyone wishes to share with me.

I will try not to ramble on and on, but I thought that I might bring you up to date on what has been happening in my world. Most of you know that in my other job I am the Captain of a towboat and have been working on the river for 43 years, ever since I dropped out of college. My plan was to do this until I figured out what I wanted to do when I grow up. I will let you know when I figure it out.

The river has not been our friend this spring and summer. We have had near record flooding and high water all spring and it will continue until July 13th unless we have additional significant rain. That always raises my stress level.

My oldest son made me a Grandfather on May 27th. If you are not a parent or grandparent it may be hard for you to understand the joy and other emotions that this brings. I cried when Michael was born and when he walked out to tell us about Duke's birth, we both cried. The apple did not fall far from the tree.

Of more interest to the Guild members, my friend and mentor, Betty Deislinger retired after Easter. I have taken over her job as organist and choir director at First

Lutheran, but I will never be able to fill her shoes. I thought for a bit that I had bitten off too much when I agreed to do this, but it is working out. Between the high water and my son Michael (he is a captain and works with me) taking maternity leave, spring has been very busy.

I am thrilled to report that repairs to the Reuter-Schwarz organ at First Lutheran are finally starting. A new blower and other repairs should help the old girl, but a new 61 note Trumpet is being added to replace the trumpet that left in the past. I do not intend to let this one get moved to some other church.

I hope that you all have taken the time to renew your membership. I admit that even after receiving several e-mails from the National Headquarters, I had not renewed mine. Today, I logged into the ONCARD section at AGOhq.org and renewed mine. Since it was my first time there, I tried out all of the functions and I found it very easy to navigate and it only took a few minutes to accomplish. Whether you wish to use ONCARD or renew by mail as we always have, I urge you to do it soon, before it slips your mind like it does for me.

I look forward to seeing you all this fall and I hope that you have a marvelous summer. Adam is including information about the Michael Kleinschmidt concert at Christ Church. Please come to the concert if you can. Visiting at Christ Church and hearing a wonderful concert are the perfect way to spend a summer evening.

Mike

Evensong & Organ Recital
Commemorating the
25th Anniversary of the
Dedication of the
Christ Church Nichols & Simpson Organ

Sunday, July 12, 2015 • 6:00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church
509 Scott St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Michael Kleinschmidt, *organist*

On Sunday, July 12, the choir of Christ Church will sing Evensong at 6 p.m. The music will include the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Collegium Regale by Herbert Howells, and Psalm 150 by César Franck. Michael Kleinschmidt, canon musician at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle, will be the organist. An organ recital by Mr. Kleinschmidt will follow the service. A reception follows.

Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership. If you have not already renewed your membership for the upcoming year, please do so as soon as possible. You can renew by visiting the AGO ONCARD website and paying your dues online. Or, you may download the 2015 Membership Form and mail it to Jess.