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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

We are coming to the close of our program year in the chapter, and it's time to gear up for our final event on **Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Newport.**

As you may know, this past year the Casavant organ at St. Mary's has undergone a significant renovation and enhancement. Due to the unstinting efforts of **Cody Mead**, the church's director of music (and chapter board member), the organ is ready to make its debut as an exciting like-new addition to the roster of notable instruments in Rhode Island. So, on the weekend of June 3-4, we will co-host the **St. Mary's Organ Festival**, and you are invited!

On Saturday June 3, we begin with a lecture-demonstration of the organ by the distinguished organologist **Simon Couture**, Vice-President and Tonal Director of Casavant Frères, at 2:00 pm in the gallery. Simon will talk about the renovation of the organ in detail, and Cody will demonstrate its restored and refurbished tonal capabilities. This will be a fascinating insight into the rebuilding process, and we hope that a number of area organ builders, technicians and students (as well as all those who take an interest in these things!) will attend. There may even be a chance to look inside the splendid new casework and see the pipework and how it is arranged to take advantage of the gallery space and the church's immense height. The "old" case pipe arrangement is no more, and the new façade is stunning!

After a break for refreshments following Dr. Couture's talk, we will attend a festive service featuring the St. Mary's choirs, at 5:15 pm. The fully choral liturgy (open to the public as well as St. Mary's own congregation, of course!) will feature the renovated organ in its chief role as a liturgical instrument, and in a sense, signals the rejuvenation of the parish's choral music ministry and a celebration of traditional Catholic liturgical music, with the organ taking its central, traditional place in that ministry. On Sunday June 4, beginning at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's, we will close the program year with our usual Member's Recital, Dinner and Annual Meeting. Four chapter members including Cody as "host," will perform for us, putting the organ through its paces, and the dinner will once again be organized by our faithful Sub-Dean, **Steve Kirby** (401-246-0039 kev14@aol.com). Do let him know what you will be bringing in the way of food and drink! And to end on a thoughtful note, I urge anyone who feels so moved, to offer their services as Dean or Executive Committee member for the coming two years! More of you need to step up and do your bit for the chapter, and AGO in general!

I hope all of your Holy Week and Easter services were filled with glorious music, and you had a good rest afterwards! I look forward to seeing you at St. Mary's, Newport, on June 3 and 4.

Faithfully,
John Brooks, Dean

MEMBER MATTERS

Bob Nolan has a new email address: nolan062400@gmail.com

Note also new phone numbers for **John Black**: 737-1230 and **Julie Tagen**, our new contact for substitute and placement listings: 225-9594

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Contact *Julie Tagen* (401-885-7438) with changes.

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Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation)

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MacCubbin, Jay: 401-521-0698

Markham, Susan: 401-821-6786

Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-714-2700 (no weddings)

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EVENTS

Sunday, May 7 at 5:30 pm: Mark Dwyer, Organist and Choirmaster of Church of the Advent in Boston will offer an organ recital featuring works of J. S. Bach, G. F. Handel, Dan Locklair, and C. Villiers Stanford. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George Street, Providence. Reception follows. Free will offering: 421-6702; www.sstephens.org.

Saturday, June 3 at 2 pm: Simon Couture, Vice President and Tonal Director for Casavant Freres, will discuss the renovation of St. Mary's organ, followed by **Choir Festival Service** at 5:15 pm.

Sunday, June 4 at 4pm: Annual Members' Recital, part of Festival Weekend at St. Mary's Church, Newport, followed by pot luck dinner. Contact Steve Kirby with your contribution.

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Contact *Julie Tagen* (401-225-9594) to list

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Rev. Michael Coburn 401-421-8755
Hook & Hastings 16 rks 2 man
13K one service/ cho Organist/ChM

St. John's Church
191 County Rd. Barrington, RI
Episcopal
Rev Robert Marshall 401-245-4065
Rodgers 3/56 digital
Salary negotiable Organist/ChM

First Baptist Church 1/17
91 Cottage Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Rev. Linda Watson 401-725-7225; 401-952-9951
Wicks 12 rks 3 man
upon request; 1 service, 1 rehearsal O/D

First Congregational Church of Sharon
Jamie Locke 781-784-2631
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