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A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Organists & Friends of the Organ,

As we begin another year of activities, it is our hope that your plans include The American Guild of Organists. If you are already a member and have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not a member we invite your consideration of membership in the AGO/Red River Valley Chapter.

Our chapter has a busy year with recitals presented by Fred Hohman in Lisbon, ND, and Fargo with a workshop presented in conjunction with the Fargo recital. In October, the chapter will travel to Fergus Falls to "crawl" through some organs and sponsor a tremendous hymn festival in November. In January, we sponsor an organ recital which features music by Minnesota composers. If you have always wanted to try your "hand" at handbells, you will want to attend the meeting in February. We are proud to announce a children's choir festival in March which chapter member Jack Close is chairing. He would love it if you would call him at 218-233-3035 (Moorhead) and offer your assistance. In April we travel to Blue Cloud Abbey in South Dakota and in May we will have a "spooof" wedding. And I have not even begun to tell you about the social activities.

You say you do not live in the Fargo-Moorhead community? No big deal. I live in Crookston, MN (70 miles away) and attempt to run this active chapter with the help of ALL the members from many different communities. The Red River Valley Chapter

is REGIONAL and we have members from communities 200 miles away who are quite active and attend many functions as time and weather permit.

When you join the AGO you will receive The American Organist which is a wonderful national magazine and our fun little local newsletter Pipeline. But most important, membership in the organization puts you in touch with a lot of neat and interesting (some of them are even fun) people who really enjoy socializing and spending time with each other.

You might consider asking your church to assist you with AGO dues if you are involved in a professional position. I feel that membership in this chapter is a bargain considering the level of activity. Please contact me if I can answer any questions about the AGO.

Sincerely yours,

George French, Dean
217 South Ash
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P.S. Please join soon so we can include your name, address, phone number, and professional position in our chapter year-book. Send your dues to: Lloyd Collins, Treasurer
AGO/Red River Valley Chapter
P.O. Box 2223
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AGO HANDBELL CHOIR

The AGO Handbell Choir has started rehearsals already and we are having a lot of fun. However, there is always room for ALOT more people! Persons interested in being a part of the AGO Handbell Choir are asked to call Judy Sanders at 236-0269 (home) or 233-4980 (work) to reserve a position. Rehearsals have begun with vigor on Monday nights at 9:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1500 Sixth Street South, Moorhead, MN. (2 blocks south of Concordia Music Hall).



OCTOBER CRAWL

On Sunday, 8 October, the regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be an organ crawl to Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Fergus Falls: All-American city, home of the Mighty Otters, the world's largest otter statue, beautiful Lake Alice, boyhood home of guild members Lance Johnson, Brad Steen, and Bruce Jacobs, present-day home of guild members Carol Andstrom, Elmer Butcher, Dr. Walter Christianson, Beverly Lambert, and Keith Melberg.

ITINERARY

- 2:45 Meet at Sher's Kitchen in south Moorhead.
- 3:00 AGO-provided transportation leaves for Rothsay.
- 4:00 Meet at the Mobil Cafe at the Rothsay exit off I-94.
- 4:30 Johnson Organ, Hamar Lutheran, Rothsay.
- 5:30 Van Dalen tracker, Augustana Lutheran.
- 6:15 Johnson Opus 1, Bethlehem Lutheran.
- 6:45 Vottler-Holtkamp/Mutchler, First Lutheran.
- 7:30 Johnson Organ, Bethel Lutheran.
- 8:00 Dinner and short meeting, Fergus Falls Holiday Inn.
- 9:30 Leave for Moorhead.
- 10:30 Arrive at Sher's Kitchen.

Transportation will be provided by the chapter, leaving from Sher's Kitchen in Moorhead at 2:45 p.m.; arriving Rothsay, Minnesota at the Mobil Cafe on the I-94 interchange at 4:00 p.m. Bruce Jacobs has been working on this project and above is the schedule of events for the day. It will be very helpful if you can call Bruce at 293-9017 if you can attend this meeting. We want to be sure we have enough transportation.



1989-90 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

24 September - Frederick Hohman, Organist
Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisbon
7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 Student/Senior Citizens)
Locally Sponsored

26 September - Frederick Hohman Workshop
Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo
6:00 p.m. Session
7:00 p.m. Supper
8:00 p.m. Session

No cost to participants, headcount at 6:00; displays by Eckroth and Schmitt

28 September - Frederick Hohman, organist
Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo
8:00 p.m. - free-will offering
Co-sponsored by Olivet Lutheran and the Chapter
Chairmen: Lloyd Collins, Marlys Herring

8 October - Organ Crawl to Fergus Falls
(See schedule elsewhere in this newsletter)
Chairmen: Bruce Jacobs, Brad Steen, Keith Melberg

19 November - Hymn Festival
Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead
Guest artist: Stephen Gabrielsen

January 1990 - Epiphany Party T.B.A.

21 January - John Eggert:
A Concert of All-Minnesota Organ Music
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Moorhead
7:00 p.m.
Commissioned work: Dan Breedon
Chairman: George French

25 February - Everything You Wanted to know about Handbells
(hands on experience!)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4:00 p.m.
Chairmen: Judy Sanders, Bruce Jacobs

18 March - Children's Choir Festival
Chairman: Jack Close

22 April - Fargo/Sioux Falls Festival Service
Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, SD
Installation of Officers
Chairmen: David Salmen, Brad Steen

May - Wedding Woes

HYMN FESTIVAL

with
Steve Gabrielsen

19 November 1989
Trinity Lutheran Church
Moorhead, Minnesota

Steve Gabrielsen (Gabe) will be featured at our annual hymn festival this year. Steve is organ professor at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN. He also was David Cherwein's organ instructor while David was a student at Augsburg. (You will remember Mr. Cherwein was the featured organist for our Hymn Festival two years ago.)

We need more volunteers to help with this event. Please contact one of the program committee members (George French, Bruce Jacobs, Marlys Herring, Becky te Velde) if you can assist. Steve will write the program, so the committee will have an easier time this year.



ORGAN DEDICATION

There will be an organ dedication recital on the new 2 manual - 22 rank Nordlie organ in Grafton, ND on Sunday October 22 at 3:00 p.m. The recital will take place at:

Grafton Lutheran Church
143 West Fifth Street
Grafton, ND 58237

The recital will be given by David Beyer who is chief voicer for the Nordlie Company in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If you want further information, please contact Ruth Stenson at (701) 352-2641.

DEDICATION RECITAL

The dedication recital of the newly installed III manual -- 44 rank Casavant Organ will be October 15, 1989 - 3:30 p.m. at:

Trinity Lutheran Church
502 North 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

The recitalist will be James Boschker. Mr. Boschker is currently director of music and organist at Trinity. He will be playing music of the liturgical year. Some of the composers will be Alec Wyton, John Cook, J.S. Bach, Samuel Barber, Maurice Durufle, Louis Vierne, Gerhard Krapf (former instructor).

The new Casavant was installed in August 1989. It will be played in church for the first time on October 1, 1989. The public is invited to this dedication recital.

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Please contact George French or Brad Steen if you wish to serve on a committee by October 15.

The deadline for the next newsletter is November 3.
All information should be sent to:

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