

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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December 2025 Newsletter

Dear chapter members and friends,

This past fall, the board of the Sarasota/Manatee Chapter of the AGO elected me to serve as the chapter's new dean. It is an honor to be part of this leadership team. For those I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months ahead at our upcoming programs and activities.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Sam Nelson for his dedicated service to the chapter, especially for his guidance and support during this transition period. We are also grateful to Jason Branham, who has stepped into the role of sub-dean and will be spearheading our Program Committee. If you have ideas or suggestions for events, I encourage you to reach out to him.

We are especially looking forward to a special event on January 11 featuring Jeremy Filsell, graciously hosted at the home of Nancy Siebecker. I hope many of you will be able to attend. Additional spring events are currently in planning and will be announced soon.

As many of us enter one of the busiest and most demanding seasons of the year, I want to thank you for the many ways you support and strengthen your ministry of music. Through voices, instruments, leadership, and encouragement, you help proclaim the messages of the season in ways that reach hearts beyond words alone.

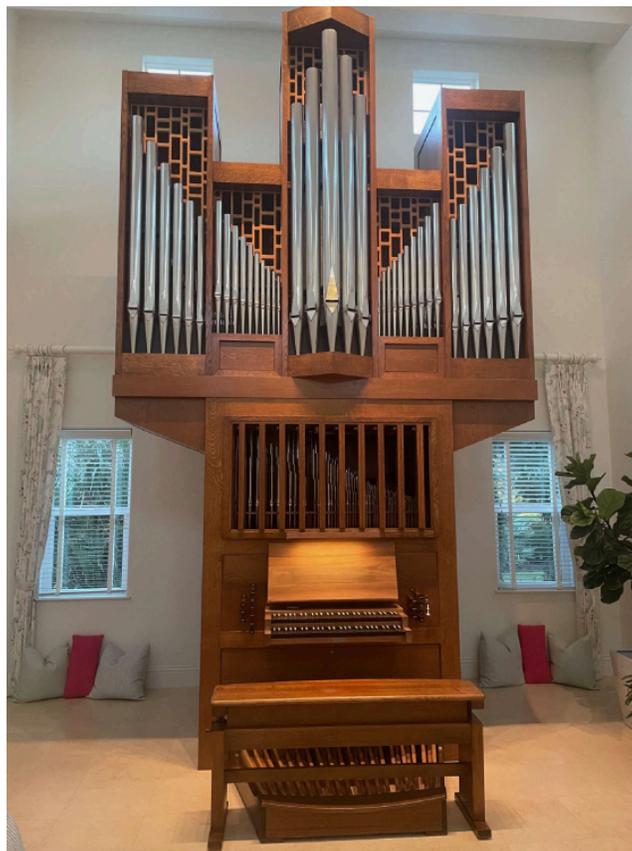
On behalf of the chapter's leadership, I wish you and those you love happy holidays and a joyful New Year.

Warm regards,
Michael Bodnyk, Dean

A request from chapter Secretary Bryan Cordell:

Please send any photos you may have from Advent or Christmas that you would like to have displayed on our website. You can send those photos to blcordell@aol.com along with any other content you might have that can give our website some content.

Organ Demo and Reception
with
Jeremy Filsell



You are invited to the home of Nancy Siebecker, Past Dean, for an organ demo on the Sipe pipe organ by Jeremy Filsell followed by a reception where you'll be able to greet Dr. Filsell and socialize with some of your fellow chapter members.

RSVP ASAP to Nancysiebecker@gmail.com

She lives in a gated community so you will have to be on the list at the gate.

Address: 7947 Matera Court, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Directions: Three miles east of I75 on University Parkway. Main gate is one half mile past the intersection of University Parkway and Lorraine Road.

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