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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

I know everyone has had a busy and productive month getting all of your church music programs up and running. We opened our year with Evening Prayer and Installation of Officers at St. Martin's Church, Providence. My sincerest thanks to Nick, Gigi, and Noel for organizing and hosting this event. It was very successful, and the food was wonderful. Thanks also to the pastor and staff for making us feel so welcome.

Our second event for October took place on Saturday, October 21, at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church. We hosted Peter Sykes for a master class and a brief recital. It was an enjoyable and informative session. After regaling the twenty plus attendees with practice pointers, delivered with humor and insight, Professor Sykes coached Cody Mead, Eric Mazonson and Matthew Dion, in sessions that enlightened all of us. Thanks, gentlemen, for your participation, and thanks to Martha Sobaje, host organist.

I am very pleased to announce that David Cranmer has agreed to resume the duties of secretary for our chapter. Welcome back David, and my sincerest thanks to you.

For our board members, our next meeting is Monday, October 30, at my house, 10 High Street, Barrington, at 6pm. We have decided to alternate board meetings between Monday and Tuesday nights, as needed. While this does not always accommodate people, we are trying this to see how it works. I do wish all Guild members a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Stephen Kirby, Dean
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Peter Sykes, Nick Voermans, Stephen Kirby



RIAGO members at installation dinner

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

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

Original Congregational Church UCC 7/17
1 East Street, Wrentham, MA 02093
Lesley Whittemore 508-954-6460 whitluce@comcast.net
Austin \$18,000-22,000 O/D

St. Barnabas Episcopal 8/17
3257 Post Rod, Warwick, RI 02886
Scott Lee day 401-737-4141 evening 806-640-4708
fatherscottboy@gmail.com
Allen \$15,000 O/D

St Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
390 Thames Street, Newport, RI 02840
Zoe Adamedes. 401-441-0456
Adams & Son \$3,000-4,000. O/D

EVENTS

Friday, November 17th at 7:00 pm: Wesley Parrott will play an organ recital at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Spring Street, Newport on the recently restored Casavant pipe organ. Mr. Parrott studied organ with Alexander McCurdy and John Weaver at the Curtis Institute of Music, and at Eastman School of Music. His recordings are available through the Organ Historical Society. He has performed at Longwood Gardens and the Wanamaker Organ at Macy's Center City. The concert is free and open to the public; a free will donation will benefit St. Mary's choral program.

Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 pm: Organ recital by Barry Turley in memory of James F. Burgess, Jr. includes works by **JS Bach, Widor, and Duruflé**. All Saints' Memorial Church, 674 Westminster Street, Providence. Free - donations appreciated. 401-751-1747, allsaintsmemorial.org.

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Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
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Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 9all; no weddings)
Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
Jones, William 401-848-4327 (all)
MacCubbin, Jay: 401-521-0698
Markham, Susan: 401-821-6786
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-714-2700 (no weddings)
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire)
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Allard, Althea: 401-728-4431
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Cranmer, David: 401-447-9848
Martorella, Philip: 401-615-0769 (no Sun. a.m.)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)
Ogburn, William 401-294-4357
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)

WONDERS OF THE WURLITZER

Wednesday, November 1 at noon – Gary Phillips plays the Wurlitzer at PPAC, 220 Weybosset Street, Providence, in the last of the the series, *Wonders of the Wurlitzer*, which also featured **Patrick Aiken** and **Peter Krasinski**. Bring a lunch to enjoy during the one-hour concert. Beverages provided. Free. All welcome. (Watch for next series, spring, 2018)

SYKES ON PRACTICE

Practice is like eating a steak--one small piece at a time, chewing, digesting. Playing the whole piece at once is like choking on a whole steak.

We practice like Vikings decimating a village. We need to be the villagers, building up slowly.

Avoid *James Dean syndrome*: too much, too fast, too soon.

SUBMISSIONS

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