



# The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,  
American Guild of Organists

August, 2019

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## *From the Dean...*

Dear friends,

Those of us who serve as parish musicians play such important roles in peoples' lives. We provide musical and pastoral presences at life events that include baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Our work is part of a broader ministry in our religious communities, and we should never underestimate the impact our musical contributions make. All of this has been on my mind as I have made plans for my own wedding, held at Saint John's Episcopal Church on 26 July. I have picked music that has important meaning for me, particularly "Love divine, all loves excelling" (Hyfrydol) and John Ireland's anthem "Greater Love Hath No Man." Aside from taking the vows, the music has been what I have been looking forward to most.

As we move into another program year, I hope stories like mine will remind you of the deep meaning in our work. When the business of life consumes you, or when things at work are stressful, I hope you will never forget to pause and remember why we do what we do. It is for God's glory and for bringing people closer to Him.

See you this fall,

*Joseph*

Joseph Arndt, Dean



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## *From the Sub-Dean...*

Dear friends and colleagues,

As we look forward to kicking off another great program year, I would like to recognize the work of this year's program committee: Joseph Arndt (Dean), Terry Cast (Sub-Dean), Jacob Drengler, Ernest Neal, and Vicki Smith. We are privileged to be able to host two very talented concert organists in Isabelle Demers and NYACOP prize winner Daniel Chang, as well as having the opportunity to share our own talents with each other and the community in a members' recital. One of our newer members, Jacob Drengler, will ably represent our chapter in Oklahoma City for the annual exchange recital; please make a point of going to hear him play, if possible.

As always we will have multiple opportunities for fun and fellowship, and this year I am excited to have Adam Pajan present a workshop on choral accompaniment. If you've heard Adam play, you know this will be one to circle on your calendar!

I look forward to seeing many of you at each meeting, starting with a party on Friday, September 6th; Joseph Arndt has graciously agreed to host. See you there!

*Terry*

Terry Cast, Sub-Dean



## *In the Community:*

### **Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, August 10 at 11:00am**

Featuring "Her Night of Romance" starring Constance Talmadge and Ronald Coleman, including a "Felix the Cat" cartoon. Accompanied by **Bill Rowland** on the vintage theatre pipe organ. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for age 16 and under • Circle Cinema, 10 South Lewis, Tulsa

### **Choral Evensong • Sunday, August 25 at 5:30pm**

Sung by the choir; music to include Noble's *Evening Service in b minor* and Mendelssohn's *Verleih uns Frieden*  
St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa

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## *In the Region:*

### **Organ Degree Recital • Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00pm**

Luke Staisiunas presents a BMA Recital • St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 3939 W Tecumseh, Norman

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## *Coming Events:*

### **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Organ Concert • Sunday, October 13 at 4:00pm**

Organist **Ron Pearson** presents the music of Guilmant, Bach, Rheinberger, Vierne and more  
First Presbyterian Church, 709 S Boston Avenue, Tulsa • Reception following

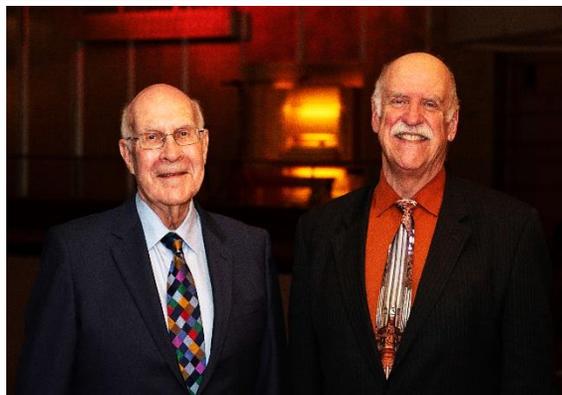
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**It's  
a  
Party!**

**Mark your calendar –  
Friday, September 6, 2019 at 6:30pm  
Home of Joseph Arndt, 1211 S Jamestown  
Catered dinner (\$15) reservations due September 3  
[fredelder@cox.net](mailto:fredelder@cox.net) or 918-691-1262  
Come for the fun, food, and friends!**

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At the West Regional Convention on Wednesday evening, July 3, past AGO president Frederick Swann was presented with the first ever honorary Fellowship of the American Guild of Organists certificate by current president Michael Bedford. The National Council established this practice in October, 2018 as a way of honoring members who have had stellar careers in performing, teaching and church music, but have never taken the FAGO exam. The award was presented during the final convention concert by Paul Jacobs.



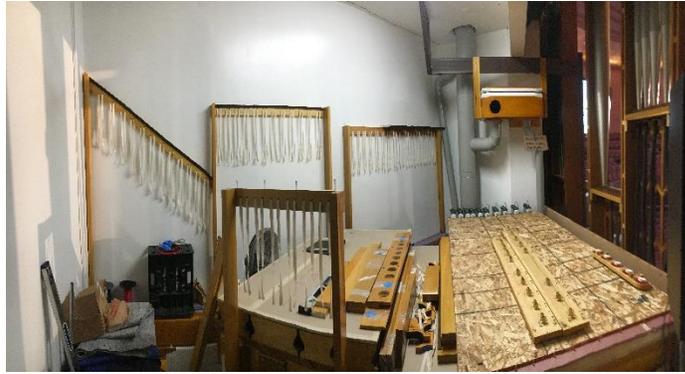
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## **AGO Members –**

You should have received an email about participating in a Strategic Planning Survey. All current members have been asked to help the national organization understand their needs, if AGO is meeting those needs, and help direct the future of the Guild. Your opinions are needed – you are important!

**Please help --**

## Boston Avenue Organ Update:



From Susan Panciera - July 21, 2019

The blower is installed except for the main air line from the blower to the static reservoir. The electrician has wired the blower. Foley-Baker installers will wind the blower first thing next trip and blow out the windlines.

The Great and Choir chassis are installed and the winding is all fabricated. As soon as the windlines are blown out they will connect the Gt/Ch lines and put air to them.

The Gt/Ch relay is mounted and they've started running the main DC wiring. The great cables are all run to the relay, and are ready to be connected. They still need to run the Ch cables.

The next trip will be in September. The installers are arriving on 9/11 and will be here for two weeks. They will continue to work on the Great and Choir and will also start installing the Swell and Pedal chambers.

Exciting times at Boston Avenue!

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### For Sale:

Rodgers Exeter 770, over 30 years old but works fine. It was in a church, and has no built-in speakers but can be plugged in to PA speakers. I use it with headphones only. Manuals and Pedals are in good condition and it is a great practice instrument. Price is \$290.

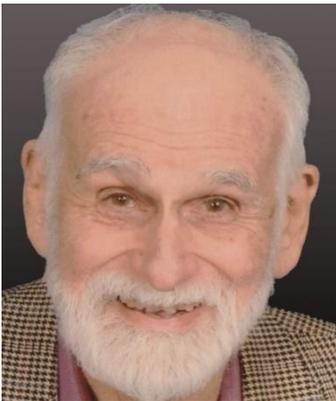
Zoltan Varga: 918-397-4049 or [music@stjohn-bartlesville.org](mailto:music@stjohn-bartlesville.org)





Part-time Pianist/Organist – Yale Avenue Christian Church. This is a part-time position with primary responsibilities for Sunday morning worship, Wednesday evening rehearsals and for special services through the year. The right candidate must have a moderate to high-level skill of performance and sight-reading capabilities, and be willing to collaborate with the Worship Leader/Choir Director to enhance the weekly worship services. Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume and two recommendations to: Yale Avenue Christian Church/Personnel, 3616 S Yale Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74135 This is a part-time pos

Part-time organist/pianist is needed for weekend Masses at St. Monica (Sundays at 8:30 am) and St. Augustine (Sundays at 10:30am) Catholic Churches. In addition, there will be extra Masses for Holy Days, funerals, and other events as needed. Person applying should be versatile in all types of music, familiar with the Catholic Mass and Mass settings. Please send resume and salary requirements to [stmonicachurch@aol.com](mailto:stmonicachurch@aol.com) or [okey1970@yahoo.com](mailto:okey1970@yahoo.com) or to St. Monica Catholic Church, 633 East Marshall Place, Tulsa, 74106-4836.



### Nunc dimittis – Joe Maxfield (7/11/1932 – 5/26/2019)

Joe and Jeanette Maxfield were constant and enthusiastic supporters of music in Tulsa, and never missed an opportunity to attend and participate in the musical life of the city. Jeanette was a long-time and active member of the Tulsa Chapter AGO, which meant that Joe was an active supporter of the AGO as well. He touched the lives of countless children and young people at various schools in the Tulsa Public School District. In 2011, Joe and Jeanette moved to Muncie, Indiana to be close to their daughters. Jeanette died in December, 2017, and following a debilitating stroke, Joe died in May of this year. The full obituary can be found at [indianafuneralcare.com](http://indianafuneralcare.com)

Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.

### AGO Membership Renewal:

Chapter renewals are going very well – thank you to everyone for the prompt response. If you haven't renewed yet, please do it today!

If you want to be a Chapter Friend, there is a form attached to this newsletter that you can fill out and send to Fred Elder. All the information is on the form.



**We love Chapter Friends – important support that makes our programming possible. Thank you!**

**Welcome New Chapter Member Ann Boelzner!**  
Ann is the Organist and Music Director at Fellowship Lutheran Church.  
We are pleased to welcome her to Tulsa and to the Tulsa Chapter!



## FRIENDS OF THE TULSA AGO

2019-2020 Season

*Levels of Support*

Bombarde: \$200 and above

Great: \$100 - \$199

Swell: \$50 - \$99

Choir: \$20 - \$49

**We want to include your name – if you made a contribution online, you will be listed in the September issue of The Tulsa Tracker.**

**If you want to make a contribution directly, that form is attached to this email.**

**Your support makes a difference – thank you!**

### Available to substitute:

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### Teacher List:

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SMITH, Vicki	918-607-3170

**The Substitute and Teacher Lists will be updated in the September issue – please make sure that your information is current. Thank you!**



Visit our updated website: [www.tulsaago.org](http://www.tulsaago.org)

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