



The Brooklyn Bombarde

The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Holiday Season, 2006

Holiday Dinner, Mini-Convention...and Holiday Thoughts

On Sunday, January 7, we'll have our annual End-of-Holidays Dinner at St. John's Episcopal Church right under the Verazzano Bridge. This is one of our Chapter's most beloved traditions, and I hope you're planning on being there. New members, you owe it to yourselves in particular to take part in this delightful event. See the sign-up form in this issue and make plans to attend!

Right after this, on Monday, January 15 —NOT the 17th as the TAO ad unfortunately states—we will have our Mini-Convention with the Queens Chapter. The roster of clinicians would make any national AGO convention sit up and take notice. And you don't have to fly, book a hotel room, or pay hundreds of dollars for this event! The price is \$20, or \$10 for members of our two chapters. For that, you can learn about improvisation, Buxtehude and Vierne, liturgical music and easy repertoire, health and wellness issues....AND attend a great concert at the end of the day.

In previous years, our King Day events—in Connecticut and Philly—have attracted good-sized and enthusiastic attendance. Please, let's plan on setting a new attendance record! We can always learn from one another and have a wonderful time doing it.

Included in this issue are announcements for both events, the dinner and the convention. Please do our Treasurer a favor and pay for them separately—but you can certainly mail payments in one envelope! Just provide your name and phone on a sheet of looseleaf and send it in with your check(s).

In the meantime, remember that your work at this time of year is one of the reasons the holidays are so special. What is Christmas without organ music, without the Lessons and Carols, the Midnight Masses, the various services which we lead so well? What, indeed, is Chanukah if we can't come up with a few rousing variations on *I Have a Little Dreidel* or *Maoz Tzur*?

As you play *Silent Night*—yet again—this year, remember your own role in the grand scheme of things and perk up. People need you and love you, whether they know it or not.

As Pope St. Leo the Great preached many Christmases ago, "agnosce dignitatem tuam," *acknowledge your dignity*. It takes more than bishops—or senators—or businessmen—or soldiers—to make the world a happy place. Some of us call this "Tikkun Olam," *the repairing of the world*. Your role in that majestic, unfinished, hopeless project is a precious one indeed. Acknowledge it, and live up to it. Happy holidays!

Soli Deo Gloria! Vivat Rex Instrumentorum!

—Jonathan B. Hall, FAGO, dean

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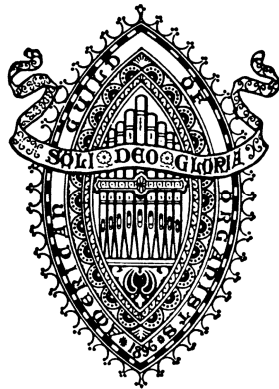
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CHAPTER-SPONSORED EVENTS

Traditional "Twelfth-Night" party, January 7, 2007, at St. John's Church, Hamilton Heights.

MLK Day, Jan. 15, all day: our Mini-Convention! Plan to attend—it will be terrific.

PROGRAMS OF OUR MEMBERS

Every Wednesday, 1:10 PM. Free Recital at the Church of Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity, Montague and Clinton, the Heights. Usual recitalist is *titulaire* Gregory Eaton though you may also hear Mark Victor Smith, Ken Potter, or other guests tickle the abundant ivories.

We encourage all members to support one another by attendance at such programs as they can make. Bring friends, too!

And organists: please let the newsletter editor know of your upcoming recitals!

The Brooklyn Chapter Thanks Its Generous Donors

As of the end of December, 2006, the following persons have graciously given financial gifts to our Chapter.

Please consider their example and, perhaps, do likewise yourself!

Steven Danziger, MD

Gregory Eaton

Sylvester Nichols

Charles Dodsley Walker, FAGO

Christmas Party

It's almost time for our annual (End-of-)Christmas party, at Saint John's Episcopal Church, Hamilton Heights. Please join us for the usual festivity. Our faithful longtime member Roland Blackburn is once again overseeing the preparations, and we're sure this year's party will be as memorable as last year's!

TIME: Sunday, January 7, 2007, 5:30 PM
Pre-party Board meeting, 5 PM.

PLACE: St. John's Episcopal Church, Hamilton Heights, 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11209 <http://www.saintjohns1834.org/>

COST: \$25 all-inclusive.

RSVP: To Treasurer Steven Danziger—call (see number on p. 2) or mail an RSVP to 35 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215

January Mini-Convention

It's ALSO almost time for our annual Martin Luther King Day event! This year, we're staying in town and celebrating with the Queens Chapter for their fiftieth birthday. We're co-hosting a Min-Convention at the Community Church of Douglaston. It will be FABULOUS.

TIME: MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 9-6

PLACE: COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DOUGLASTON, Douglaston, Qns., right by Route 25A (Northern Blvd.) and Douglaston Pkwy.

COST: \$10 for chapter members all-inclusive.

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JANUARY 7—HOLIDAY DINNER

JANUARY 15—*NOT* 17—MINI-CONVENTION.

Please sign up for both holiday events!