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Dean's Message

Soft snow is falling and the fire is blazing as I send my greetings to you all for a blessed holiday season! I have reason for being especially thankful at this time—for everyone who has done wonderful work for our Chapter, and those who have stepped up to the plate.

To begin—these words feel inadequate to express my heartfelt gratitude to retiring Cypher editor Mark Frazier, for his many hours of work putting together an informative, photogenic and fun newsletter for us the past 3 ½ years! Thanks so very much, Mark! And I am also so grateful to Michael Joseph, who has volunteered to take over as the Cypher editor!

And I also

want to thank Mark for creating our first (?) "Pipescream Spooktacular" on October 30. It was a hilarious evening of organ, singing, bell ringing, "sword fighting"—serious musicians having a blast—letting their



hair down!

Another round of thanks to David Wold for his "Pedals, Pipes and Pizza" program which he presented to about 12 students plus parents and some teachers at the Rye Congregational Church on November 7.

By now you will have received your Membership

Directory. A multitude of thanks are due George Bozeman, who worked many hours on it, and he also put together our history as told in the words of Elphege Roy and Douglas Rafter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our January 10 meeting—4:00 pm at St. Andrew's (Manchester), as we hear from our Chaplain—the Rev. Celeste Hemingson.

Until then—Christmas Blessings to all.

Liz

Chapter Officers

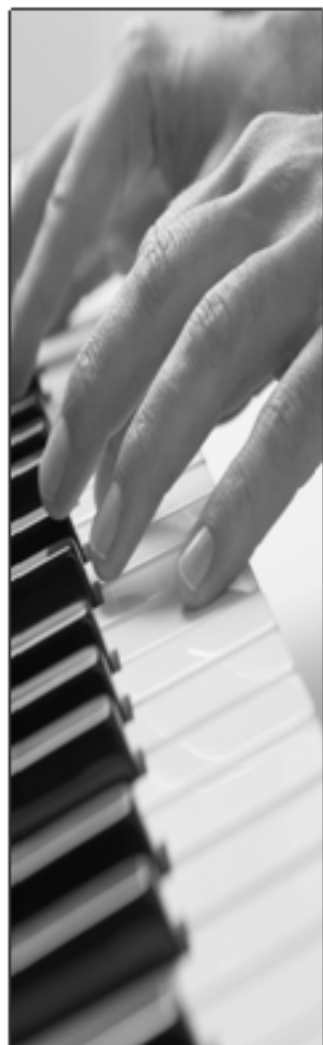
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Placement: Emery Freethy

Cypher: Michael Joseph



The 1 1/2 - 2 hour program will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Manchester, NH on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 4 PM. Members and guests (please feel free to invite clergy) will explore different ways to increase collaborative skills in situations while working with others.

Guild members, if they wish, may bring appetizers or desserts for a brief concluding social time at the church.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather, workshop will be held on Jan. 17th at 4pm.

·COLLABORATION: SWEET HARMONY OR SPIRITED COUNTERPOINT?" TO BE TOPIC OF JANUARY WORKSHOP BY NHAGO CHAPLAIN - THE REV. CELESTE HEMINGSON.

THE REV. CELESTE A. HEMINGSON has been the interim Associate Priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Concord since January 2007. Following her ordination in 2003 she served as Curate at St. Thomas Church in Hanover. Before her Ordination she was manager at the Social Security Administration in Concord since 1987. A music lover, she studied voice and sings with the Newburyport Choral Society. Celeste will begin her new Ministry in January 2010 as Priest-In-Charge at St. Mark's Church in Ashland, NH.

DIRECTIONS to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 102 Main Street, Manchester, NH.

FROM THE EAST (Seacoast)

- Take 101 West toward Manchester
- After Exit 1, continue and bear left at fork onto 101 West/Manchester/Bedford
- Merge right immediately and bear right at next fork onto 293 North/101W toward airport
- Take Exit 5 and keep left on ramp onto Granite Street

**Turn right at second light onto Main Street (Dunkin Donuts)

- Turn left at next light (between church and West High School) onto Conant St.

- Take next left onto West St. and another immediate left (Dead End sign) into Church parking lot

FROM THE NORTH

(Concord area)

- Take 293 South into Manchester

- Take Exit 5 and turn right onto Granite St.

** Proceed as above

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROGRAMS in 2010

JANUARY 10 - Sunday, 4pm, Lecture/Workshop - Collaboration: Sweet Harmony or Spirited Counterpoint? St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Manchester. NHAGO Chaplain Celeste A. Hemingson, Presenter.

FEBRUARY 7 - Sunday, 4pm, Improvisation/ Demonstration, "Anatomy of a Melody". St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Manchester. Paul Bor-

deleau, Presenter.

MARCH 14 - Sunday, 3pm. Organ Recital by 2009 Region 1 AGO Quimby Prize Winner, Jacob Street. Grace Episcopal Church, Manchester.

JUNE 13 - Sunday, 4pm. Annual Meeting/Dinner at Pasquale's Ristorante, Candia. Lecture/Slideshow presentation on the historic installation of the Opus 120 Pipe Organ at the Lausanne Cathedral by Greg Bover, Project Manager for C.B. Fiske Co.

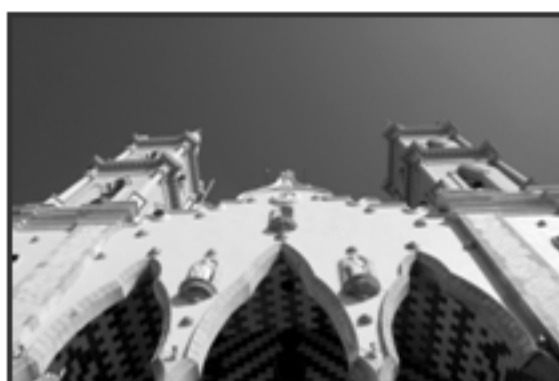
UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 31, 2010 - Sunday, 1pm at Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell St., Manchester, NH. Organ Recital with Mary Copeley, Organist. Featuring the music of J.S. Bach, Messiaen, Franck, Widor and Vieme. Church is wheelchair accessible. Freewill offering. For more information please call Eric Bermani at (603)622-6404,

This brief review is a contribution of your new Cypher Editor.

Upon arriving at South Congregational Church, in the Capital City, on the evening of the 30th of October, it was evident that there were "mad" last minute preparations in progress. As if borrowing from a dark themed story of Goethe, ghouls, goblins and specters darted about the normally sacred space with determined anxiety. It was a scene from Saint-Saens "Danse Macabre" made manifest.

Now mind you, when a group of organists get together to make mischief for the sake of it, you have the makings of an "all bets off" event. Sure enough, under the leadership of our host, Mark Frazier, a truly versatile character indeed, and the master of ceremonies R. P. Hale, alias "Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come" performed amiably in bringing the "Dark Side" out in all of us. All members involved in playing the Church's organ brought out the best of the instruments haunted voicings! Well done everyone!



Positions Available

The Congregational and Baptist Church of Chester

United Church of Christ and American Baptist Churches

P. O. Box 306

Chester, NH 03036

(603) 887-4792 (home)

revbev@gsinet.net

Organist/Choir Director; for one Sunday service with choir. Extra services for holidays would also be expected.

\$10,000 annual salary for selecting choral music, rehearsing choir which sings for 10 months of the year, and working with other musicians which contribute to the worship life of the church. Includes 2 weeks of paid vacation.

Organ: Woodbury and Harris, tracker action, restored by George Bozeman.

Inquires made to above address c/o the Pastor, or Linda Noyes at (603) 887-3291

The Cypher

NH Chapter, American Guild of Organists

156 Little Pond Rd.

Positions Open Nearby

Both postings courtesy of the Worcester Chapter

**First Congregational Church (Organist/Choir Director)
138 Main St., Westminster, MA 01473; www.westcong.org**

Part-time position (10-12 hours per week) in an active parish of 300 members. Provide music for one weekly service at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, plus special holiday services (including, but not limited to Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday and Children's Sunday). Rehearse dedicated adult choir for 90 minutes on Thursday evening and before church service on Sunday mornings (September through June). Select and play preludes, offertories and postludes for services of worship. Select a variety of music for choral anthems, introits, prayer responses and benedictions. Input at staff meetings for worship planning. The music ministry includes a traditional worship service with blended elements. Proficiency in organ, piano and accompanying necessary. Quality digital Allen Renaissance organ. Grand piano in sanctuary. Position available January 2010. Response deadline: June 2010. For a complete job description, visit our web site (above). Submit letter and resume to Doug Washabaugh, Chair Organist Search Committee, c/o First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 477, Westminster, MA 01473.

**St. Boniface Catholic Church (Organist/Music Director)
817 Massachusetts Ave., Lunenburg, MA 01462; mysite.verizon.net/st_boniface/**

Part-time position (10 hours per week). Play three Masses each weekend, plus major holy days. Familiarity with both traditional and contemporary music for the Roman Catholic liturgy is preferred. Responsibilities include selection of music and collaborating with pastor for liturgical planning. Salary of \$15,000 to \$18,000 based on experience and expertise, 2 weeks paid vacation and sick leave. Baldwin organ and Yamaha piano. Send resume via fax to 978-582-9355 or via e-mail to stbonifacereled@verizon.net.

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