

# ***TITULAIRE***

## **The NEWSLETTER for the AGO PALOMAR CHAPTER**

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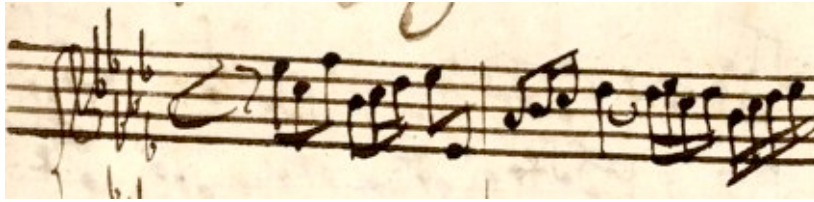
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Dr. Joseph Valent (photo from November 2020).

## A Note from the Dean



Dear Palomar AGO members,

A Happy New Year to everyone. I hope your December was full of joy and light. I hope we can all share the joys and light of our lives through our music.

Please make note of upcoming chapter events. I hope some of you are able to play on the scholarship fundraiser concert in March.

Thank you for all you do and your support of last year's events.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, looped 'M' and a trailing flourish.

# February Chapter Program

February 7, 2026 Saturday 12:30 PM - San Diego Baroque Concert, at King of Kings Lutheran, 2993 Macdonald Street, Oceanside, California. Palomar Chapter is co-sponsoring this concert with King of Kings Lutheran. Dr. Alison Luedecke will be playing one of the Bach transcriptions of a Vivaldi concerto grosso on organ as well as playing harpsichord with the ensemble.

The promotional material notes: San Diego Baroque again joins forces with up-and-coming Los Angeles-based soprano Addy Sterrett (last seen with us in 2023), for a program centered on Italian vocal chamber works from the early 18th century, including Alessandro Scarlatti's exquisite L'Olimpia and Handel's Crudel tiranno amor HWV 97. Dr. Alison Luedecke will be playing one of the Bach transcriptions of a Vivaldi concerto grosso on organ. Plan to attend and bring friends!! Donations accepted at the concert. More program information from the website: <http://www.sandiegobaroque.com>.

## Member News

**Chuck and Sally Fay** moved to Pella, Iowa in Sept 2025. Nineteen inches of snow so far!! They are active in a new parish where Chuck serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Sally often plays piano for Mass. Sally is also teaching Jazzercise! They enjoy being close to family. Contact Carol Graham for their new address.

### **Dr. Joseph Valent**

I serve as an organist at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Cathedral in San Diego playing the Sunday AM Masses (8 AM and 10 AM) every week plus some additional services if needed. They also are using my Responsorial Psalm settings on Sunday mornings during Advent, so that is nice. I frequently sub for Churches needing a Saturday organist or pianist.

As a conductor: By special arrangements with the respective Conductors, I serve as (semi-official) Assistant Conductor for the Poway Symphony and for City Ballet San Diego. I have also been doing lots of work (mostly piano, but some conducting), for Cinballera Entertainment (a new ballet and opera company). Their next production is Amahl and the Night Visitors (with me at the piano instead of an orchestra) December 15 at 7 PM at the Villa Montezuma Museum in San Diego.

I still play piano (and occasionally conduct something) for the Center Chorale and still play (at concerts only) for their Children's Chorus. I am still the Pianist for the Striano Piano Trio. I am still the Accompanist (and occasional substitute rehearsal leader) for the Casa Chorale at the Casa de las Campanas in Rancho Bernardo. (Emma Whitten leads the group.)

I work at CSUSM (Cal State University San Marcos) as an Accompanist, playing for the University Choir and playing for Music Majors at Forums and Juries. The pianist for the Pacific Coast Chorale accidentally broke some fingers (then resigned) so I have recently run down to SD on a number of Saturday mornings to play for them.

I still do freelance work - Conducting, Piano, Organ, Composing/Arranging. Wish I could say all that keeps me out of trouble but ... ;-)—Joseph Valent

Editor's note: Congratulations Joe, on your new gig at St. Joseph Cathedral. Unfortunately (for me and the congregation at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Escondido, since taking your new job you haven't been able to sub for me when I'm out of town! We all miss you!—Henry Doktorski

# Palomar Chapter 2025-2026 Events

(Includes events not hosted by Palomar Chapter.)

Sept 13, 3:00 PM - Open Organ Tryout and Pizza, House of Prayer Lutheran, Escondido

Fall AGOSD Organ Retreat, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4816 Glen Street, La Mesa 91941

Oct 25 - Historical Keyboard Society of Southern California Early Keyboard Festival, All Souls Episcopal, Point Loma

Nov 2 - 3:00 PM - Dr. Michael Munson Organ concert, 1st United Methodist, Escondido. Palomar sponsored event

February 7, 2026 Saturday 12:30 PM - San Diego Baroque Concert, King of Kings Lutheran 2993 Macdonald Street, Oceanside. Palomar sponsored event with King of Kings Church

March 8 , 2026 Sunday - Annual Scholarship Concert, Trinity Episcopal, 845 Chestnut Street, Escondido, 4:00 PM, Reception following. The theme is "A Musical Journey Abroad"

April 25, 2026 Saturday- Member's Recital at St. John's Episcopal, 434 N. Iowa Street, Fallbrook, 10:00 AM followed by lunch at Estrella's Restaurant and Cantina, 129 East Mission Road, Fallbrook

May 9, 2026 - Scholarship Auditions at King of Kings Lutheran, 2993 Macdonald Street Oceanside, 11:00 AM

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## **2025-2026 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES** (updated September 2025)

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