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December 5, 2018

Dear Members and Friends:

I hope this finds you well with a reflective Advent underway and all looking forward to Christmas. As this will be my last newsletter I write and my last month as President of the Society, I find myself in a particularly pensive mood!

Looking back, I am extraordinarily grateful to have had the honor and pleasure of serving the Society and most especially for the kind encouragement; enthusiastic participation; and, generosity of spirit shown by our membership in all our endeavors throughout the year.

In particular, I want to thank every one of the 2018 Board who exemplified that spirit and without whom, absolutely nothing would have been accomplished! Special thanks and good wishes go to **Justice Peter Siggins; Dean John Trasvina;** and, **past-President Karen Kimmey** who will be stepping down from the Board at the end of the year (but remaining active in the Society!).

Looking forward, our incoming Board's plans for 2019 already include many more opportunities to come together and grow in learning; faith; and, fellowship. There will be more lunch speakers; mixers; service projects; pro bono opportunities; and, faith explorations -- I look forward to seeing you all at those!

But until then...

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will take place **December 13** at noon, at the Family Club, 545 Powell Street San Francisco.

As is now traditional, we will enjoy music from the De Marillac Academy Choir and the winner of this year's Eighth Grade St. Thomas More Essay Contest will read the winning essay and receive their prize.

Please RSVP at the link below the cost is \$55 for members with more than 10 years in practice and \$45 for those with fewer. New members and students are (as always) still free:

[Luncheon RSVP](#)

2018 SECRET SANTA

The Christmas Luncheon will see in our fourth annual Secret Santa for families of the De Marillac Academy. DMA staff have provided us a list of **thirty** families who would benefit greatly from the suggested donation of a \$50 gift card to a local or online store, e.g. Target, Amazon, etc.

In each past year of the program our members have surpassed themselves in Christmas generosity and far over-subscribed the list of families! I expect this year will be no different - please contact me via email (adphillipsesq@gmail.com) if you would like to participate and I will assign you to a family and provide further instructions.

Act fast as the list will fill up quickly!

DUES

The Society depends on membership dues to fund all of its activities. Dues are \$100 for practitioners with over five years' experience and \$75 for those with fewer. Law students are free.

Our Christmas program in particular requires additional funding, particularly the prizes for Essay Contest winners. *It is essential that those who have not yet paid their 2018 dues do so as soon as possible.*

Annual dues can be paid online, here:

<http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org/how-to-join/>

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Alternatively, checks for membership dues can be sent to our Treasurer, Bryan Saalfeld at Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney; 88 Kearny Street #10, San Francisco CA 94108

Feel free to contact me or Bryan with questions about dues or whether your membership is current.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions for the Society – I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you all.

God bless,

Tony

Anthony D. Phillips
President