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October 12, 2011

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

We had a tremendous turnout for our September Lunch with San Francisco Chief of Police Greg Suhr. It was great to see this outpouring of support for our City's Chief of Police.

Those of you who attended are sure to recall that the Chief spoke about the five year old girl who was shot (as reported in the media) with a stray bullet during an exchange of gunfire between rival gang members in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, and his recounting of his hospital visits with her. Chief Suhr described that during the frightening aftermath, she was focused on replacing her clothes for school and how she was hoping to have a new dress for kindergarten. On behalf of the Society, Members of the Executive Board went with Chief Suhr to visit the family and deliver gifts of Nordstrom's finest to this young victim (in her favorite colors) and her sisters. Your Society shined very brightly that day, and it was a great privilege to render support to Chief Suhr on your behalf. Thank you!

ANNUAL RED MASS AND PRESENTATION OF THE ST. THOMAS MORE AWARD

Please join us for the annual Red Mass and the Forty-Third Presentation of the St. Thomas More Award to **San Francisco Superior Court Judge Kathleen A. Kelly** at 5:30 p.m. on **October 27, 2011**, at **St. Peter and Paul's Church in North Beach**, and at the Banquet which immediately follows at the **San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**.

An Invitation and Banquet Reservation Form are attached to this newsletter. Early reservations are advised.

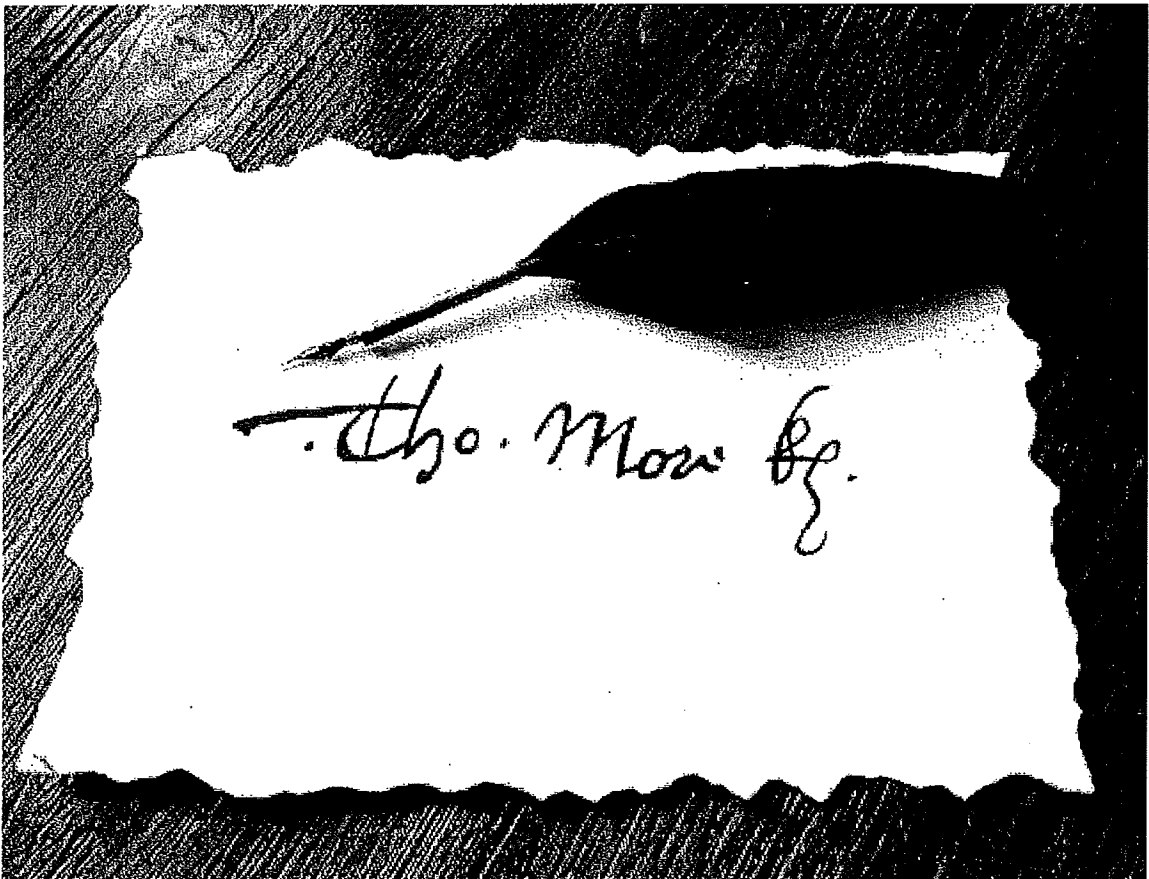
ST. ANTHONY'S SERVICE DAY

In preparation for the Red Mass and Banquet, and in recognition of Judge Kelly's career of community service, Members and Friends of the Society are invited to join in volunteering at St. Anthony's

Dining Room in San Francisco on the Saturday preceding the Red Mass (October 22). Due to requirements at St. Anthony's, the size of our volunteer contingent is limited, so please contact Board Member Tim Crudo at Timothy.Crudo@lw.com as soon as possible to confirm your attendance.

MYSTERY SOLVED AND A HAPPY NEW BEGINNING!

In last month's Newsletter, we reached out to you on behalf of an Ohio lawyer who sought the Society's help. He was planning to ask his girlfriend's father for his permission to marry her, and had commissioned an artist to recreate the signature of St. Thomas More on parchment as a gift for his future father-in-law (also a lawyer):



The question posed to us was: "... St. Thomas More has an unusual symbol at the end of his signature that almost resembles a "K" mixed with a "Y." What is the significance of this symbol?"

You responded to this call for help! Here are the responses we received, in order:

1. Matthew Rothschild of the San Francisco City Attorney's office advises, "The "K" is for Knight. For St. Thomas More – a Knight of the Realm. A King puts "R" for Rex after his name for King.

And “RI” for King Emperor ...”

2. Tobin & Tobin’s Pete Murphy believes that, “... Thomas More’s 3 year old did it.”

3. William Bogdan writes, “There’s a lot of variation in how More signed his name. He wrote a lot of letters, and a lot of those were in Latin. He signed those “Thomas (or ‘Tho.’) Morus eques,” which translates to “Thomas More, knight,” because he was, in fact, a knight. Since the squiggly thing looks to me like a K and T, I would say that it just might be “kt” standing in for the whole “knight” that he chose to write out in his Latin signature, but chose to abbreviate here ...”

4. Baxter Rice opined that, “The squiggly at the end of his signature is but ‘Esq.’”

We forwarded many of these answers and received a grateful acknowledgement.

As for the rest of the story, our modern-day Knight in shining armor proposed atop Cincinnati’s Mt. Adams in front of the Church of the Immaculata and (importantly) she said yes – all with the blessing of his future father-in-law!

YOUR ANNUAL DUES COUNT

The St. Thomas More Society relies each year on Member dues. In addition to supporting our ongoing programs, your dues payments gives us the flexibility to act for the good of our community, such as our recent support of Chief Suhr’s efforts.

Many thanks to all past and new Members who have forwarded their annual dues. For those who have not had a free moment, the **2011 Membership Form** (also attached to this letter) may be used to pay your 2011 Dues and to update your membership records. Dues for attorneys retired from practice are now *reduced* to only \$50 per year.

The 2011 Membership Form may also be used by new members to join the Society – feel free to copy it, email it, and pass it around!

PASTOR’S LUNCH

November 17 is the date for this year’s Pastor’s lunch at The Family. Our guest speaker will be the **Rev. Walter Hoye**.

As per our custom, your Pastors (or their clergy designees) attend without charge as guests of the Society. It’s up to each of you to invite your Pastor (we don’t do it) and let him see firsthand your contribution to the San Francisco legal community and the work of your Society.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Mark your calendar for December 8 for the Society’s annual Christmas lunch at The Family when we

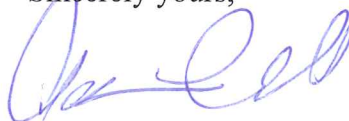
toast not only the holiday season but the winner of our annual essay contest.

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Make your reservations now for the Red Mass and Banquet on October 27. Have a great month, and look for updates in our monthly newsletters and emails. And be sure to visit our website at www.stthomasmore-sf.org – Ohioans do!

For the Executive Committee:

Sincerely yours,



Adrian G. Driscoll
President

Enclosures:

Red Mass & Banquet Invitation and Reservation Form
2011 Membership Form

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***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO***

THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO RED MASS

Saints Peter and Paul Church
666 Filbert Street
San Francisco
Thursday, October 27, 2011
5:30 p.m.

**Sponsored By
THE ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

Honoring The 2011 St. Thomas More Award Recipient

**THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN A. KELLY
Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court**

**THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT W. McELROY
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO
will be the Principal Celebrant of the Red Mass**

**The Annual Banquet will follow the Red Mass
at**

**The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club
1630 Stockton Street
San Francisco
7:00 p.m.**

**Banquet Reservation Form Enclosed
Dinner \$90
Clergy and Students \$45**

Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues, family, and friends

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THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN ANNE KELLY

A fourth generation native daughter of San Francisco, Judge Kelly attended St. Cecilia grammar school, St. Rose Academy, and the University of California, Berkeley. Following her graduation from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1984 and a brief stint in private practice, Judge Kelly turned to public service, where she has served her community – and particularly its youth – for more than 20 years.

Judge Kelly served as a Senior Trial Attorney with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office for 10 years, where she represented the City's Department of Human Services as well as minors in child abuse and neglect cases. She was elected "Barrister of the Year" for her work co-founding the Bar Association of San Francisco's Barristers Club's Speakers in the Schools Program, which brought lawyers into hundreds of San Francisco classrooms; she served on the Mayor's Advisory Council of Child Care and the Mayor's Child Sexual Trauma Advisory Committee; and she co-founded the Education Rights of Foster Children Committee and the San Francisco Foster Youth Services Program. Judge Kelly went on to become President of the Volunteer Auxiliary of the Youth Guidance Center, where during her tenure the organization opened a library for youth in custody and was honored by the Judicial Council of California as a model program serving children in Juvenile Court.

After serving first as an Adjunct Professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law teaching Juvenile Law and later as an Assistant United States Attorney, Judge Kelly was appointed to the Superior Court bench in San Francisco in 2003. In addition to being a member of the Court's Executive Committee, in her tenure on the bench Judge Kelly has presided in the Criminal Courts and in the Juvenile Delinquency Court where she initiated a number of model programs for youth.

She is married to attorney Kevin Holl and is the proud mother of two daughters.

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RESERVATION FORM

THE ANNUAL RED MASS BANQUET

**HONORING THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN A. KELLY
RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 ST. THOMAS MORE AWARD**

**Thursday, October 27, 2011
The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club
1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco**

Please reserve ____ Banquet places at \$90 per person

Please reserve ____ Banquet places at \$45 per person (Clergy and Students)

Name: _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Pasta _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Names of others in your party for whom payment is submitted:

_____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Pasta _____

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_____ I would like to sponsor one or more Members of the Clergy and/or Students at \$45 per person and include \$ _____ in my check for that purpose.

The total amount of my enclosed check is \$ _____. (Please make checks payable to the "St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco").

Please RSVP by October 24 and send checks to:

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2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

*Use this form to pay your annual Dues and update your Membership Record.
New members may use this form to join the Society.*

Date: _____

Name: _____

Firm, Company or Court: _____

Street Address or P.O. Box: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Parish: _____

Preferred Address for Society Mailings: **Business** _____ **Home** _____

Law Student? _____

Year Admitted to Bar: _____ **Retired from Practice?** _____

Please accompany this application with current dues. Annual dues are \$100 for attorneys over five (5) years in practice; \$50 for attorneys retired from practice and attorneys with five (5) years or less in practice; and \$25 for law students. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Society**. Thank you!

Return application and check to:

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