

**The Thomas More Society of America**

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The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date on the status of our Society.

Our officers and directors are:

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C. Normand Poirier	Chairman of the Board
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We now have approximately 110 members and applications have begun to trickle in on an almost daily basis. A current roster is enclosed.

The last time we met our distinguished Treasurer reported that we had in excess of \$6,000.00 on hand.

Since our last annual meeting in September, we have accomplished the following:

1. The Thomas More Gazette II was mailed to all of our members.

2. We acquired the right to distribute an extract from the film "A Man For All Seasons." We have already made the film available to schools in the area and we plan further distribution in the Fall.

3. A successful Seminar was held at the Georgetown School of Law on March 21, 1981. The topic was "The Man For This Season", the Moderator was Regina McGranery, Assistant U. S. Attorney and the participants were

Nancy Brown, Folger Fellow  
Professor, Trinity College  
Washington, D. C.

Thomas M. C. Lawler, Ph. D.  
Director, Interdisciplinary  
Humanities Program  
College of the Holy Cross  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Honorable Howard T. Markey  
Chief Judge  
U. S. Court of Customs and  
Patent Appeals

4. The luncheon guest speaker at the National Lawyers Club on May 21, 1981 was Professor Richard C. Marius of Harvard University. He chose as his topic "The Demands For Religious Certainty in Thomas More."

5. We have about finalized plans to bring an Executive Director and Assistant aboard. This is, indeed, a real shot in the arm for the Society. Like most relatively new organizations, we have growing pains. Unfortunately, none of us have had the time to devote to the project that it deserves.

6. We have plans for the future. For example, we are laying the groundwork for affiliate organizations in major cities. We plan informal Thomas More award dinners. We anticipate funding in due course so that meaningful projects can be undertaken, such as a Thomas More Chair at one or more law schools. Seminars and luncheons will continue.

All of you were not able to attend our meetings. The talks were of such high caliber that they should be circulated. We are in the process of binding them for distribution.

The Chairman of our Board, Norman Poirier, chairs the Nominating Committee. New officers and directors will come aboard in the Fall. We need your input. Mr. Poirier's address and phone number are:

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Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 19. Please mark your calendar. We welcome your suggestions for items that should be included, as well as any thoughts you have for strengthening the organization.

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In "Conscience And The Crown" James H. Hansen\* states:

"... five hundred years after his inauspicious birth, the life of Sir Thomas More continues to perplex and to inspire--to reaffirm the still, small voice of conscience against the roar of oppression. No man of any age better merits the tribute paid him by a London schoolteacher in 1520, years before he was on the brink of glory: 'More is a man of an angel's wit and singular learning; a man of marvelous mirth and pastimes, and sometimes of sad gravity, as one might say, a man for all seasons.'"



Thomas H. Wall  
President

\* COMMENTAR, Center Stage, Volume 3, No. 4, Baltimore, Md.