



More News

The Newsletter of the Thomas More Society of America

Advent 1995

Society Annual Dinner a Success

The Thomas More Society's Annual Dinner was held at the Congressional Country Club November 10. After preliminary and welcoming remarks by President Robert A. Dufek, **Justice Antonin Scalia** gave the keynote address, entitled "Not to the Wise," in which he spoke eloquently and intimately about Thomas More, faith, and the limits of reason. The attendees enjoyed a wonderful program and a delicious dinner, and the Society was honored by Justice Scalia's presence.

Approximately 125 guests attended the black tie event. Brother Patrick Ellis, President of The Catholic University of America, gave the invocation. As a token of appreciation to Justice Scalia, Society Past President Joseph McGrath presented him with a framed print of the Hans Holbein portrait of Thomas More, from the Frick Gallery in New York.

It was a lovely evening. Thank you to all members and friends who attended or sent donations.

The Board is especially grateful for the considerable effort of the Annual Dinner Committee, chaired by Society Past President Joseph D. Crumlish, which included Joseph Spaniol, James Keenan, John Miller, Rose Bente Lee, and George Georges. The success of the evening is the result of their thoughtful planning and attention to detail.

Mark Your Calendars! Board Sets 1996 Program

The 1996 Program has been set. Continuing the practice of featuring speakers on the subject of Thomas More, the following events have been confirmed through the Winter and Spring. Flyers will be sent to members for each event.

January 17, 1996: Fr. Edward Ingebretsen, SJ, Department of English, Georgetown University, will make a luncheon address to the Society on the topic "Fantasy, Culture and Tales in the Margins," at the Sheraton City Centre.

February 20, 1996: Dr. Clarence H. Miller, St. Louis University, will make a luncheon address on the topic: "Thomas More, a Man for All Seasons: Robert Bolt's Play and the Elizabethan Play of More," at the Sheraton City Centre.

June 22, 1996: Thomas More Feast Day. Noon Mass and Light Reception and Board meeting at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill.

The Board also plans to host the **Abbe Marc'hadour** in the Spring, and is planning a May luncheon lecture at which **Dr. Katherine Rodgers** of Yale University will speak on the topic of "Thomas More's Four Last Things." Members will be informed of the exact dates and locations of these events.

In late March the Society will hold a Scholarship Award reception and lecture. Winning students will receive their awards, and light refreshments will be served to the students, their families, and Society members. Exact location and speaker will be announced shortly.

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Second International Tyndale Conference—September 1996

The Second International Tyndale Conference will be held in Oxford, England, 2-7 September 1996. Contact: Mrs. Priscilla Frost, Secretary of the Tyndale Society, 10B Littlegate Street, Oxford OX1 1QT. Tel (011-44)865-794-727, Fax: (011-44)865-794-695.

The London of Thomas More

Plans are being made for a tour of the London of Thomas More, to take place in the Fall of 1996. The tour will be led by Sr. Anne O'Donnell, SND, member of the Board of Directors of the Society and Associate Professor of English at Catholic University. It is envisaged that scheduling will permit those interested in attending the Tyndale Conference at Oxford to do so. Brochures and a complete itinerary are in the works. If you wish to receive full details, please call Society Treasurer Mr. George Georges at (201)338-8717.

Noted with Sorrow . . .

The Thomas More Society notes with regret the death of **Gerard D. Reilly**, Senior Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Judge Reilly was a long-standing member of the Society, and he is greatly missed.

Reports from Elsewhere

Over the past year, **James K. Keenan** has been active in his contacts with fellow students of Thomas More. He spoke recently with **Mr. Augie Heibert**, founder and owner of several TV and radio stations in Alaska. Mr. Heibert, a long-time member of this Society, is in the midst of establishing a Thomas More Society in Alaska. The Society sends thanks and best wishes to Mr. Heibert for these efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan also visited with members of the **Thomas More Society of Ireland**. They spent a wonderful afternoon discussing Moreana and the activities within the Societies. Interestingly, the Irish Society does not have the restrictions associated with our tax-exempt status, and are free as a Society to influence legislation and conduct lobbying activities.

Board of Directors Update

The Board of Directors welcomes **Sara Wiggins**, who has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Thomas More Society. She fills the post recently vacated by Deborah Sanger, who had served for the past three years.

The Board has constituted a Committee to plan the 1996 Annual Dinner, and a Committee to nominate new officers for 1997. Annual Dinner Committee members are: Dr. Michael Scotti, Dr. William Byrne, Mr. Joseph Spaniol, Mr. James Keenan. Nominating Committee members are: Mr. Joseph DeGrandi, Mr. Joseph Spaniol, Mr. James Keenan.

A Christmas Prayer

Let us dance with delight in the Lord,
and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing,
for eternal salvation has appeared on
the earth,
Alleluia.

