

Please join

# Morris Polich & Purdy LLP

For our

## Dessert and Open Bar Party

Wednesday, 5th of November

9:30pm - Midnight

The Golden Gate Room

Hotel Nikko, San Francisco

in celebration of

## Guy Fawkes Day

### The Evening will Include

Live Music by "Shake"

Open Bar, Desserts

Plus - an amazing view of San Francisco

### Venue

Hotel Nikko

(directly across from the Hilton Hotel)

222 Mason Street, San Francisco

The Golden Gate Room

Please RSVP by emailing Leigh Diemler at [ldiemler@mpplaw.com](mailto:ldiemler@mpplaw.com)



## **A Brief History of Guy Fawkes Day**

### **"The Gunpowder Plot"**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, 1605, Guy Fawkes was caught in the cellar of London's House of Lords, guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder, placed there by a group of conspirators against the King. The conspirators planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament in an attempt to kill the King, as well as the parliament members themselves. The plan failed, however, when it reached the King - he devised a plot of his own to apprehend the traitors. Upon his capture, Fawkes was tortured in order to obtain the names of his co-conspirators, and later executed.

### **"A Penny for the Guy"**

Today, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, bonfires are lit to celebrate the failure of the "Gunpowder Plot," a tradition that began the very night of Fawkes' capture. Since then, however, fireworks have been added to the ritual, as well as effigies of Guy Fawkes himself, which are placed on the fires to burn. Children are often the makers of these effigies, which they carry through the streets in order to earn pennies from adult passersby.