

KOLPING Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin

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Note from the Editor



Important Phone Numbers

President — Ted Hoerstmann, 513-404-3139 Vice President — Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

Membership (New Members) — Rita Musbach, 513-793-1148 Membership (Current) — Karen Wienkamp, 513-922-2677 Sick Committee — Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

Sub Group Presidents:

Sängerchor — Dale Sunderhaus, 513-604-6074 Schützen Club — Steve Lawson, 513-578-7873 Seniors - OPEN

Sports Club — Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551 Young Families — Paul Ahrnsen, 513-542-8554 The Journeymen Group — Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334 House & Grounds - Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877

Kolping Center

Clubhouse Rentals — 513-851-7951 then press I Business Office — 513-851-7951 then press 1 Clubhouse — 513-851-7951 then press 5 Hall = 513-851-7951 then press 4

January Events

No General Meeting in January

January 12, 11:30 A.M. **Seniors Meeting** January 15, 7:00 P.M. Schützen Nacht January 17, 2:00 P.M. **Genealogy Meeting** Stube Nacht January 30, 6:00 P.M.

February Events

February 5, 7:30 P.M. **General Meeting** February 9, 11:30 A.M. Seniors Meeting February 13, 8:00 P.M. Valentines Dance February 19, 5:00 P.M. Society Fish Fry February 19, 6:00 P.M. Schützen Nacht February 21, 2:00 P.M. **Genealogy Meeting** February 26, 5:00 P.M. Sports Club Fish Fry February 28, 2:00 P.M. Schlachtfest

All events crossed out above have been cancelled.

Membership Dues Notices

The notices for membership dues went out in November. The annual dues amounts are as follows:

> Life Membership \$25.00 Single Membership \$42.00 Family Membership \$63.00

Life Membership is available to any member who is at least 70 years old and a member for 20 years in 2021. The year you became a member is on the envelope behind your name.

Please pay promptly. Thank you for your membership.

Karen Wienkamp, Membership Secretary





Congratulations to all our members celebrating birthdays in the month of January!



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Mark	Kalkhoff	Jan 1
Mike	Schwebler	Jan 1
MaryAnn	Wurzelbacher	Jan 1
Frank	Geiser	Jan 2
Michael	Hasenfratz	Jan 3
Michael	Seibel	Jan 3
Karin	Albrecht	Jan 5
Karl	Butschkau	Jan 5
David	Moeller	Jan 5
Theodor	Tegenkamp	Jan 5
Ray	Beiser, Jr.	Jan 6
Patty	Hinnenkamp	Jan 6
Tom	Musbach	Jan 6
Steve	Kappen	Jan 8
Mike	Carroll	Jan 9
William	Goetz	Jan 9
John	Schwierling	Jan 10
Tom	Beiting	Jan 12
Jamie	Hoffmann	Jan 12
Gregory	Meyer	Jan 12
Timothy	Pohlman	Jan 12
Edward	Reinert	Jan 12
Jim	Schroer	Jan 12
Wendel	Lachmann	Jan 13
Thomas	Glover	Jan 14
Mary M.	Gonnella	Jan 14
Michael	Kappen	Jan 14
Eric	Schlake	Jan 15

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Ingrid	Thompson	Jan 15
Ray	Kunze	Jan 16
John	Schnieder	Jan 16
Tim	Burda	Jan 17
Theodor B.	Leuker	Jan 18
Paul	Blom	Jan 19
Rudy	Eismann	Jan 19
Dieter	Schildmeyer	Jan 19
Catherine	Thiemann	Jan 19
Joyce	Brown	Jan 20
Jane	Fitzpatrick	Jan 20
Steve	Drees	Jan 21
Mary Etta	Schulte	Jan 23
David	Corbett	Jan 24
Clara	Hamen	Jan 25
Joseph	Kunze	Jan 25
Daniel	Weisbrodt	Jan 26
Jim	Gieringer	Jan 28
Edmund	Kuderer	Jan 28
Fritz	Westendorf	Jan 28
Barbara	Hessler	Jan 29
David	Schroeder	Jan 29
Joe	Wessels	Jan 29
Henry	Arents	Jan 30
Charles	Dietz	Jan 30
Rosalinda	Seubert	Jan 30
William	Adelmann	Jan 31

The Wisdom of Andy Rooney

Some lessons learned from Any Rooney that seem quite appropriate for the pandemic:

I've learned That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.



Sports Club News

Happy New Year! Bring on 2021. We hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas.

We are not sure what 2021 will bring, but we are hopeful it is better and more than what 2020 brought. We are so very proud of all of our teams, coaches and families with the way everyone handled the new norm and we will continue into the New Year to follow all the guidelines set out by the state. With the current trend of the Coronavirus, we feel it is best to postpone our dance for a later date at which we all can celebrate safely.

Walt Dewar, Kolping SC President Kolping SC Tournament Director walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com (513) 312-8551



Schützen Club News

Hello Shooting Club Members,

Well, one day we will be able to shoot again! We are waiting to hear from the government to tell us when we can come together as a large group and shoot again. I will let everyone know when we get the okay. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Steve Lawson, Schützen Club President (513) 578-7873 slawson@mthealthy.org

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Just a reminder that once again, the Father David Hiller Fund will offer two (2) \$3,000 grants for children of active Kolping parents who will be attending Catholic high schools in the Tri-State area. At least one parent must be a member for at least three years. Grants are available for children who will be freshmen at a Catholic high school in the school year 2021-2022. These grants will be renewable for each successive school year provided certain conditions are met.

In 2021, the grants will be awarded to the two freshman students. Current grant recipients are also required to reapply in order to receive their renewable grants. Applications and program description will be available in the Hiller Fund mail slot in the Kolping Board room. Applications should be sent directly to the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation, 324 E. 4th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202, who will determine the awardees. The applications are not provided to the members of the FDHF Committee. **Deadline is February 28, 2021.** A complete description of the program is on the Kolping website, www.Kolpingcincinnati.com. Additional questions should be sent to Paul Ahrnsen at 513-542-8554 or pahrnsen@fuse.net.

Also, the Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations since last month:

Donation in Memory of Hubert MohsJudith Toebben

Donations in Memory of Christa Gerdes

Alfred and Erika Reder, Gerry Kreutzjans, Bob and Annamarie Geoppinger

Donations in Memory of Ben Albers

Mike and Nancy Pelzel, Dale and Donna Sunderhaus

Donations in Memory of Bill Lunnemann

Werner and Doris Wilke, Mike and Nancy Pelzel, Janet Talkers Kuhl, Vince and Bev Meyer, Gerry Kreutzjans, Andy and Bridget Wolff, James and Joan Kohl, Bob and Annamarie Geoppinger, Otto and Celeste Hermes, Larry and Carol Utter, James and Lynn Burger, Angela Pohlabeln, Carl and Dottie Nissen, David and Michelle Kline, Steve and Mary Mairose, Thomas and Julie Resing, Jerome and Nina Burger.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Ahrnsen, FDHF Chairman



Deaths

Carol Yoder, wife of the late Richard ("Dick") Yoder and Kolping member for 19 years, passed away on December 22, 2020 at the age of 86. She was a member of the Kolping Sängerchor and the Kolping Seniors. We extend our sympathies to her daughter, Linda Maurer, and her son, Ken Yoder, as well as the entire Yoder family. Carol's humor and her zest for life will be missed. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Mt. Healthy Alliance. We donated \$630 in cash and 35 pounds of canned goods to them. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and you all have truly made a difference.

Treu Kolping,

Barb Hessler

Deadline for articles to be submitted for the February Bulletin is Thursday, January 21 at 5:00 P.M. Please submit articles to Nancy Pelzel at: nancypelzel@aol.com

NOTICE

Upon the death of a MEMBER, please call the President of the Kolping Society or one of the Bereavement Committee members. In order that the membership can be aware that a member has died, the family of the decedent should be willing to place in the Death Notice that the decedent is a member of the Kolping Society and at what time Kolping members should assemble for prayers. (This should be mutually agreed upon by the family and the Kolping representatives.)

The members of the Bereavement Committee are:

Christa Olding, 513-385-1476 Marilee Uhlhorn, 513-661-0414 Helene Schrand, 513-741-9780 Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019

Sick & Shut-Ins

Regina Albers Margaret Gerdes Herm Koehling Tom Resing Jim Kemper Joan Rehling Bernie Brunsman Vince Meyer Linda Knizner

Also please say prayers for Kate Callahan, grand-daughter of Mike and Manette Callahan and daughter of Ben Callahan, as well as all members of the Kolping family who are in need of prayers, especially those who are suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are without their family around them.

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks. Send a card or give them a call. It is always nice to hear from friends when you are not feeling well. Please pray for all members to be safe from the Corona virus.



Thank you, everyone, for all of the prayers and well wishes that were sent to me during my recent illness. You all were most kind. I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year!

Joan Rehling

Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses Christmas in COVID Time

Yesterday I received a Christmas letter from a fellow Praeses. Fr. Mark belongs to a Kolping family in Canada. Mark is a Redemptorist priest who was in the PhD program at Notre Dame with me. We usually exchange some Christmas message or phone call. Mark tells me that the Kolping family in Calgary is not able to meet or do any of their usual activities because of COVID-19. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Parish activities and prayer groups are all very limited and Fr. Mark misses all that. So do we here in Cincinnati.

I hope that everyone in our Cincinnati Kolping family has adjusted to the varied conditions that we face in our daily lives because of COVID. Our *Kolping Bulletin* takes on new importance, if only because we miss our usual events and social interaction. I confess that I am sick of Zoom meetings, but they do help keep us in the loop.

My hope is that everyone in our Cincinnati Kolping is taking care to protect themselves and others from the COVID virus. Social distancing and face masks are so important. Hand sanitizer helps, too.

Healthcare professionals, especially those treating COVID patients in hospitals, are really taking risks for the sake of healing others. We do well to pray for the many front-line workers in public service, as well as those who fall ill due to the virus.

Parents and grandparents are struggling with the home schooling of their children. So many folks faced with unemployment are worried about paying their bills. Small business owners and managers know they are on the verge of closing.

So what must we do? Surely prayer must be at the top of our to-do lists. Then come all the things that are recommended or required by our government authorities and churches. When it is your turn, don't hesitate to get the vaccines that are now becoming available. Follow the advice of your doctor, not rumor mongers. These are the right and reasonable things that God is calling us to do, in the best Kolping tradition. May the good Lord be merciful in these COVID-19 times.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM

Kolping Genealogy

What is a Frakter Baptismal Certificate? It is an illustrated certificate, traditionally used in some German areas and in the Pennsylvania Dutch settlements to record the important church function known as baptism. The certificate records essential genealogical information. If your family has one of these illustrated *Taufschein*, you possess a very valuable document.

Baptismal records include the infant's name, parents' names, status of legitimacy (if illegitimate, this is sometimes indicated by a note in the margin or an upsidedown or sideways entry in the ledger or recording book), names of witnesses or godparents (who could be relatives), and the baptismal date. We may also find the child's birth date, the father's occupation, the family's place of residence and death information.

A *Taufschein* is a baptismal certificate. Germany itself didn't implement civil (government) registration of births, marriages, and deaths until 1876. Therefore, church records are the primary source of family information. These registers may include the local church, whose parish boundaries may have included neighboring villages, always a great resource. Recorders and priests kept these parish registers or church books, called *Kirchenbücher* in German. Sometimes you will also see *Taufregister* as the repository for baptismal records.

Beginning in the 1800s, you may find *Kirchenbüchduplikate* (church book duplicates) in some unlikely places. One of the best research sites online is Martricula (an ongoing project), which has some digitized Catholic church books for the Dioceses of Hildesheim, Magdeburg, München and Freising, Münster, Osnabrück, Paderborn, and Passau; and from the Official Archives in Vechta for churches in the former state of Oldenburg (part of the diocese of Münster)

We will be searching for your family's baptisms in <u>Family Search</u> and <u>Ancestry</u> (Germany 1558-1898) to try and locate your family's first church records. So have some names ready to search.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany Church Records

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9866/ https://www.genealoger.com/german/ger_church_records.htm

We are now using Microsoft Teams for our virtual delivery system. Send your email address to: *David Lahrman, dlahrman@columbus.rr.com*, to receive an invitation and link to the session. His number is 614-719-9896. We will meet Sunday, January 17, at 2:00 pm.

Dr. Tom Montgomery, Kolping Member, montgota@fuse.net, 513-969-5383

Kolping Sängerchor News

Our Cincinnati Sängerchor Board President, Dale Sunderhaus, recently announced the appointment of John Wegener as Director. John has been with the Kolping Sängerchor since 1999 and assumed the position from founder, Carolann Slouffman, who recently retired. Rose Abt, Associate Director, will continue to assist John.

John would like to hear from Kolping members and members of other local German clubs who have an interest in singing traditional German songs to consider joining the Sängerchor.

Rehearsals are at the Kolping Klubhaus, September through Spring, Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00, once safe indoor meetings resume. The Sängerchor performs annual Weihnachts Konzerts, at Oktoberfests, church concerts, and Spring Konzerts, along with travel to annual district Sängertag events and National Sängerfests.

For more information, please contact John Wegener at: satbmusic1@gmail.com or 859-652-3511.

Singen macht Freude!





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Financial Fund Drive Coming in February

Dear Fellow Kolping Members –

In these difficult and trying times, our Kolping Society of Cincinnati is facing extreme financial strain and challenges resulting primarily from the drying up of our income sources while our utilities, insurance, maintenance, property taxes, and other expenses continue. We are making every effort to cut costs and to find alternative sources of revenue, but we continue to experience financial strain. To help our Society address these financial challenges and help us be positioned for greater things in the future, we will be conducting a very important fund drive starting in February.

We are only asking for financial blessings from those who are in a position to help. We understand that not everyone will be able to provide support given the challenges many are facing. We are so very blessed to have such an incredible legacy and group of members and friends.

The Kolping spirit and community values that were brought from Germany to Cincinnati have provided a sturdy foundation that will help us survive the current pandemic. Those sturdy values and attitudes of love and generosity have been passed on to current generations and have helped us survive and flourish, despite personal and community tragedies from wars to depressions to recessions to tornadoes to untimely deaths and losses.

We express our gratitude for the efforts of all who have gone before us while building this great community of Kolping ideals and values. Further, we look forward to continuing to follow the ideals, teachings, and vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, and his focus on promoting the development of the individual and family through our programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities.

Fr. Kolping has said, "The signs of the times will tell you what to do." The current pandemic has provided an unmistakable directive toward charity, co-operation, and generosity.

We are really looking forward to the future and all the great plans and initiatives Kolping Cincinnati has in store. Kolping has exciting things going on with a focus on the youth / young adults and having them more involved with Kolping, our Kolping Soccer program, our large number of recent new members becoming more and more active, a new date and plans for *Schützenfest*, new plans for Kolping Park and how it can used by Kolping and our youth / young adults, and other initiatives. It will be wonderful to see each other again and enjoy the continued fellowship with our Kolping family and friends.

Another fund drive announcement will be made in the February Bulletin, followed by individual letters being mailed to your home. These letters will explain how to make a contribution.

We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year! We cannot wait to see you in 2021!

Treu Kolping,

Kolping Board of Directors Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin



To help, contact Jessica | **513-585-1427** at The Christ Hospital.

jessica.ratcliff@thechristhospital.com

Kolping member Elaine Wilke is in need of a kidney. Please contact Jessica if you would like to help.

Kolping History Corner

Kolping Seniors

by Nancy Pelzel

Excerpts from Making a Difference: A History of the Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati

The first reference to there being a Kolping Senior Citizens group was found in the general meeting minutes of April 2, 1971. The minutes read: "Harry Talkers suggested having a Senior Kolping Day every second Tuesday of each month. There was a discussion about this and it was decided to hold the first Senior Kolping Day on the second Tuesday in May."

The following lines were found in the 1974 National Convention booklet. It is believed that they were written by member and Book Chairman of the National Convention Committee, Al Rosen. It reads: In May 1971, the Senior Kolping Club, with men and women members over sixty-five years of age, was founded. This is a self-sustaining group of honorary members within the Society, a fine group of Kolping supporters of about 174 members. They meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Clubhouse basement hall for luncheons, card games and other activities. They also sponsor sightseeing tours of famous, historical and interesting places. This is a good, helpful group.

So what Harry Talkers called a "Senior Kolping Day" at a meeting in April 1971 became the "Senior Kolping Club" by 1974. The participants were apparently quite organized since they had officers already in place in 1971, as shown on the list below. The names on this list came from a plaque that now hangs in the clubhouse.

Kolping Seniors Officers

1971 John Schulte Hubert Ahaus Ruth Ahaus Herman Lamping 1972 Hubert Ahaus William Greiner Ruth Ahaus Herman Lamping 1973-74 Frank Meyer Tony Flottemesch Clementine Ahrnsen 1975-76 Steve Lehr Willie Greiner Rose Lehr John Schnieder 1977-78 John Berten Eleanor Stahl Johanna Berten John Schnieder 1979-80 Ben Beckman Wayne Beckman Anne Mouch John Schnieder 1981-82 Frank Pete Kuhn Ermina Brueckner Eleanor Stahl Karla Becker 1983-84 John Schulte Sefa Schnieders Rose Carlow Chris Pasqualetti 1985-86 Sam Pasqualetti Anneliese Nichsen Mary Tholen & Theresa Daniels 1987-88 Liz Ruether Ermina Brueckner Eleanor Welage 1987-88 Liz Ruether Ermina Brueckner Eleanor Welage 1991-92 Sam Pasqualetti Bruec Cruickshank Sis Meister Marlene Lintz 1993-94 Florence Hillenbrand Gerhard Oevermeyer Evlyn Busam Agnes Oevermeyer 1995-96 Liz Ruether Lorraine Westrich Marie Bellersen Sefa Tholking 1997-98 Sam Pasqualetti Bruec Cruickshank Sis Meister Evlyn Busam 1999-00 Sam Pasqualetti Helen Zix Sis Meister Evlyn Busam 1999-00 Sam Pasqualetti Helen Zix Sis Meister Evlyn Busam 2001-03 Sam Pasqualetti Helen Zix Sis Meister Evlyn Busam 2001-04 Sam Pasqualetti Doris Wilke Charles Lintz Rosemary Kilday 2007-12 Christa Olding Doris Wilke Charles Lintz Vera Schon When the plaque is updated, the following lines will be added. 2013-14 Christa Olding Doris Wilke Charles Lintz & Vera Schon 2016-18 Christa Olding Doris Wilke Dot Decker Vera Schon 2016-20 Christa Olding Doris Wilke Dot Decker Vera Schon 2017-10 Christa Olding Doris Wilke Dot Decker Vera Schon 2018-20 Christa Olding Doris Wilke Dot Decker Vera Schon 2018-20 Christa Olding Doris Wilke Dot Decker Vera Schon	Year	President	Vice-President	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>		
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Christa Olding wrote the following recollection of her association with Kolping Seniors for the Kolping history book in 2014:

I first joined the Seniors in 2003. I was working part time, anticipating to retire in a few years and was looking to find a way to continue to be around people and where I could make a difference in their lives while using the skills I had learned in my profession. I have enjoyed being around the elderly, as well as people who share my German background and those who come from diverse surroundings.

I met a group of people at Seniors who shared my interests and accepted me into their midst. Seniors, at that time, met once a month for a short meeting, which kept them updated on general Kolping activities. The meetings followed the same Kolping protocol. The attendance at meetings was small, members brought their own lunch and dessert was provided by the Seniors. Only two of the meetings had good attendance, the summer picnic and the Christmas party. At these two meetings, lunch was provided by an outside vendor for a small fee. The Seniors sponsored a Fish Fry during Lent, using the proceeds to provide funds for the treasury. After two years as a member, I was asked to become president. I accepted, and assumed the post in January 2007.

The new officers and I looked at what we could do to increase interest and attendance at meetings. We looked at the objectives of the Kolping Society and adopted them as our guide. We noted that attendance increased when

a small lunch was offered, so then we had to figure out how that could be done. A monthly split-the-pot was used to pay for the food and volunteers helped to fix and serve the lunch.

The meetings were focused on keeping the Seniors updated on general Kolping issues and activities, since many of the members no longer attended the monthly meetings that are in the evening, which resulted in driving issues for some people. Whenever possible, the president of the Society came to share Kolping happenings with the Senior members.

Outside speakers came occasionally to share issues related to the community. Membership and attendance at meetings increased. Our primary focus was to keep older members involved in Kolping. They are the base of our Society and their involvement is invaluable.

Yearly charity to various agencies was stressed. In addition to the annual Fish Fry, we added a fundraiser for the St. Mary Pregnancy Center at Old St. Mary's Church. For this, we collect baby clothes and other items to encourage women to have their baby rather than aborting it. This is done in May to honor Mary, the Mother of God. We also collect personal items, such as what you would receive in hotels when traveling, and give these items to Tamar Center, a place where homeless women can go for help. At Christmas, we give a \$500.00 donation and individual gift bags to the residents of Our Lady of the Woods, a home for low income elderly.

We are involved in all Kolping activities such as Schützenfest, where we sponsor a basket for the basket raffle. Many of our members have again become valuable assets to our organization and they are enjoying the benefits of their hard work.

I feel very humbled and privileged to have been a part of the positive changes that we have been able to make in the Kolping Seniors. My thanks go to all who are a part of it.

Christa Olding

Both Christa Olding and Doris Wilke retired as president and vice president respectively of the Kolping Seniors at the end of 2020. They both have devoted many years to both the Kolping Seniors and the Cincinnati Kolping Society. We thank them for their dedication and hard work. The Society is currently looking for someone to step up to take these positions, so if you are interested, please contact either Ted Hoerstmann at 513-404-3139 or theoretimann@gmail.com or Anna Stukenborg at 859-221-8334 or apstukenborg@gmail.com.

Also, if you are interested in joining Seniors, you are heartily welcome to come to one of the meetings, which in normal times, take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 in the Kolping Clubhouse. Due to the pandemic, the Seniors have not met since March. The current age requirement is fifty-five years or older. We would love to see you when it is safe again! Just watch the *Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin* for details about when the Seniors will resume meeting.

2021 Calendar of Events

IANUARY IUNE 1 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 4 General Meeting 15 Schützen Nacht 13 Father's Day/Anniversary Mass 30 Stube Nacht 18, 19, 20 Schützenfest **FEBRUARY** 19 Schützenfest Tournament 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting 28 Board Meeting (July) 13 Valentine's Dance **IULY** NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 19 Schützen Nacht 16 Appreciation Party 19 Fish Fry (Society) 16 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 26 Fish Fry (Sports Club) 31 5v5 Soccer Tournament 28 Schlachtfest **AUGUST** 2 Board Meeting MARCH 1 Board Meeting 5 Fish Fry (Schützen Club) 6 General Meeting 30 Board Meeting (September) 5 General Meeting 12 Fish Fry (Fr. David Hiller Fund) 19 Fish Fry (Journeymen) **SEPTEMBER** NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 10, 11, 12 Kolping Nat'l. Convention 19 Schützen Nacht 10, 11, 12 Fill the Net Tournament 20 King's Ball 26 Fish Fry (Endowment) 17 Schützen Nacht 28 St. Joseph's Day Mass 27 Board Meeting (October) 29 Board Meeting (April) OCTOBER 1 General Meeting 15 Schützen Nacht APRIL NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL 31 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 9 Kolping Memorial Tournament 10 Kolping Memorial Tournament 11 Kolping Memorial Tournament **NOVEMBER** 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting/Elections 16 Schützen Nacht

> 18 Awards Banquet 25 Sängerchor Spring Konzert

MAY 3 Board Meeting

7 General Meeting 21 Schützen Nacht 21 Schützen End Party

5, 6, 7 Harvest Fest

19 Schützen Nacht

28 Weihnachts Konzert

29 Board Meeting (Dec)

12 Children's Christmas Party

5 Christmas Party/New Member Ind.

5, 6, 7 Fall Fest Tournament

17 Schützen Nacht

MEETINGS:

Board of Directors Monday prior to the first

Friday of the month – 7:00 pm

General Membership First Friday – 7:30 pm

Senior Citizens Second Tuesday – 11:30 am

Schützen Club Third Friday – 7:00 pm

Genealogy Group Third Sunday - 2:00 pm

Sängerchor Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm

Sports Club Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm

KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, led by the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, promote the development of the individual and the family by fostering a sense of belonging and friendship through our holistic programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities.

DECEMBER