



December 2023

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Note from the Editor

Don't forget to attend Cincinnati Kolping's various Christmas events in December that are listed on the right. All of them require notification of your attendance, so be sure to let someone know that you will be attending so that enough food can be prepared.

As we prepare for the Christmas season, let us take some time to pray and meditate on the reason for the season, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Have a Blessed Christmas!!

Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President — Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

Vice President — Amy Ahrnsen, 513-542-8554

Praeses — Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM, 513-374-0623

Membership (New Members) — Rita Musbach, 513-793-1148

Membership (Current) — Karen Wienkamp, 513-503-4638

Sick Committee — Open

Sub Group Presidents:

Genealogy Group — Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383

Sängerchor — John Wegener, 859-240-9598

Schützen Club — Bob Fehrenbach, 513-317-2746

Seniors — Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148

Soccer Club — Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

The Journeymen Group — Lydia Sinclair, 859-221-8839

House & Grounds — Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877

Kolping Center

Kolping Haus/Klubhaus Rentals — Wendy Salyers Mentrup,
513-851-7951 then press 1

Kolping Business Office, 513-851-7951, then press 2

December Events

December 3, 11:00 A.M.	Christmas Mass & Luncheon
December 10, 3:00 P.M.	Children's Christmas Party
December 12, 10:00 A.M.	Tuesday Workers' Christmas Luncheon
December 13, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Christmas
December 15, 7:30 P.M.	Schützen Nacht
December 17, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting

January Events

No General Meeting

January 10, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
January 19, 7:30 P.M.	Schützen Nacht
January 21, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting





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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
William	Huntsinger	Dec 1
Garry	Sprowls	Dec 1
Marilee	Uhlhorn	Dec 1
Aaron	Callahan	Dec 2
Jerome P.	Gonnella	Dec 3
Hubert	Kramer	Dec 4
Mitchell	Lach	Dec 4
Gretchen	Smith	Dec 4
Larry	Valerius	Dec 4
Rick	Schlake	Dec 5
Fred	Schmits	Dec 5
Susan	Griffin	Dec 6
Barbara	Hermeling	Dec 6
Lois	Kunze	Dec 6
Emily	Merz-Krans	Dec 6
Matthew	Brunzman	Dec 7
Richard	Tabler	Dec 7
Alex	Klosterman	Dec 8
Joe	Hammons	Dec 9
Riley	Kane	Dec 9
John	Roman	Dec 9
Gina	Baldauf	Dec 10
Charles	Kowzan	Dec 10
Joseph	Abt	Dec 11
John	O'Neil	Dec 11
Karen	Murnan	Dec 12
Elizabeth	Kunze	Dec 13
Carl	Schlake	Dec 13
Dr. Albert	Drees	Dec 14
Karl	Holstein	Dec 14
John	Weissmann, Jr.	Dec 14

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Janet	Talkers Kuhl	Dec 15
Diana	Grinkemeyer	Dec 17
Jacob (Jay)	Stupprich, Jr.	Dec 17
Marian	Koester	Dec 18
Carolyn	Ramsey	Dec 18
Werner	Wilke	Dec 18
Amanda	McNett	Dec 19
Gertrud	Bruewer	Dec 20
Tony	Dechering	Dec 20
Kenneth	Dunning	Dec 20
Lisa	Ruff	Dec 20
Mildred	Breitenstein	Dec 22
Rick	Hill	Dec 22
Howard H.	Hughes, Sr.	Dec 22
Ben	Callahan	Dec 23
Robert	Sommer	Dec 23
Courtney	Bockrath	Dec 24
Irene	Hasenfratz	Dec 24
Charles	Lintz, III	Dec 25
Timothy	Riley	Dec 25
Daniel	Brunzman	Dec 26
Steven	Isfort	Dec 26
Hartmuth	Parnitzke	Dec 26
George	Willenbrink	Dec 28
Joe	Baldauf	Dec 29
Samantha	Brock	Dec 30
Bill	Kemper	Dec 30
Ralph	Vosseberg	Dec 30
Fr. Dan	Kroger, OFM	Dec 31
Elizabeth	Neumann	Dec 31

Thank you!

It was wonderful to see an awesome turnout for the Memorial Mass and Goettafest on Sunday, October 29th. We had approximately 275 people come to celebrate those members we have lost in the last year. We are very sorry for your loss. Thank you to Annamarie Geoppinger for the beautiful Mass preparations and thank you to the awesome kitchen crew who helped prepare, serve and clean up the delicious breakfast: Irene & Pat Whalen, Barb & Russ Hessler, Katie & Andrew Hessler, Frank Vosseberg, Ralph Vosseberg, Ted Wilke and Monica & Branson Rice. We would also like to thank all those who helped clean up the hall and wipe down tables, as well as the Ostendorf family for donating mums for the table decorations.

Treu Kolping!



Deaths

Gene Bertke, husband of the late Mary (nee Fritsch) Bertke and Kolping member for 39 years, passed away on November 4, 2023 at the age of 89. Gene was a member of the Kolping Sangerchor for many years and he helped in initiating its first Schlachtfest as a fundraiser for the group. He also was a member of the Financial Oversight Committee from 2002-2005, a member of the Kolping Golf League, and a member of the 90th Anniversary Committee. He received the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 2003. We extend our sympathies to his children: Ken, Diana, Karen, Paul and Mary, and the rest of the Bertke family.

Ben Geers, husband of Magda (nee Anneken) Geers and Kolping member for 68 years, passed away on November 17, 2023 at the age of 94, just shy of his 95th birthday. Ben served on the Kolping Board of Directors three times; he helped build the St. Joseph Grotto at both the Winton Road and Mill Road Kolping facilities, as well as the Kolping Shelterhouse; he was an altar server for many of the Kolping Masses; a coach for the Sports Club; and was a member of the Kolping Band, the Tuesday Workers, the Schutzen Club, the Kolping Golf League, the King's Club, and the 1994 Convention Committee. Ben was the leader and the drummer for the Polka Dots Band, and he became the Schutzenfest King, along with his wife Magda as Queen, in 1980. He received the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 1994 and the National Kolping Distinguished Service Award in 1996. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Magda and their children, Michael, Marianne, Connie, and Bernie, their daughter-in-law Maria, and the whole Geers family.

JoAnn A. King (nee Sunderhaus), sister of Kolping member Dale Sunderhaus, passed away on November 3, 2023 at the age of 72. Our condolences go out to Dale and the entire Sunderhaus family.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sick & Shut-Ins

Linda Knizner
Regina Schnetzer
Doris Wilke
Maria Dechering

Gus Kramer
Carl Nissen
Helen Mueller

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks, and send a card or give them a call.

We ask for special prayers for Lowell Haber, the three-and-a-half year-old son of Kolping member Tom Haber and his wife Adrienne, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia. You can follow Lowell's progress on the website:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lowellhaber>

If you want to be taken off the Sick List or want to add someone on, please contact Nancy Pelzel at: 513-385-3120 or nancypelzel@aol.com.

Kolping Seniors

Our annual Christmas party will take place on December 13, 2023 in Hall 2. We begin at 11:30 with our normal meeting, followed by a delicious lunch and some Christmas carols. Please call Doris Wilke (513-521-5019) to let her know that you will be joining us so we know how much food to prepare.

Dues (\$5) for 2024 will be collected at the meeting. Canned food donations to the Mt. Healthy Food Alliance will also be accepted.

Merry Christmas!!!!

Tom Musbach

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, 513-503-5958
Helene Schrand, 513-741-9780
Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019



Soccer Club News

We had a great fall season. Most teams are on hiatus except the high school age kids.

We wish you all a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Walt Dewar, President
Kolping Soccer Club
513-312-8551

**Deadline for submitting articles
for the January
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Wednesday, December 27, 2023
at 5:00 P.M.**

**Please submit to Nancy Pelzel
at: nancypelzel@aol.com**

Membership Dues

Just a reminder that the annual dues notices were sent out the week of October 23rd. You can pay by check, through your bank bill pay, or online with a credit card at www.kolpingcincinnati.com. When paying online, please make sure you fill in your first and last name (and spouse if a family membership) so that we can track payments properly. The membership levels for 2024 are as follows:

Family – a married couple - \$75.00

Single – one person - \$55.00

**Life – a member who is at least 70 plus has
been a member for 20 years - \$25.00**

Active military - \$25.00

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues. So far, 50% of members have paid their dues for 2024! I will be at the December 3rd Christmas Mass and lunch, and also at the December 15th Shooting Night if members want to turn in their payments. I will get them credited promptly.

Karen Schnetzer Wienkamp,
Membership Secretary

Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: December 15, 2023

Place: Kolping Klubhaus/100 Hall

Practice, Make-ups and Shoot-ahead Shooting:
7:00 – 7:30 PM

Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

Thanks to Team Wienkamp for running another successful Turkey Shoot in November. A total of 15 individuals won \$20 Kroger gift cards.

The Schützen Club Apparel Store is open until **December 19**. Please visit:

<http://Kolping.itemorder.com> to place your orders and show your support for the Schützen Club and Cincinnati Kolping Society.

Top Team for November was Team Murray with a score of **325**.

Top Individual for November (after a 5-way tie and shoot-off) was Ed Geiser with a score of **69**.

Top 5 Team Standings through November

1. Murray (980)
2. Trautmann (978)
3. Fehrenbach (969)
4. Lunnemann (967)
5. Callahan (952)

Please remember that the gun you shot the first night will be your assigned gun for the entire season.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

Targets: Team Murray

Bar: Team Kemper

Food: Team Fehrenbach

Tickets: Team Westendorf

Respectfully,
Bob Fehrenbach
513-317-2746

Kolping Elections 2023

Congratulations to our new President and Vice President, as well as our five new Board members, who were elected at the November 3rd General Meeting. They are as follows:

President: John Mueller
Vice President: Tom Beiting

Board Members:
Walt Dewar
Mary Pat Findley
Jennifer Ruwe
Trey Seibel
Ron Von Den Benken

**The 1st Alternate for the Board
is Wendy Moeller.**

We thank all of you for volunteering to serve our Kolping Family and we wish you much success for the next two years!

We would also like to thank our outgoing President, Vice President and Board members:

Anna Stukenborg, President; Amy Ahrnsen, Vice President; Board members: Mike Brakers, Amy Freese, Rick Hill, Bob Koeninger, and Phil Neumann.

The Society appreciates your dedication and hard work. You have made a difference!

Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

Christmas is just around the corner. May all our crib scenes remind us of the tender miracle of the incarnation. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. No other religion professes such a belief.

At a little village called Greccio, St. Francis wanted to dramatically awaken the hearts and minds of the people to the importance of the incarnation. Francis called upon his friends to celebrate the birth of Christ by making a live crib scene as a place for their celebration of Christmas Mass.

I had a chance to experience such a live Christmas scene at a chapel in the rice fields of Mapuyo, a village in the town of Kawayan, Leyte in the Philippines. All the people took part according to their abilities. The chapel was overflowing. The young brought their musical talents. The farmers provided animals—goats, a water buffalo, a donkey, a couple dogs. Those who had pressure lanterns brought them to light up the chapel. Teenagers took the role of Mary and Joseph.

Mary entered the chapel riding a donkey led by Joseph. All the people sang. The goats stood outside the side door and bleated when their handlers tugged their tails. When Mary and Joseph reached the front of the chapel, they took their places by a crib in front of the altar. Then an angel carried an infant to Mary. The people sang the Glory for the dramatic reading of the Gospel. There was hardly a dry eye in the place. Of course, the water buffalo only observed things from a side door.

Saint Francis invented the Christmas crib. In his *Letter to the Entire Order*, Francis described Christ present in the Eucharist as “Sublime humility, humble sublimity.” Those were his ways of helping his brothers and all the people of Greccio understand the great mystery of Jesus’ birth.

May the Lord bless all Kolping members this Christmas.

Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations.

Donation from Thomas and Jacqueline Tegenkamp

In Memory of Erich Meyer

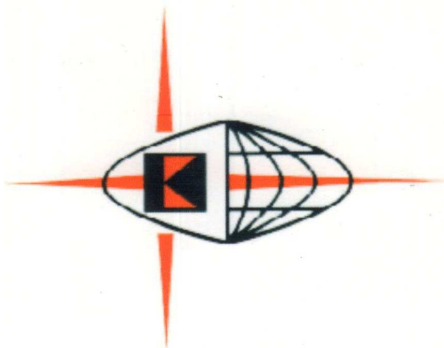
Mary Etta Schulte

We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent from our subgroups, in celebration of members' events and in memory of our Kolping members, and will use them to continue the work of Blessed Fr. Kolping. We also received donations from the bar tips from events at the Klubhaus and Pavilion.

The FDHF continues to look for any of our members' sons and daughters who are attending Great Oaks Career Campuses or Butler Tech Trade and Vocational School and need assistance in defraying the costs of material, uniforms, tools etc. for their trade, or any sons in the Athenaeum who have expenses. If you know of someone, please contact Paul Ahrnsen at (513) 542-8554 for further information. Also, many companies have a matching gift program where you can add the Father David Hiller Fund as a beneficiary and the company may match your gift.

Thank you for your support!

Paul A. Ahrnsen, FDHF Chairman



Kolping Genealogy

We will meet at 2:00 pm on our regular third Sunday online broadcasting using *Zoom*. Guests are welcome. You do not need to be a Kolping member to participate. Simply log in using the link below.

David Lahrmann will show how to start the process to evaluate those old photographs of family members you know are family and to begin to identify people, dates, and places by leading you through an example. The process, while it can be tedious and time consuming, is well worth the time and effort to invest. The process includes collecting as many family photographs as possible that you can find, digitizing them so that you can study them on the computer screen and reviewing them against other photos and documents that have been collected. We will talk about some of the tools to use and show examples.

This will be a Zoom meeting, not meeting at the Kolping Klubhaus.

Topic: Kolping Gen-Photos

Time: **December 17, 2023, 2:00 PM Eastern Time**

Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81591025260?pwd=ZnITSHk0K1ZHSEI4N01BSkdOU3NCZz09>

Meeting ID: 815 9102 5260

Passcode: 734096

Always check the Kolping website for any updates/schedule changes:

<http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/Genealogy.html>

Dr. Tom Montgomery,

montgota@fuse.net, montgota@miamioh.edu

513-969-5383



KOLPING MASS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 3RD

Please celebrate the Christmas season with us at Kolping Mass on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will immediately follow.

Reservations should have already been made by Friday, November 24th by calling Rita Musbach at 513-793-1148.

As we have been doing for the last 5+ years, we will be collecting items for the Mt. Healthy Alliance.

These donations make an impact on the community.

While they appreciate canned goods, this year they have a very desperate need for the following items:

Pasta sides

Rice

Cereal

Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes

Shampoo

Toilet Paper

If you prefer not to shop, don't have time or just forget, we also welcome cash donations as well. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Kolping Society's Children's Christmas Party December 10, 2023



Doors open at 2:30

Party from 3 – 5 pm



Call Amy Ahrnsen at 513 542-8554 for reservations before **December 4th**.

Leave your name, phone number and number of children or grandchildren attending.
Enjoy a day of entertainment and crafts with the children and grandchildren!

All Kolping members' children and grandchildren are invited.

Please bring items to decorate the Gingerbread houses, and please let Amy know what you would like to bring. (e.g., marshmallows, pretzels, etc.)

Back by Popular Demand!

Adult Competition!

You **Must** register when making reservations for your children and grandchildren.

Competitors may only use the standard house structure and decorations that are available to all participants.

Prizes to be awarded.

Please donate your new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and mittens to St. Vincent DePaul. There will be bins available.





STUBE NACHT 2024

A Place Where Food, Family, and Fun Come Together

Saturday, February 3rd • 5:00 – 11:00

Cocktail Hour from 5:00 to 6:00



**Entertainment By The Festhaus Musig Band
Featuring Rick Ipach and Nick Gulacsy!**

**Eat and Drink Stube Style, including our Fun Cocktail Hour!
Games & Fun for All Ages, including the Kolping Kid's Corner!**

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Dear Kolping Members,

In case you are looking for a unique gift for a fellow Kolping member for Christmas, we still have an inventory of 23 Cincinnati Kolping history books available for purchase for \$35.00. The order form is below, so just fill it out, send it in to the address below, and the book can be in hand well before Christmas.

KOLPING HISTORY BOOK ORDER FORM

The book is 8 ½" x 11", hard-bound, 746 pages, with over 1350 photos and documents included throughout. There are 35 chapters on Schützenfest Kings and Queens, Father Adolph Kolping, Kolping awards, each one of the subgroups, personal Kolping memories, the founders of the Society, the presidents, the Praesides, the 90th Anniversary Celebration, 2014-2015 activities, as well as the general chronological history of the Society and other topics. The cost of the book is **\$35.00**. If you live outside of Cincinnati or wish the book to be mailed to you, then there will be an additional charge of **\$9.50** per book for postage and shipping materials. **Please note: Because the Kolping Board of Directors decided to order a substantial number of extra books, the book is still available for \$35.00 until the supply is depleted. It is not likely that a reprinting will be done.**

I wish to order:

_____ X \$35.00 = amount enclosed: _____
of copies cost/book

_____ X \$9.50 = amount enclosed: _____
of copies shipping costs

Total enclosed: _____

Please check one option below for the method of distribution of your book(s):

Option #1 _____ I or my representative will pick up my book(s) and make arrangements with Mike and Nancy Pelzel for pickup time and location.

Name of representative _____

Option #2 _____ I will not be able to pick up my book. Please mail to the address at the bottom of this page. (Include amount for shipping costs.)

Option #3 _____ Please mail a copy of the book to a third party with the following name and address:

Information for the person placing this order:

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Please return this form and your check made payable to Cincinnati Kolping Society to:

Mike and Nancy Pelzel, 5780 Opengate Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45247.

E-mail: pelzelfest@aol.com Phone: 513-385-3120

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have contributed information and who have supported us in this endeavor. It has been a life-changing experience for us! THANK YOU!

Mike and Nancy

2024 Calendar of Events

<p>JANUARY 2 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 29 Board Meeting (February)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2 General Meeting 3 Stube Nacht 10 Valentine's Dance 16 Fish Fry 23 Fish Fry 26 Board Meeting (March)</p> <p>MARCH 1 Fish Fry 1 General Meeting 8 Fish Fry 15 Fish Fry 16 Schützen Royal Ball 21 New Member Initiation 22 Fish Fry 22-24 Kolping Memorial Tournament 30 Easter Egg Hunt Kolping Park</p> <p>APRIL 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting 7 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 28 Sangerchor Spring Konzert 29 Board Meeting (May)</p> <p>MAY 3 General Meeting 17 Schützen End Party</p> <p>JUNE 2 Anniversary Mass 3 Board Meeting</p>	<p>JUNE (cont'd.) 7 General Meeting 14-16 Schützenfest 16 Father's Day Brunch Kolping Park</p> <p>JULY 1 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 7 Appreciation Party 19 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 29 Board Meeting (August)</p> <p>AUGUST 2 General Meeting 15 New Member Initiation 16 First Schützen Nacht</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 27-29 1931 Invitational Tournament 30 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p>OCTOBER 4 General Meeting 27 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 28 Board Meeting (November)</p> <p>NOVEMBER 1 General Meeting/Elections</p> <p>DECEMBER 1 Sangerchor Weihnachts Konzert 2 Board Meeting 8 Christmas Mass and Party 15 Children's Christmas Party 30 Board Meeting (January)</p>
<p>MEETINGS:</p> <p>Board of Directors Monday prior to the first Friday of the month - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Women's Klub First Thursday - 6:30 pm</p> <p>General Membership First Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Senior Citizens Second Wednesday - 11:30 am</p> <p>Bier Choir 2nd & 4th Thursday - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Schützen Club Third Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Genealogy Group Third Sunday - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Sangerchor Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Soccer Club Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p>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.</p>