

## May 2020 Volume V, Number 5

### *Note from the Editor*

Dear Kolping Members,

We are now into day 46 of self-isolation, all a bit weary of this big adjustment in our lives, but yet hopeful that we can possibly get back to “normal” lives as our states are slowly opening up again. Please keep praying for each other, as we are all affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way or another, but especially for our health care workers and other first responders who are tirelessly manning the front lines in this battle. Please keep doing as our governors and health directors are telling us and also reach out to any of the members of our Kolping Family if you need something. Stay safe, and remember – better days are ahead of us!

Nancy Pelzel

### Important Phone Numbers

President – Ted Hoerstmann, 513-404-3139

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Seniors – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

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Business Office – 513-851-7951 then press 1

Clubhouse – 513-851-7951 then press 5

Hall – 513-851-7951 then press 4

### May Events

<del>May 1, 7:30 P.M.</del>	<del>General Meeting</del>
<del>May 12, 11:30 A.M.</del>	<del>Seniors Meeting</del>
<del>May 15, 7:00 P.M.</del>	<del>Schützen Nacht</del>
<del>May 17, 2:00 P.M.</del>	<del>Genealogy Meeting</del>
<del>May 22, 23, 24</del>	<del>Kolping Memorial Soccer Tournament</del>

### June Events

<del>June 5, 7:30 P.M.</del>	<del>General Meeting</del>
<del>June 9, 11:30 A.M.</del>	<del>Seniors Meeting</del>
<del>June 14, 2:00 P.M.</del>	<del>Genealogy Meeting</del>
<del>June 19, 7:00 P.M.</del>	<del>Schützen End Party</del>
<del>June 21, 11:00 A.M.</del>	<del>Father's Day/ Anniversary Mass</del>

**All of the events in May and June  
above have been cancelled!**

### **Father's Day/Anniversary Mass Cancelled**

In the interest of health and safety for our Kolping Family, we are very sad to say that the 2020 Father's Day/Anniversary Mass and Brunch on Sunday, June 21, is cancelled due to COVID-19. We would still like to honor our members who have significant wedding anniversaries this year! Please contact Elaine Wilke at 513-941-0247 to share your wedding anniversary information.

Event Chairmen  
Elaine & Ted Wilke  
Barb & Russ Hessler



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Herman	Koehling	May 1
William	Kraeling	May 1
Robert	Pohlabeln	May 1
Russell	Hessler	May 2
Robert	Curley	May 3
Julie	Faust	May 3
Patrick	Gramaglia	May 3
Vincent G.	Meyer, Sr.	May 5
Kim	Sterwerf	May 5
Gerald	Stricker	May 6
Robert	Grinkemeyer	May 7
Richard	Rebholz	May 7
Ben	Albers	May 8
Wendy	Moeller	May 8
Vera	Schon	May 8
Marcella	Tabler	May 8
James	Kinne	May 9
Rebecca	Straw	May 9
Josef	Ahrnsen	May 10
Jim	Muchmore	May 10
Anna	Lahrman	May 11
Andrew	Hessler	May 13
Lisa	Moore	May 13
Mike	Tonyan	May 13
Sue	Valentino	May 15
Matth	Toebben	May 16
Brian	Donnellan	May 17
Nancy	Finke	May 17
Katherine	Goetz	May 17
Daniel	DeFranco	May 18
Donald	Thiemann	May 18

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Michael	Hinnenkamp	May 19
Linda	Delaney	May 20
Kevin	Luther	May 20
Tracy	Salemme	May 20
Daniel	St. Charles	May 20
Eric	Denoma	May 21
James	Kemper	May 21
Michael	Bauer	May 22
David	Biederman	May 22
Joan	Koehling	May 23
James	Schnieder	May 23
Tom	Haber	May 24
Gary	Koester	May 24
David	McCann	May 24
Brian	Ellers	May 25
Donna	Faulk	May 25
Dan	Hoerstmann	May 26
Mara	Oszaczky	May 26
Dale	Probst	May 26
James C.	Resing	May 26
Michael	Schnieder	May 26
Harry C.	Voet, Jr.	May 26
Amber	Yuellig	May 27
Phyllis	Lunnemann	May 28
Jim	Cissell	May 29
Wilhelm	Gottenbusch	May 29
Erich	Meyer	May 29
Paul	Ahrnsen	May 30
Charlotte	Girmann	May 30
Nancy	Freudiger	May 31
Karl	Walter	May 31

### Kidney Needed

KIDNEY NEEDED for my wife, Elaine Wilke – Anyone have an extra kidney just taking up space in your body when it could be used to save Elaine? Are you wondering why God gave you two kidneys when all you need is one?

As of mid-January, Elaine has been officially registered on the Kidney Transplant List. Elaine has been on dialysis since September of 2018, and a new kidney would be a game changer for her. If you or anyone you know would consider a lifesaving kidney donation for Elaine, please contact Jessica Ratcliff at The Christ Hospital for more information. Her number is: 513-585-1427.

Thanks, Ted Wilke

## Letter from the President and Vice President

Dear Kolping Family,

We hope that this May 2020 *Bulletin* finds you and your families safe and healthy!

It is unprecedented how much our world has changed in such a short amount of time. Social distancing, flattening the curve, and searching for stores that still have toilet paper and any sort of disinfectant weren't even a part of our lives two months ago!

Kolping, like the rest of the world, certainly has been affected by COVID-19. Since early March, both Kolping Center and Kolping Park have been quiet. All Spring Soccer and Softball leagues have been cancelled. Weddings, Corporate functions, and Hall rentals have all been cancelled or moved to, at the earliest, the middle of June. We were also obliged to cancel both the King's Ball and The Regional Sangerfest in order to comply with the Stay at Home Orders.

As we are all just beginning to settle into the "New Normal", The Kolping Board of Directors held the first ever videoconference Board meeting. What a blessing technology has been to help us meet the challenge of this pandemic and stay connected with each other!

Given the amount of uncertainty and concern for the health and safety of our members and community, the Board has decided to hold a "Virtual Schutzenfest" for 2020- more details will be coming SOON! King Randall and Queen Katrina Brunsman will be continuing their reign until we can all be together again in 2021 for the (biggest ever) 155<sup>th</sup> Schutzenfest.

We have also postponed the National Convention to September of 2021 and are looking forward to reconnecting with our fellow American Kolping Societies.

The House and Grounds Committee and the Tuesday Workers continue to maintain the building and the property, and have been doing a great job on keeping up with the maintenance of Kolping. When the restrictions are lifted, and we find out what the new norm is going to be, we will be ready for it.

We are working diligently to come up with some new and exciting ideas for fundraisers, including "Virtual Schutzenfest", to offset some of the missed incomes.

## Letter from previous column cont'd.

We are always open for ideas, as well. There will be more to come, in the next few months.

Please check in on the elderly and if there is anything we (the Kolping Family) can provide, please do not hesitate to call us. Please remember to wash your hands regularly, wear your masks, and stay safe.

Thank You,

Ted Hoerstmann and Anna Stukenborg

## Sick & Shut-Ins

Regina Albers  
Margaret Gerdes  
Maria Von den Benken  
Vince Meyer  
Alberta Seibel  
Richard Isfort  
Tom Resing

Bill Lunnemann, Sr.  
Hubert Mohs  
Herm Koehling  
Ben Albers  
Vera Schon  
Cathy Thiemann  
Linda Irlbacher

Also please say prayers for Kate Callahan, granddaughter 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.

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.

## Kolping Seniors

All meetings will be cancelled until further notice. Please take care of yourself and pray for an end to this coronavirus crisis. Call and check on each other – time can get long, especially when you are by yourself.

Christa Olding  
513-385-1476

## Note from Our Praeses, Fr. Dan

We are still celebrating the great feast of Easter. This past Sunday, the Gospel reading was the Emmaus narrative from the Gospel of Luke (Lk 24:13-35). It tells the story of Cleophas and his companion and how they met the risen Lord on their way to Emmaus on the day of the resurrection. I have always assumed that the two disciples were a married couple who were returning home after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. I usually refer to them as Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas when I preach the Emmaus gospel from Luke. There are some similarities in our current situation.

Then, I want to share some thoughts on Luke's narrative about Cleophas and his companion on their way to Emmaus when Jesus joins and asks them questions about what they were experiencing as they were going from Jerusalem to Emmas. I will point to the worry, depression and so forth that is happening to folks today in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cleophas and his wife faced great disappointment and anxiety. Think about the way Cleophas seems disturbed when Jesus asks, "What things?" Cleophas responds sharply, almost biting the stranger's head off. "Are you the only visitor that does not know the things that took place there in these days?" Jesus was leading the two crest-fallen disciples to reflect upon the events they witnessed in light of the prophets. "How slow you are to believe all that the prophets spoke." Later, they recognized Jesus because he interpreted the scriptures for them, in light of his passion, death and resurrection. They only recognized the Lord when he broke bread with them.

Think about how we are still grappling with the COVID-19 lockdown. It was a real shock we all experienced when we learned we could not celebrate any church services or take part in an Easter Mass. I was surprised when the administrator of West Park called to inform me that there would be no visitors and no church services, by order of the Governor and of the Archbishop.

It is so sad to see how families are suffering because of the death of loved ones and the infection of so many. Yet that is what happened as we approached Easter. Think of the millions who suddenly lost their jobs or who lost a parent, spouse or child because of the COVID-19 pandemic. What pain to see loved ones die while they could not be at their bedside. What do you tell children to try and explain why schools had to

## Note from Fr. Dan (cont'd.)

be closed? What can one say to the unemployed or those facing eviction when they cannot pay their rent on time?

Yet in all of this, we need to keep our faith and hope alive. Were Fr. Kolping alive today, what do you think he might say to help us? One thing for sure, he would want us to embrace the suffering, accept our crosses and keep on living our faith. Just as Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas had to do.

Fr. Dan

**Editor's Note:** See Fr. Dan's message for the St. Anthony Novena on April 28<sup>th</sup> at:  
<https://www.stanthony.org/solemn-novena-videos/>

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## 50 Years of Kolping International

The Deutsche Welle Website has a link showing a video about 50 years of Kolping International, which we thought you might find interesting.

The link is below:

<https://www.dw.com/en/faith-matters-helping-people-help-themselves-50-years-of-kolping-international/av-51574404>

Thanks to Ted Wilke for passing this on.

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## 2020 National Kolping Convention Postponed Until September 2021

Through consultation with National Kolping and all of the 2020 Kolping Convention Planning Committee members, we reluctantly have decided to postpone the National Kolping Convention until September of 2021. It appears that it will be quite a while until large gatherings will be allowed in Ohio and Kentucky, and with the majority of participants from out of town being in the high risk group of over 60, we thought it would be safest for all concerned to postpone for another year. Perhaps life will be more normal then and a vaccine for the Coronavirus may be available.

The National Kolping Board will decide how the Distinguished Service Awards will be distributed and when the succeeding convention will take place. Stay tuned for further details later in the year.

## Genealogy Group

Bored at home? But have an internet connection? Might be a good time to schedule a look at this list over the days/weeks we are home following our governor's and county health officials' guidelines. Preserving our family genealogies depends on us!

No Kolping Genealogy on May 17th. Just like your kids and grandkids, it is time for "home study". Here are a few free-access sites.

1. **Matricula** (data.matricula-online.eu). We have covered this site in our live sessions but it is so good, it needs another examination. Take some time accessing Roman Catholic records.

Matricula is a nonprofit organization that made its mark by digitizing Catholic Church records from the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. Among records, you'll find Catholic registers from Münster and Paderborn, as well as the German Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Unique to this site is the large collection of Roman Catholic Militärkirchenbücher, the "barracks parishes" of garrisoned soldiers who were often far from home. Matricula has a language "flipper" that translates the home page into English, but some pages, the originals, are in German only. Archion covers the major Protestant denomination of Germany (archion.de). Also a great site, but the crisp, clear scans of records are available at a cost. You would have to subscribe to this site.

2. **Family Search** (familysearch.org) has long provided materials for German genealogists. They house an enormous collection of vital records (baptisms, marriages and burials) and newly image-only (not yet indexed) original documents we can browse. A Lot of "peer" help is available through what is called a "wiki" of German researchers. Visit them at [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page) (watch your typing, capital letters are critical in this one). Click *Europe* off this home page, then *Central Europe*, then *Germany* to find a treasure of research. Then join a Community to help yourself and others: (community.familysearch.org) and click Groups on the top menu bar, choose Germany and choose +Join Group on the upper right.

Now two maps sites to visit:

3. **Meyers Gazetteer** (<https://www.meyersgaz.org/>). Learn about German *places*. This site hosts a geographical

## Genealogy Group (cont'd.)

Dictionary of the Second German Empire with lots of details on Terman villages: population, churches, civil registration, courts, military districts. Once you search your village, it comes up on an old map! You can sign up to "meet" other researchers under the E-mail tab.

4. **Kartenmeister** (<http://kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp>) complements the above, but focuses on the time of World War I and II, as borders shifted and place names were changed – lands east of the Oder and Neisse Rivers in places such as East Prussia, West Prussia, Brandenburg, Posen, Pomerania and Silesia. Searching your "Heimat" or village will give you GPS coordinates, a link to a Google map, and historical population estimates. You can also join the database of fellow researchers here too.

Visiting these four sites will keep us all busy for months!

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## 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.)

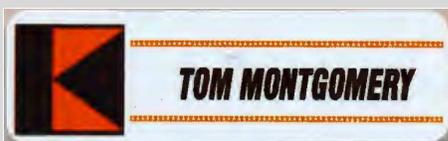
The members of the Bereavement Committee are:

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

## Kolping Name Badges

We all miss our Kolping meetings and events – always a time for cheer and happiness! Some of us will need to re-learn names after the lockdown is lifted. You may order custom name badges to wear at Kolping events. The cost for these is minimal and is coordinated by member Tom Montgomery, representing the Society. He will just need your first and last name, email, phone and funds. Tom can be reached at 513-969-5383 or [montgota@fuse.net](mailto:montgota@fuse.net). You can send him a check (515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014) or just wait until the badges arrive and Kolping is re-opened to pay and pick up your name badge.

Front will be the same for all name badges as follows.



Please specify **Magnet** or **Pins** (two on the back) and exactly how you want your name to appear on the badge. We need to order ten at a time.

Back-Magnetic to fit any article of clothing, but beware, it is NOT for those with Pacemakers; \$4.75 each.



Back – two pins can be used to fit to any soft article of clothing; \$4.00 each.



The name badges can be picked up at any general meeting, event or mailed back to you (at an extra cost). They are \$4.75 (magnetic) or \$4.00 (pins) each, with cash or a check made payable to Tom Montgomery (not written to the Kolping Society), 515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014.



## Schützen Club News

I hope that everyone is staying healthy in these unprecedented times. With what the Ohio Governor announced, we will not be shooting in May and there will not be an end party. It will be up to the Kolping Board to give us directions on what we need to do and once I find out, I will let everyone know via email.

I sent an email to all members back on April 17<sup>th</sup> with the team and individual scores. If you did not receive that email and you want to know the shooting scores, please email me at:

[slawson@mthealthy.org](mailto:slawson@mthealthy.org)

Stay safe and healthy,  
Steve Lawson, President



## Sports Club News

The spring season has been cancelled. We hope everyone stays healthy!

Walt Dewar,  
Kolping SC President  
[Walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:Walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com)  
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**Deadline for articles to be submitted for the June *Bulletin* is Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 P.M. Please submit articles to Nancy Pelzel at: [nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com)**

# **Cincinnati Kolping Awards Banquet**

As most of our other events in the last couple of months, our Annual Awards Banquet which was to take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have 23 members who are celebrating significant service anniversaries this year, and we certainly want to recognize all of them. All of these certificates will be awarded at a future time to be determined, once we are allowed to safely have large gatherings again. In the meantime, please take the time to congratulate the following recipients of awards:

## **65 Years**

Rudy Eismann  
Bernard Geers  
Fritz Westendorf

## **60 Years**

Maria Dechering  
Martha Engler  
Heddy Freese  
Guenter Grote  
Janet Talkers Kuhl

## **55 Years**

Peter Dinnesen  
Reinhold Lampe

## **50 Years**

Ray Beiser, Jr.  
Celeste Hermes  
Carl Nissen  
Elisabeth Ricke  
Ingrid Thompson

## **25 Years**

Roger Adams	Linda Antal
Randy Brunsman	Robert Findley
Rita Musbach	Tom Musbach
Harry Rumpke, Jr.	Joseph Vogelsang

***Congratulations, One and All!***

## Kolping History Corner

### The Cincinnati Kolping Camp on the Little Miami River

by Nancy Pelzel

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

As I mentioned in last month's issue, the Cincinnati Kolping Society leased property on the Little Miami River in 1925 where the members built their "Kolping Camp" for outdoor activities and festivals, including of course, their first Schützenfest, held in August of that year. They spent several months building the camp, and had it completed just in time for that first Schützenfest. Besides Kolping festivals, there were many other activities and parties that took place at the camp in the summer months, one of which was swimming in the Little Miami River. Unfortunately, in July of 1928, a 28-year-old Kolping member drowned in the river while swimming near the Kolping Camp, and then again in June of 1931, another member drowned near the camp.

By 1932, the Society members started building a new two-story camp because they had outgrown the first camp. It was completed in seven weeks with volunteer labor by many of the members under the leadership of Henry Gerbus. They built a dance floor, a shooting stand and plenty of seating for everyone. Ben Rauhen, Kolping President in 1934 & 1935, wrote about the camp in 1935, "... today it can be regarded as the most beautiful summer place that is owned by any of the German organizations of the city."

In January of 1937, the great flood in the Ohio River Valley unleashed its fury upon the region and the Kolping Camp stood 25 feet under water. It was still standing, though, and could be seen from a distance. Evidently the camp could be somewhat salvaged from the flood, since the members had a camp opening celebration in 1938, but by the end of 1938, Cincinnati Kolping could no longer renew the lease on the property, so they were forced to look for a new summer camp. Those long summer days at the Kolping Camp along the Little Miami River were over, and now it was on to the Muehlenhardt Farm on Winton Road, which became known as "Kolping Grove". Photos of the Kolping Camp are below and on the following pages.



*Above, the building crew of the first Kolping Camp along the Little Miami River  
It must be break time!*

Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Birn Rathman

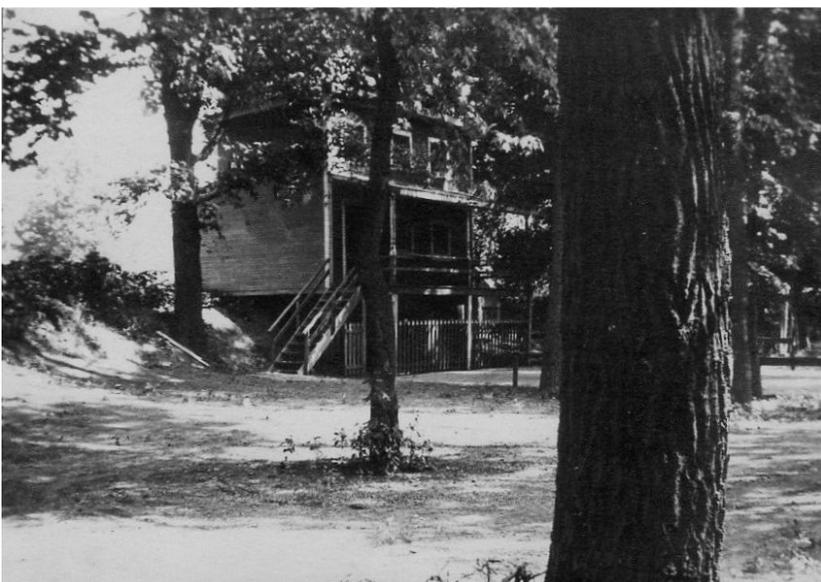


*Left, Kolping members bringing refreshments for the camp building crew. That's one thirsty bunch!*

Photo courtesy of  
Mary Ann Birn Rathman

*Right, Kolping members enjoying the beautiful day in front of the newly built Kolping Camp in 1925.*

Photo courtesy of  
Ted Tegenkamp



*Left, the new two-story camp built in 1932.*

Photo courtesy of  
Liz Ruether

*Right, Kolping members swimming in the Little Miami River close to the Kolping Camp.*

Photo courtesy of  
Mary Ann Birn Rathman



*Left, the design of a direction sign to show where the Kolping Camp was located. Designed by Kolping member, Fritz Schuhmacher, in 1932.*

Courtesy of  
Ted Tegenkamp

*Right, an excursion to the site of the old Kolping Camp in September of 2014. Front, L to R: Ted Tegenkamp, Gene Bertke, Nancy & Mike Pelzel. Back, Doris & Werner Wilke.*



# 2020 Calendar of Events

**JANUARY** NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY  
 11 King's Party  
 17 Schützen Nacht  
 25 Stube Nacht

**FEBRUARY** 3 Board Meeting  
 7 General Meeting  
 8 Celebration Dance  
 21 Schützen Nacht  
 23 Schlachtfest  
 28 Fish Fry (Society)

**MARCH** 2 Board Meeting  
 6 Fish Fry (Sports Club)  
 6 General Meeting  
 13 Fish Fry (Schützen Club)  
 20 Fish Fry (Fr. David Hiller Fund)  
 20 Schützen Nacht  
 21 King's Ball  
 27 Fish Fry (Young Families)  
 29 St. Joseph's Day Mass  
 30 Board Meeting (April)

**APRIL** 3 Fish Fry (Endowment)  
 3 General Meeting  
 17 Schützen Nacht  
 19 Awards Banquet  
 24 Sängerkhor Sängerkfest  
 25 Sängerkhor Sängerkfest  
 26 Sängerkhor Sängerkfest  
 27 Board Meeting (May)

**MAY** 1 General Meeting  
 15 Schützen Nacht  
 22 Kolping Memorial Tournament  
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**JUNE** 1 Board Meeting  
~~5 General Meeting~~  
~~19 Schützen End Party~~  
~~21 Father's Day/Anniversary Mass~~  
 29 Board Meeting (July)

**JULY** NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY  
 11 3v3 Soccer Tournament  
~~17 Schützenfest~~  
~~18 Schützenfest~~  
~~19 Schützenfest~~

**AUGUST** 3 Board Meeting  
 7 General Meeting  
 21 Captains Meeting – Schützen Club  
 21 Appreciation Party  
 31 Board Meeting (September)

**SEPTEMBER** NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT.  
~~11, 12, 13 Kolping Nat'l. Convention~~  
 11, 12, 13 Fill the Net Tournament  
 18 Schützen Nacht  
 28 Board Meeting (October)

**OCTOBER** 2 General Meeting  
 16 Schützen Nacht

**NOVEMBER** 1 Memorial Mass/Goettafest  
 2 Board Meeting  
 6 General Meeting/Elections  
 6 & 7 Harvest Fest  
 20 Schützen Nacht  
 29 Weihnachts Konzert  
 30 Board Meeting (Dec)

**DECEMBER** 6 Christmas Party  
 13 Children's Christmas Party  
 18 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  
**Sängerkhor** 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.