

August 2025

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Note from the Editor

As the summer is winding down and school will be starting up soon, now is the perfect time to be thinking about what direction we would like to go at Cincinnati Kolping. There are two very important meetings on August 1st and September 12th related to the proposed revised Kolping bylaws. Please come to the August 1st meeting to educate yourself as to the ramifications of these bylaws and then please come to the meeting on September 12th to vote, either yes or no, to let your voice be heard.

Nancy Pelzel

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August Events

August 1, 7:30 P.M.	General Meeting
August 13, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
August 15, 7:00 P.M.	Schützen Club
August 17, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
August 22, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club
August 27, 5:30 P.M.	Groovin' in the Grove

September Events

September 10, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
September 12, 7:30 P.M.	Special General Mtg.
September 15, 6:30 P.M.	Initiation Meeting
September 19, 7:00 P.M.	Schützen Club
September 19-21	1931 Invitational Soccer Tournament
September 21, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
September 24, 5:30 P.M.	Groovin' in the Grove
September 26, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club

Join Us in September for our Next Initiation Meeting

The Kolping Cincinnati Membership Committee will be hosting another Initiation Meeting on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 P.M. in the Kolping Klubhaus.

It isn't too late to invite friends and family to become a member of Kolping Cincinnati. If you know someone who might be interested in membership, please have them contact us at membership@kolpingcincinnati.com.



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
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Glenn A.	Probst	Aug 1
Ray	Schlinkert	Aug 1
Sue	Kappen	Aug 3
Walter	Amrein	Aug 4
William	Becker	Aug 4
Kevin	Schamel	Aug 4
Elaine	Ahaus	Aug 5
Edward	Geiser, Jr.	Aug 6
Timothy	Jamison	Aug 6
Clint	Schertzer	Aug 6
Ryan	Bishop	Aug 7
Alan	Gerbus	Aug 7
Kurt	Kramer	Aug 7
William J.	Sterwerf	Aug 7
Harry J.	Willmann	Aug 7
Richard	Ellensohn	Aug 9
Paul	Moeller	Aug 9
Lisa	Spraul	Aug 9
Donald	Stegman	Aug 9
Allen	Cliffe	Aug 10
Steven	Schlake	Aug 10
Rich	Bova	Aug 11
Daniel	Mueller, Sr.	Aug 11
Michael	Pelzel	Aug 11
Mark	Schmidt	Aug 11
Anneliese	Schulten	Aug 11
David	Von Bargaen	Aug 11
MacKenzie	Vulhop	Aug 11
John	Arents	Aug 12
Sondra	Freese	Aug 12
Katie	Hessler	Aug 12
Tom	Pieper	Aug 12
Michael	Spraul	Aug 12
Richard	Schmalz	Aug 13
Martha	Stukenborg	Aug 13
Max	Adarve	Aug 14
Tom	Teufel	Aug 14
Stanley	Beeler	Aug 15
Sally	Gieringer	Aug 15

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
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Andrew	Kraeling	Aug 15
Dennis	Lang	Aug 15
Alex	Leonhardt	Aug 15
Roger	Altendorf	Aug 16
Rita	Loesing	Aug 16
Misty	Richmond	Aug 16
Wendy	Gottenbusch	Aug 17
Frank	Butz	Aug 18
Bernie	Geers	Aug 18
Joe	Freese	Aug 19
Elizabeth	Miyahara	Aug 19
Mary Catherine	Uhlhorn	Aug 19
Philip	Drees	Aug 20
Dennis	Hays	Aug 20
Robert	Yuellig	Aug 20
Carl	Nissen	Aug 21
Richard	Schottelkotte	Aug 22
Greg	Fehrenbach	Aug 24
Geraldine	Klosterman	Aug 24
Lisa	Schweikert	Aug 24
Rose	Abt	Aug 25
Jerry	Hargis	Aug 25
Rick	Hoeting	Aug 26
Helene	Schrand	Aug 26
John	Anton	Aug 27
Mark	Fehring	Aug 27
Amy	Freese	Aug 27
Gregory	Freudiger	Aug 27
Kevin	Luken	Aug 27
Michael	Moore	Aug 27
Steven	Bosse	Aug 28
Clem	Redder	Aug 28
Kevin	Gerbus	Aug 29
Klaus	Giese	Aug 29
Kierstin	Nadler	Aug 29
James	Reinhart	Aug 29
Matthew	Ahrnsen	Aug 30
Nathan	Ostendorf	Aug 30
Cassandra	Brown	Aug 31

A Letter from the President

Dear Kolping Members,

Over the past several years, our Society has faced growing financial and operational challenges—many of which have come into sharper focus through our recent financial assessments and ongoing Board discussions. While our faith and fellowship remain strong, it has become increasingly clear that we must adapt in order to secure the long-term health and sustainability of our organization.

What many may not realize is that the Cincinnati Kolping Society operates with an annual budget in excess of \$1 million dollars. That figure reflects the full scope of what it takes to maintain our facilities, programs, and activities. Just consider a few examples:

- We pay around \$52,000 each year in real estate taxes.
- Our utilities and insurance exceed \$63,000 annually.
- Repairs and maintenance surpass \$110,000 per year—and that doesn't even account for the countless hours donated by our Tuesday Worker Crew.

These are the baseline costs of simply keeping the lights on and the doors open. Relying solely on Schützenfest and member-led fundraising is no longer sustainable. We must grow beyond our traditional funding sources and actively develop new revenue-generating opportunities, especially through responsible business operations that leverage our property and assets year-round.

To move forward effectively, we need to revise how we govern, operate, and carry out our mission. That's why the Board has unanimously approved a comprehensive update to our Bylaws—designed to:

- Strengthen financial oversight and operational accountability
- Modernize our governance structure utilizing written and published policies and procedures
- Change Board structure, introduce revised term limits, and extend Board terms from 2 to 3 years to ensure continuity and leadership renewal
- Reaffirm our mission and better align our activities with Fr. Kolping's mission

A Letter from the President (cont'd.)

Your participation is essential. The revised Bylaws will be reviewed for the last time at our General Meeting on Friday, August 1st at 7:30 PM. Following that review, the proposed Bylaws will be brought to a membership vote on Friday, September 12th at 7:30 PM. We urge all members to attend and support this important Bylaws revision process.

This is not just a vote about Bylaws—it is a vote about our future. A vote to preserve what matters most while making the changes necessary to move forward. With your support, we can turn a time of challenge into a moment of renewal and opportunity.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued commitment to the Cincinnati Kolping Society. Let us rise to this moment together with purpose, faith, and unity.

With gratitude and service to our Society,
John Mueller
President, Cincinnati Kolping Society

Groovin' in the Grove 4th Wednesday of the Month

We're back for another great evening at Groovin' in the Grove on Wednesday, August 27th and this time, dinner is in the hands of our amazing Kolping volunteers!

While Sweets and Meats had to step away, our volunteers are stepping up and firing up the grill to serve Brats, Metts, and Sausages fresh and hot for our hungry guests. Dinner (sausage and chips) is just \$5, and all proceeds go to support the Society.

Come out and enjoy a great night of live music, cold beer, and good company. Bring your friends and family—it's a fun, easy way to relax midweek while supporting Kolping!

Food starts around 5:30 PM—don't miss it!

Kolping Society Recording Secretary

We are still in need of a volunteer to step into the role of Recording Secretary as Jennifer Ruwe prepares to step down from that role at the end of this year. This is a great opportunity to get involved and support the Society! Jennifer is eager to provide training and guidance to her successor, ensuring a smooth handoff. If you have an interest in helping with this vital role, now is the perfect time to get involved and start shadowing. Please reach out to any Board Member to learn more or to volunteer!

Interested in Serving on the Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society Board?

As we look ahead to our Board Elections this November, we're asking all members to consider stepping forward to serve the Society in a leadership role. Your experience, insight, and passion for our Kolping Society can help shape the future of our organization.

Depending on the outcome of the Bylaws revision vote on September 12th, we will need to elect either 3 or 7 Board members:

- If the proposed Bylaws revision is approved, we will need to elect 3 new Directors as the other officer positions will be transitioned per the new structure outlined in the proposed Bylaws.
- If the Bylaws revision fails, we will need to elect a new President, Vice President, and 5 Directors under the existing Bylaws structure.

This is an important moment for the Kolping Society of Cincinnati, and we are counting on strong leaders to guide us into the next chapter. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please reach out to any current Board member. Once the Nominating Committee is established, they will oversee the formal nomination process.

Important Deadline:

All nominations must be submitted before the October 2025 General Meeting, as the ballot will be closed at the end of that meeting. The election will be held at the November General Meeting.

Message from Our Praeses, Fr. Dan

Today, July 23, 2025, we began a series of days when the Gospel readings for daily Mass narrate how Jesus used parables to teach his contemporaries about living as his disciples. (Mt 13:1 to Mt 13:53)

Today's reading (Mt 13:1-9) is the parable about a sower spreading seed in a carefree way, with no apparent concern about where the seeds might fall. Rocky ground, thorny places, shallow soil are places where the seed can't grow. But some of the seed falls on good ground and yields a good harvest.

Tomorrow (Mt 13:10-17) Jesus explains why he speaks in parables. It is so that some may hear and not understand while others may grasp his meaning. Then, on Saturday (Mt 13:24-30), there is the enemy who comes at night and sows weeds that grow up and choke the grain, creating the difficulty of separating the weeds from the wheat at harvest time.

I point to these first three of the series of parables in Matthew's Gospel because they do make us think. They ask us, today's readers, to reflect about what is happening in our lives. Are we allowing the seed of God's word to grow? Or, are we placing obstacles in the way of growing our faith?

Just today I saw a message asking this question: "Do you know whether the road you are travelling on leads to heaven or to some place where you don't want to go?" Think about that. God bless.

Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM



Soccer Club News

The season will start on August 4th and we will be hosting a tournament on September 19th – 21st.

For the fall season, we will have about 35 teams. Hopefully the weather holds out for a great season.

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551

Deaths

James Kemper, husband of the late Lois Rebold Kemper and Kolping member for 36 years, passed away on July 7, 2025 at the age of 89. Jim was a member of the Kolping *Bulletin* staff for many years, a member of the Kolping Golf League and of the Kolping Seniors. He also helped with the raffles at the Kolping Fish Fries and played Santa at the Children's Christmas Parties. Jim was awarded the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 2007. We extend our sympathies to the Kemper and Rebold families.

Bill Garrett, Kolping Schützenfest King in 1995 and husband of Rita Gerdes Garrett, passed away on June 26, 2025 at the age of 67. Our condolences go out to Rita and the entire Garrett and Gerdes families.

Richard P. Albers, son of Kolping Seniors member Agnes Albers and the late John Albers, passed away on May 18, 2025 at the age of 53. We send our thoughts and prayers to Agnes, Rich's wife Julie, and the rest of the Albers family.

Margaret "Margie" Maltry, mother of Kolping member Rose Abt, passed away on July 13, 2025 at the age of 88. We extend our sympathies to Rose and the rest of the Maltry and Abt families.

Elisabeth "Lisa" Strecker, wife of Kolping member Ric Strecker, passed away on July 20, 2025 at the age of 73. Our condolences go out to Ric and the entire Strecker family.

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

Sick & Shut-Ins

Richard Ellensohn	Celeste Hermes
Linda Knizner	Harry Voet

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

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 Genealogy

Sunday, August 17 will be the annual planning and scheduling meeting (and my 51st wedding anniversary) for the purpose of creating a superb program for Kolping Genealogy. We will meet live at Kolping, but also broadcasting via Zoom, so use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84365945511?pwd=g0xYZgtQsP4mqEo6b2aYLCiZfcphGB.1>.

We need to brainstorm and collaborate to schedule topics of interest to genealogists on all levels. Review the topics (folders of past presentations and resources) and the current Schedule here: <http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/Genealogy.html>

Pick some good sessions in which you are interested and we can find a presenter if beyond my skill set. You make this program successful.

As a reminder, Sunday, July 27, we will host a live only session in the Kolping Clubhouse, but NOT a Zoom meeting. Our meeting time is the usual 2:00 pm, but the fourth Sunday instead of the usual third (I am attending a family reunion on July 20). So bring a notepad, family members, pictures, documents and stories, and review the ten steps below. You might charge up your cell phone and learn to use the recorder.

We will be following these ten steps (handouts to be provided so **RSVP to Tom** [below, email, text or call]):

Step 1: Start with Your Immediate Family

Step 2: Gather Stories

Step 3: Do Your US Homework

Step 4: Tackle Specialized Records

Step 5: Study Social History

Step 6: Join an Immigrant or Ethnic Genealogical Group

Step 7: Read Genealogical Guidebooks Specific to the Immigrant or Ethnic Group

Step 8: Tap Foreign Records from the United States

Step 9: Research Records in Your Ancestor's Homeland

Step 10: Share Your Findings

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

Dr. Tom Montgomery, montgota@gmail.com,
montgota@miamioh.edu, 513-969-5383.

Kolping Name Badges

We need to learn names! Members, new and old, you may now 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 number, and paid funds. See the order form in the cigar box "office" near the phone on the bar in the Clubhouse.

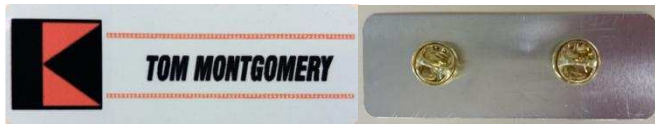
Specify your choice of Magnet or Pins (two on the back). We need to order ten at a time.

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

1. *Back-Magnetic* to fit any article of clothing, but beware, it is NOT for those with Pacemakers. \$5.00 each.



2. *Back-Two Pins* can be used to fit to any soft article of clothing. \$4.25 each.



The Name Badges can be picked up after they are made at any general meeting or mailed back to you (at an extra cost). They are \$5.00 (mag) or \$4.25 (pins) each, with cash or a check made payable to Tom Montgomery (not written to the Kolping Society). Just leave your cash or a check in the envelope in the cigar box (there is change, a bunch of quarters, there too for the two-pin badge).

Orders may be turned into Tom at the general meetings, Tuesday Workers, or mailed to him at 515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014. Forms and "order sheet" in the cigar box "office" by the bar phone in the Clubhouse. Any questions, please call Tom at: 513-969-5383.

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations:

Donations in memory of Otto Hermes

Helene Schrand, Joan Rehling

Donations in memory of Wade Hinkel

Janet Talkers Kuhl

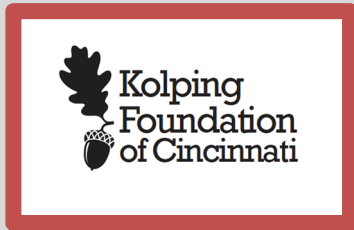
We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent from our subgroups, in celebration of members' events and in memory of our Kolping members and will use them to continue the work of Blessed Fr. Kolping. We also received donations from the bar tips from events at the Klubhaus and Pavilion.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Ahrnsen
FDHF Chairman

Here is another note from one of our FDHF Scholarship winners!



My name is Christian Schank and I will be attending LaSalle High School in the Fall of 2025. My family and I enjoy participating and volunteering for many of the Kolping Society events and festivities. I love the German culture and music at the summer festivals. I enjoy reading, golfing, and spending quality time with my parents, brother, and grandparents.



2025 Second Quarter Donations:

Anniversary Mass Collection
Bar Tip Donations
Employee match for Andrew Hessler
Kolping Society- 100th Anniversary Bourbon Barrel
Pick Proceeds
Kroger- Community Rewards
David and Wendy Moeller
Dieter and Susan Moeller
Walter and Michelle Moeller
Kroger- Community Rewards
2024 Schützenfest Tips
2025 Schützenfest Tips

In memory of Otto Hermes:

Mike and Nancy Pelzel
Heddy Freese

In memory of Christa Olding:

Heddy Freese

Anna Stukenborg

Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet on Wednesday, August 13th, at 11:30 A.M. in the Klubhaus. We will learn about the efforts that Kolping Ukraine, along with Kolping International, is providing to the Ukrainian refugees in Europe. Hope to see you there!

Tom Musbach

**Deadline for submitting articles
for the September
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Wednesday, August 27, 2025
at 5:00 P.M.**

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

Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: August 15, 2025

Place: Kolping Clubhouse / 100 Hall
Practice, Make-up and Shoot-ahead Shooting:
7:00 – 7:30 PM
Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST

Targets: Team Geoppinger

Food: Team Wilke

Tickets: Team Stupprich

August Shooting:

Team dues this year will be the same as last year's dues of \$250.00 a team. These dues are due at the August shoot. Please bring cash or a check made out to Kolping.

Sign-up sheets for Food, Targets & Raffle Tickets will be at the scorer's desk. Please sign up with your team to help one month this year. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Don Trautmann, President
XavierDon31@gmail.com
(513) 325-7869

***"Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that matter."***

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.



**The Kings' Club officially welcomed its newest members, Neil & Kelly Geoppinger,
at the Hofbräuhaus on July 20, 2025.**

**Front row, L to R: Carolyn Stupprich, Cherise Hammons, Julie Faust, Annamarie Geoppinger,
Kelly Geoppinger, Tracy Klosterman, Katrina Brunzman, Mary Pat Findley, Ann Hoerstmann.**

**Back row, L to R: Jay Stupprich, Brad & Jenn Baldwin, Irene & Pat Whalen, Joyce Brown,
Joe Hammons, Mark Faust, Bob Geoppinger, Neil Geoppinger, Chuck Klosterman,
Paul & Donna Boehm, Randy Brunzman, Mike Brakers, Bob Findley,
Cathy Brakers, Ted Hoerstmann.**

Bourbon Club News

We have been on an amazing Bourbon journey these past few months!!

During Schutzenfest, we ran a Bourbon and Cigar Booth which generated over \$1,000 for the Kolping Society. While doing this, we marketed and talked about our Bourbon Club with everyone. As a result, we had a packed Clubhouse for our June meeting!! We welcomed the Rep from Diageo and sampled 4 Diageo Bourbons with a special pour from our resident Bourbon Emcee Andy Skoog.

Thank you to our fantastic Bourbon Club members for their amazing generosity!! We provided 3 baskets of allocated bottles for the Grand Raffle and another 9 bottles for the "Wagon of Cheer"... It was VERY cheerful!!

We are also pleased to announce that we have ANOTHER BARREL PICK IN THE WORKS!!! Stay tuned for more details...

For our July meeting, Hayner Distilling from Troy, OH is coming for a tasting!! There are several exciting activities in the works including a visit from the Heaven Hill Rep for a tasting!

Our Bourbon Club members are a vibrant and fun group of people. We have been providing cheer at every Kolping event this year and look forward to continuing our service to the Kolping Society for many years to come!!

Treu Kolping!!!
Neil Geoppinger, President
BH Kroger, Treasurer
Kelly Geoppinger, Secretary
Andy Skoog and Gary Burket, Leadership Team



Oktoberfest Concert

**featuring the visiting 16-piece Musikverein Ruderatshofen
from the Allgäu region of Bavaria, Germany**

**Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 from 5PM – 9PM
Clovernook Country Club
2035 Galbraith Road,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239**

German food, Bier, Schnapps will be available on a cash basis.

The concert is being donated by Der Deutsche Buben Verein, for Kolping members, their families and friends.

There is no cost to attend, pay only for what you consume. We only ask that you make reservations to ensure proper staffing and libations! Band performs from 6 – 8:30PM

Reservations Required by September 11th

**Christine Coulter at ccoulter@clovernookccc.com or by
phone 513.521.0333**

Handicapped Accessible, convenient parking and elevator in main lobby.

2025 Calendar of Events

JANUARY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY FEBRUARY 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 8 Valentine's Dance 22 Stube Nacht MARCH 3 Board Meeting 7 Fish Fry 7 General Meeting 12 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 14 Fish Fry 21 Fish Fry 22 Schützen Royal Ball 28 Fish Fry 28-30 Kolping Memorial Tournament 31 Board Meeting (April) APRIL 4 Fish Fry 4 General Meeting 6 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 11 Fish Fry 23 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 28 Board Meeting (May) MAY 2 General Meeting 4 Sängerchor Spring Konzert 16 Schützen End Party 28 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Schützenfest Planning Meeting JUNE 1 Anniversary Mass 2 Board Meeting	JUNE 6 General Meeting 13-15 Schützenfest 25 Groovin' in the Grove 30 Board Meeting (July) JULY 6 Appreciation Party 11 Special General Meeting 18 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 23 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Board Meeting (August) AUGUST 1 General Meeting 15 First Schützen Nacht 27 Groovin' in the Grove SEPTEMBER 2 Board Meeting 12 Special General Meeting 19-21 1931 Invitational Tournament 24 Groovin' in the Grove 29 Board Meeting (October) OCTOBER 3 General Meeting 26 Memorial Mass/Goettafest NOVEMBER 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting/Elections 30 Sängerchor Weihnachts Konzert DECEMBER 1 Board Meeting 7 Christmas Mass and Party 14 Children's Christmas Party 29 Board Meeting (January)
MEETINGS: Board of Directors Monday prior to the first Friday of the month – 7:00 pm Women's Klub First Thursday – 6:30 pm General Membership First Friday – 7:30 pm Senior Citizens Second Wednesday – 11:30 am Bier Choir 2 nd & 4 th Thursday – 7:00 pm Schützen Club Third Friday – 7:30 pm Genealogy Group Third Sunday – 2:00 pm Sängerchor Every Tuesday – 7:30 pm Soccer Club Fourth Wednesday – 8:00 pm Bourbon Club Fourth Friday – 7:00 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.