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Note from the Editor



**May you all have a Happy and Blessed
New Year!**

Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President — John Mueller, 513-376-3672

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Society Bookkeeper — Jim Schnieder, 513-310-1256

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Sick Committee — Open

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Bourbon Club — Neil Geoppinger, 513-638-0339

Genealogy Group — Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383

Sängerchor — Janet Curley, 513-522-7544

Schützen Club — Marc Schnetzer, 513-236-6205

Seniors — Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148

Soccer Club — Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

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

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Nick Caserta, 513-713-7318

January Events

No General Meeting

January 8, 11:30 A.M.

January 17, 7:00 P.M.

January 19, 2:00 P.M.

January 24, 7:00 P.M.

Seniors Meeting

Schützen Club

Genealogy Meeting

Bourbon Club

February Events

February 7, 7:30 P.M.

February 8, 8:00 P.M.

February 12, 11:30 A.M.

February 16, 2:00 P.M.

February 21, 7:00 P.M.

February 22, 5:00 P.M.

February 28, 7:00 P.M.

General Meeting

Valentine's Dance

Seniors Meeting

Genealogy Meeting

Schützen Club

Stube Nacht

Bourbon Club

Kolping Membership Dues

Thank you to everyone who has paid his or her dues so far! This makes my job easier, especially as we head into the holidays. You can pay your dues by check, through your bank bill pay, or online 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 2025 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,

Karen Wienkamp, Membership Secretary



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Mike	Schwebler	Jan 1
Mary Ann	Wurzelbacher	Jan 1
Annette	Durham	Jan 2
Frank	Geiser	Jan 2
Chad	Smith	Jan 2
Jason	Faulk	Jan 3
Timothy	Findley	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
Kim	Ernsting	Jan 6
Tom	Musbach	Jan 6
Tom	Bredestege	Jan 7
Steve	Kappen	Jan 8
Mike	Carroll	Jan 9
William	Goetz	Jan 9
Renata	Freese	Jan 10
Tom	Beiting	Jan 12
Cheryl	Bredestege	Jan 12
Jamie	Hoffmann	Jan 12
Gregory	Meyer	Jan 12
Timothy	Pohlman	Jan 12
Jim	Schroer	Jan 12
Wendel	Lachmann	Jan 13
Thomas	Glover	Jan 14

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Mary M.	Gonnella	Jan 14
Michael	Kappen	Jan 14
Ryan	Preston	Jan 15
Ingrid	Thompson	Jan 15
John	Schnieder	Jan 16
Tim	Burda	Jan 17
Theodor B.	Leuker	Jan 18
Paul	Blom	Jan 19
Catherine	Thiemann	Jan 19
Joyce	Brown	Jan 20
Jane	Fitzpatrick	Jan 20
Steve	Drees	Jan 21
Michael	Szczepanski	Jan 22
David	Corbett	Jan 24
Eugene	Galbaugh	Jan 24
Clara	Hamen	Jan 25
Joseph	Kunze	Jan 25
Jim	Gieringer	Jan 28
Christine	Wendt	Jan 28
Steven	Bodnar	Jan 29
Eric	Gerbus	Jan 29
Barbara	Hessler	Jan 29
David	Schroeder	Jan 29
Joe	Wessels	Jan 29
Charles	Dietz	Jan 30
Rosalinda	Seubert	Jan 30
William	Adelmann	Jan 31

Message from The Kolping Haus

The Kolping Haus is gearing up for a busy January of bookings. We have tailored our social media accounts and website to target the couples who got engaged over the holiday season. If you have not yet followed us on Facebook (The Kolping Haus Cincinnati) and Instagram (thekolpinghauscincinnati), please take a moment to do so. The more followers and interactions we have, the more our social media accounts will increase in popularity, resulting in more potential clients being reached.

Unfortunately, the new staff has inherited some unfavorable Yelp reviews from 2017 and 2018. If you have attended and enjoyed any Kolping events in the past year or two, we kindly request that you write a positive review for us on Yelp so that we can improve our rating.

If you, or anyone you know, are celebrating any special occasions, milestone birthdays, graduations, retirements, anniversaries, holidays, or simply need a place to gather with family and friends, please contact The Kolping Haus at hello@thekolpinghaus.com or call 513-713-7318. We will proudly host your event and make it as special as possible. Our goal is to fill these halls and the Klubhaus with love, joy, and celebration.

The Kolping Haus staff wishes everyone a happy and prosperous 2025!

Letter from the President

Dear Cincinnati Kolping Family,

As we step into a brand-new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible accomplishments of 2024 and share my excitement for the opportunities ahead in 2025.

This past year was truly special as we celebrated our 100th Anniversary—a milestone that brought our Kolping family together in meaningful and joyful ways. From our cherished traditions to new initiatives, every event reflected our shared spirit of community. Additionally, through careful planning and dedication, we are on track to achieve something we haven't seen in years: finishing the year without a financial loss.

Our Kolping Haus staff has done an outstanding job marketing and booking our facility rentals, while our Tuesday Workers and staff ensured that our beautiful space remains a vibrant hub for gatherings and celebrations. Behind every success we have had this year are the hardworking employees and volunteers whose tireless efforts drive our mission forward. To each and every one of you—thank you.

As we look ahead, our focus in 2025 will be on defining and solidifying the Purpose of the Cincinnati Kolping Society. This effort will help guide our actions, strengthen our identity, and ensure that we remain true to the values of Father Adolph Kolping.

We also recognize the importance of improving communication across all levels of membership, including our associate members. Clearer channels of communication, stronger ties with our members, and enhanced transparency in corporate governance and operations will be key priorities in the coming year.

Together, we've achieved so much, but there's still more to do. With your continued support, we will build on this momentum and create an even brighter future for our Society.

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year.

John Mueller
President, Cincinnati Kolping Society

Message from Our Praeses, Fr. Dan

New Year's Resolutions

What do you think? Are New Year's resolutions a good thing? First, I admit that I am not in the habit of making them. Why is that? I feel there are too many things happening at this time of the year. Family and friends deserve some attention. Then there are a lot of social activities—Kolping events, for example.

However, New Year's resolutions may help us grow in moral character and self-discipline. I feel any resolution that can help us become better people is worthwhile, if we keep our resolution.

For example, someone needing to lose weight might benefit from joining a program or partnering with a friend to get more physical exercise. Or a resolution to join a group that encourages members to break unhealthy addictions is good. Support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous can be life savers. But remember, one cannot become perfect instantly. So aim for improvement, not instant perfection.

Don't forget, our founder, Fr. Kolping, aimed to improve the economic conditions and the moral character of workers and their families. He saw the need for change and endeavored to include social responsibility and religious values in the organization he founded.

If you see where change is needed in your life, making a New Year's resolution can be helpful. But keep your resolutions realistic and try to include the social and religious dimensions in any resolution you make. Pray with me that we may have a blessed New Year in 2025.

Dan Kroger, OFM

Stube Nacht Moving to February 22nd

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Stube Nacht, which was originally scheduled for February 1st, has now been moved to Saturday, February 22nd. More details will be forthcoming in the February *Bulletin*.

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations.

In memory of Maria Dechering

Gerry Kreutzjans

In memory of Rosie Dechering

Gerry Kreutzjans

In memory of Mildred Breitenstein

Sue Filippini, Steve and Becky Hammor

In memory of Hedwig Wenker

Alfred and Erica Redder

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.

Once again, the Father David Hiller Fund will offer two (2) \$3000 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 2025-2026. These grants will be renewable for each successive school year provided certain conditions are met.

This year, the Father David Hiller Fund invites students to apply for the scholarship by submitting a 500-word essay explaining why they wish to attend a Catholic high school. We encourage you to reflect on how a Catholic education will support your spiritual growth, academic journey and personal development. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts on how faith, community and service will shape your high school experience and prepare you for the future.

Current grant recipients are also required to update their information in order to continue receiving their renewable grants. Applications and program description will be available in the Hiller Fund mail slot in the Kolping Copier room or www.Kolpingcincinnati.com under the Father David Scholarship link on the left of side of the home page.

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report (cont'd.)

New applications and current scholars' renewal information should be sent to Father David Hiller Fund, 10235 Mill Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

The FDHF Board will read the essays and determine the two winners. Names will be removed from the essays to ensure impartiality from the judges. Deadline is February 15, 2025. A complete description of the program is available on the Kolping website as well. Additional questions should be sent to Paul Ahrnsen, 513-542-8554 or pahrnsen@fuse.net.

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.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Ahrnsen
FDHF Chairman

Kolping Genealogy

On **Sunday, January 19th**, Tom Montgomery will lead us in a review of an often-ignored genealogical source called gazetteers. A gazetteer is a dictionary of place names. Gazetteers may describe towns and villages, parishes and counties, states and provinces, rivers and mountains, and other geographical features. They usually include only the names of places that existed at the time the gazetteer was published, but may reference name changes. The place names are usually listed in alphabetical order, similar to a dictionary. Common German words for gazetteers include "*Ortsverzeichnis*" (listing of places) and "*Topographie*" (usually more descriptive; may also contain historical information).

This will be a Zoom meeting and we are meeting live at the Kolping Klubhaus at 2:00 P.M.

Join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84365945511?pwd=gOxYZgtQsP4mqEo6b2aYLCiZfcphGB.1>

Always check our website for the latest information:
<https://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/Genealogy.html>

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

Volunteer Leader Needed for 2025 Lenten Fish Fries

The Kolping Society's Lenten Fish Fries have long been a beloved tradition, bringing together our community for fellowship, delicious food, and shared purpose. For many years, this event has thrived thanks to the dedication of countless volunteers and the exceptional leadership of Sylvia Ostendorf-Smith, as well as Barb Hessler and Sue Valentino.

Unfortunately, Sylvia will not be able to continue in this leadership role for the 2025 Fish Fries. We are now in urgent need of a volunteer to step forward and lead this cherished tradition. Ideally, this person will have some prior experience with the Fish Fries or event coordination. Sylvia has graciously offered to provide detailed documentation and hands-on guidance to ensure a smooth transition for the new leader.

Without a committed leader, the 2025 Fish Fries may face cancellation, which would be a significant loss to our Kolping family and the wider community. If you are willing to take on this important role or have any questions, please reach out to a Kolping Society Board Member as soon as possible.

Your time, dedication, and leadership can help keep this wonderful tradition alive for years to come.

Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity.



Thank you for the generous donations for Mt. Healthy Alliance given at the annual Christmas Mass and Lunch held on December 8th. We donated 145 pounds of food and personal care items, as well as \$215 in cash. All of these donations were greatly appreciated.

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 Klubhaus. 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 no extra cost). They can be paid with cash or 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 (change in the box).

Orders may be turned into Tom at the General Meetings, Tuesday Workers, or mailed to him at 515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014.

The forms and "order sheet" are in the cigar box "office" by the bar phone in the Klubhaus. Any questions, please call Tom at: 513-969-5383.

Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: January 17, 2025

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

DECEMBER SHOOTING RESULTS:

Individual high score was Nick Krummen and Ed Geiger with a score of 69. Both left before they could do a shootout, so we will have them do a shootout in January.

High team was Team Lunnemann with a team score of 324.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

Targets: Team Koeninger

Bar: Kolping bartender

Food: Team DeFranco

Tickets: Team Sterwerf

SPECIAL NOTE: Thanks to all who helped get the food, set up, and serve the food for the Christmas Feast. It was a great success – Team Fehrenbach and Team Schnetzer and wives.

Respectfully,

Marc Schnetzer, President
(513) 236-6205

Soccer Club News

Happy Holidays to all!

We will be having our Valentine's Dance on February 8th from 7:00 – midnight. Tickets are \$40.00 per person, which includes appetizers and open bar. Each team will be raffling off baskets and there will be Split-the-Pot. Contact Walt Dewar for tickets.

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551



Deaths

Joey Thomas Freese, son of Kolping members Joe and Laurie Freese, brother of Renata and Sondra Freese, grandson of Heddy Freese, and nephew of Tom and Amy Freese, passed away on November 26, 2024 at the age of 31. We extend our sympathies to Joe, Laurie, Renata, Sondra, Heddy, Tom and Amy Freese and all of the extended Freese family.

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

Sick & Shut-Ins

Linda Knizner
Tony Walker

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 Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will kick off the new year by meeting at 11:30 A.M. in the Klubhaus on January 8, 2025. Happy New Year to all!

Tom Musbach, President

Children's Christmas Party Thank You and Photos

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Kolping Children's Christmas Party! The Children were busy building their "Gingerbread" houses, having their faces painted, getting balloon creations made for them and juggling with the elf! It takes quite a lot to get ready for this party and we would like to thank as many as we can – the Hoffmans, Hulls, Hesslers, Klostermans, Ahrnsens and our elves, Bob Bauer and Werner Wilke who help our great Santa! This party would not happen without them! Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and remember the reason for the season!



Kolping's halls turned into the Children's Christmas Party



Queen Holly and King Scott with Santa and his elves!

2025 Calendar of Events

<p>JANUARY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY</p> <p>FEBRUARY 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 8 Valentine's Dance 22 Stube Nacht</p> <p>MARCH 3 Board Meeting 7 Fish Fry 7 General Meeting 14 Fish Fry 21 Fish Fry 22 Schützen Royal Ball 28 Fish Fry 28-30 Kolping Memorial Tournament 31 Board Meeting (April)</p> <p>APRIL 4 Fish Fry 4 General Meeting 6 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 11 Fish Fry 28 Board Meeting (May)</p> <p>MAY 2 General Meeting 4 Sängchor Spring Konzert 16 Schützen End Party</p> <p>JUNE 1 Anniversary Mass 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting</p>	<p>JUNE (cont'd.) 13-15 Schützenfest 15 Father's Day Brunch Kolping Park 30 Board Meeting (July)</p> <p>JULY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 6 Appreciation Party 18 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 28 Board Meeting (August)</p> <p>AUGUST 1 General Meeting 15 First Schützen Nacht</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 26-28 1931 Invitational Tournament 29 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p>OCTOBER 3 General Meeting 26 Memorial Mass/Goettafest</p> <p>NOVEMBER 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting/Elections 30 Sängchor Weihnachts Konzert</p> <p>DECEMBER 1 Board Meeting 7 Christmas Mass and Party 14 Children's Christmas Party 29 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>Sängchor Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Soccer Club Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Bourbon Club Fourth Friday - 7:00 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>