



November 2025

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Note from the Editor

As we approach the holiday season (What – already?), don't forget about the King's Party on November 1st (p. 9) and the Kolping elections on November 7th (resumes on pp. 12-14). We also have our first Christmas event, as the Sangerchor presents its Weihnachts Konzert on November 30th (pp. 4 & 10). Other Christmas events show on the right in December.

Enjoy the fall season and have a Happy Halloween!

Treu Kolping,
Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President – John Mueller, 513-376-3672
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Bourbon Club – Neil Geoppinger, 513-638-0339
Genealogy Group – Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383
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November Events

November 1, 6:00 P.M.	King's Party
November 7, 7:30 P.M.	General Meeting/ Elections
November 12, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
November 16, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
November 21, 7:00 P.M.	Schutzen Club
November 30, 2:30 P.M.	Sangerchor Weihnachts Konzert

December Events

December 7, 11:00 A.M.	Christmas Mass & Luncheon
December 10, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Christmas
December 14, 3:00 P.M.	Children's Christmas Party
December 19, 7:00 P.M.	Schutzen Club
December 21, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting

Kolping Membership Dues

Just an FYI that all dues notices have been mailed and your renewal is due December 31, 2025. I will still mail out membership cards after the dues payment is received, but we will no longer include a pocket calendar. The calendar information is on the monthly *Bulletin* and it is subject to change.

Thank you so much for being a member of Kolping!

Karen Schnetzer Wienkamp,
Membership Secretary
Ph: 513-503-4638



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Gina	Beckmeyer	Nov 1
Thomas	Fehrenbach	Nov 1
James	Stukenborg	Nov 1
Dilip	Tripathy	Nov 2
John	Noll	Nov 3
Charles	Klosterman	Nov 5
Margaret	Mistler	Nov 5
Theresa	Stille	Nov 5
Jeff	Talkers	Nov 5
Barb	Adams	Nov 6
Kacie	Seibel	Nov 7
William	Hausfeld	Nov 8
Theodore	Klosterman	Nov 8
Theodore	Wilke	Nov 9
Ralph	Talkers	Nov 10
Dennis	Brunsman	Nov 11
John	Murray	Nov 11
Beth	Pohlabeln	Nov 11
Michael	Brunsman	Nov 12
Ursula	Grote	Nov 12
Greg	Lewis	Nov 14
Johanna	Stegman	Nov 14
Susan	Welage	Nov 14
Wendy	Altendorf	Nov 15
Ann	Hoerstmann	Nov 15
Doris	Wilke	Nov 15

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Mary Pat	Mueller	Nov 16
Kurt	Brickweg	Nov 17
Nancy	Pelzel	Nov 18
Lydia	Sinclair	Nov 18
Patricia	Yuellig	Nov 18
David	Abeln	Nov 19
Robert	Schindler	Nov 19
Eugene	Ungermann	Nov 19
Thomas	Freese	Nov 21
Karen	Wienkamp	Nov 21
Roger	Adams	Nov 22
Roberta	Keck	Nov 22
Noel	Shanahan	Nov 22
Harry	Rumpke, Jr.	Nov 23
Larry	Schmidt	Nov 23
Brian	Griffin	Nov 25
Marcus	Meyer	Nov 25
Matthew	Monti	Nov 26
Beverly	Meyer	Nov 27
Steven	Sinclair	Nov 27
Charlotte	Laib	Nov 28
William	Schoenberger	Nov 28
John	Knizner	Nov 30
Herb	Seubert	Nov 30
Barbara	Willenbrink	Nov 30

Recording Secretary Still Needed

The Kolping Society is still seeking a volunteer to serve as Recording Secretary. As shared last month, Jennifer Ruwe will complete her term at the end of this year and is eager to mentor her successor to ensure a smooth and easy transition.

This position offers a meaningful way to get more involved, contribute to the success of our Society, and gain insight into its leadership and operations. If you've been thinking about taking a more active role, this is a great opportunity to do so!

If you're interested or would like more information, please reach out to any Board Member.

A Letter from the President

Dear Kolping Family,

As we approach the November 7th election of our new Board, I want to take a moment to reflect on how far we've come over the past two years and to look ahead at the work that remains. This election marks a time of transition, as my term and half of the current Board, comes to an end.

We are fortunate to have a strong slate of candidates running for open Board positions, representing both long-time and newer members who share a deep commitment to our Kolping Society's mission. The new Board will play an essential role in guiding the Society's direction over the next two years.

When I began my term, I outlined three key priorities: organizational restructuring, operations and transparency, and membership growth. Together, we've made meaningful progress:

- **Organizational Structure:** We clarified the organizational relationship between the Kolping Society and the Kolping Haus, establishing clearer lines of responsibility and coordination. With the hiring of new Kolping Haus business staff, a Kolping Society Business Manager, and our new Treasurer/CFO working in conjunction with our CPA firm, we've strengthened our understanding of current and future needs and have positioned ourselves for continued financial stability. Continued alignment of our business, membership, and charitable operations should remain an important goal for the new Board.
- **Operations and Transparency:** An independent financial assessment has been completed, some recommendations have been implemented, consolidated financial reporting has been initiated, and new documented policies and procedures have improved our operations. Continued focus on financial growth and stability, increased facility utilization for revenue generation, and continued documentation and publication of policies and procedures should remain key priorities for the incoming Board.
- **Membership and Engagement:** Over the past two years, we've welcomed new members, created new subgroups and events, and celebrated Cincinnati Kolping's 100th Anniversary. Our subgroups have grown in both responsibility and creativity, expanding opportunities for fundraising and social connection. We have also renewed our focus on Cincinnati Kolping's Catholic mission and values which remain central to who we are. Looking ahead, the next

A Letter from the President (cont'd.)

- Board should continue to expand outreach and engagement among Associate Members, including those involved in our soccer programs and subgroups who may not yet be fully active in our Society. It's important to remember that, per our current Bylaws, Associate Members are members of the Society and their involvement is essential to our shared future.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication of many who have given their time and talents to strengthen our Society. Yet, there is always more to do—especially in developing future membership, ensuring our financial sustainability, and fostering unity within our Kolping family.

It has been my honor to serve as your President over the past two years. Thank you for your trust, support, and fellowship. Together, we have built a stronger foundation for the next generation of Kolping leaders. Please join me in supporting the candidates running for office, and be sure to cast your vote on November 7th.

With gratitude and friendship,
John Mueller, President, Cincinnati Kolping Society

Kolping Society Elections 2025

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

General Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

The following candidates are running in the November election:

President, Trey Seibel

Vice President, Chuck Klosterman

Kolping Board (5 positions)

Sheila Gramaglia

Rick Hill

Riley Kane

Nancy Pelzel

Chris Petersman

Paul Vosseberg

Ralph Vosseberg

Bob Yuellig

Please attend our November election and support the candidates who are running. The bios for these candidates are included on pp. 12-14.

The König and Königin Corner

With October coming to a close, we are preparing for our King's Party on Nov 1st. We hope to see you there!!! It is going to be a great night with lots of food, fun, frivolity... and beer!!!

As the weather cools, the Oktoberfest season is winding down. We have had a great time and met so many wonderful people! A few of my favorite events were going to Mustard Club and enjoying the incredible buffet! The Donauschwaben Oktoberfest was a blast!! We enjoyed fantastic food, top notch entertainment with the Cincinnati Enzian Dancers and then hanging out with the Kolping gang... and beer!

I also was very moved by the German Mass at Old St. Mary's. Such a beautiful church and a great testament to our German roots... then there was the Ratskeller... just go. You will enjoy it!!

This past weekend was the Kolping Memorial Mass. It was a beautiful service honoring Kolping members who have passed in the last 12 months. Then we enjoyed a fabulous goetta breakfast!!

As you can see by the pictures, Neil and I are enjoying our reign as König and Königin.

Thank you for sharing our journey!!

Treu Kolping!! König Neil & Königin Kelly



King's Party Decoration Assembly



König Neil singing at the Memorial Mass
with our daughter Megan



2025 Third Quarter Donations:

James A. Schroer
Marcus Moore
Anonymous

AFADA, Cameroon, Africa
Employee match for Andrew Hessler
Kroger- Community Rewards

In memory of Richard Ellensohn:
Nicole Dehner
Mr. and Mrs. Hogan

In memory of Karl Von Den Benken:
Mark and Diane Menzer

Kolping Sängchor News

The Kolping Sängchor is preparing a wonderful selection of Christmas music in German and English for its Weihnachts Konzert on November 30. We hope all of you will come and support us in keeping German music alive and promoting Kolping throughout the Cincinnati area. This year's concert features our homemade cookies and treats for sale, a basket raffle and split-the-pot beginning at 2:30 pm, with a special dessert, coffee and tea being served. Cost is just \$15.00 for the afternoon of joyous Christmas carols and festivities. Concert at 4:00pm will also feature our Kinderchor. Anyone with a child who would like to participate in the children's choir should call Linda Geers (513-520-0141). Get tickets from any choir member or contact Bonnie Campbell (513-675-0571) by the deadline of November 24.

As part of reaching the wider community, the choir will also perform at Holidays Under the Spires in the Sister's Chapel in Oldenburg, Indiana on Saturday, December 6 at 3:00pm. Oldenburg is a charming village that cherishes its German heritage and celebrates the Christmas season with activities, shops, foods, craft fair, and of course, concerts!

The choir wishes everyone a joyful and blessed holiday season!

Janet Curley, Sängchor President



Deaths

Maria Seubert, mother of Kolping member Herb Seubert, passed away on October 11, 2025 at the age of 89. We extend our sympathies to Herb and Roz Seubert, along with the entire Seubert family.

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

Sick & Shut-Ins

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.

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations:

In Memory of Dick Ellensohn

Helene Schrand

In Memory of Regina Schnetzer

Helene Schrand

In Memory of Jim Kemper

Helene Schrand

In Memory of Bill Garrett

Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke, Thomas and Lillian Ricke

In Memory of Karl Von Den Benken

Joan Rehling, Janet Talkers Kuhl, Annie Diekmann, Mary Etta Schulte & Susan Bradley

In Memory of Gerhard Stroeer

Annie Diekmann

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

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 2026 - 2027. 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 at:

www.Kolpingcincinnati.com under the Father David Scholarship link on the left side of the home page. New applications and current scholarship 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 16, 2026. A complete description of the program is available on the Kolping website as well. Additional questions should be sent to Paul Ahrnsen at:

513-542-8554 or pahrnsen@fuse.net.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Ahrnsen,
FDHF Chairman

Kolping Genealogy

On Sunday November 16 at 2:00 pm, you can learn about one of the most powerful software programs called Family Tree Maker 2024 (FTM 2024). FTM 2024 is a major new Family Tree Maker edition that takes this grand old brand to places its creators could only have dreamed of when it was first published back in 1989. It is the standard for detailed personal genealogy research (<https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>).

If you are new to family genealogy, you'll appreciate how this intuitive program lets you easily build your family tree with simple navigation, tree-building tools, and integrated Web searching. If you are already an expert, you can dive into the more advanced features, options for managing data, and a wide variety of charts and reports.

New users might feel intimidated by a program with so many features. MacKiev's FTM24's functions are divided into eight major "Workspaces," accessible from tabs at the top of the screen within the application: Plan, People, Places, Media, Sources, Publish, Web Search, and Connect. Mr. David Lahrmann and Dr. Tom Montgomery will be reviewing two of the eight menus in the new FTM 2024 software program in November. David will concentrate on People while Tom focuses on Places.

We will continue to focus on two of each of these menus every other month, with January being on Sources and Media and March on Web Search and Publishing.

Live at the Kolping Clubhouse and here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84365945511?pwd=g0xYZgtQsP4mqEo6b2aYLCiZfcphGB.1>

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

Cooks Needed for Tuesday Workers

Doris Wilke and Janet Talkers Kuhl are retiring from cooking meals for the Tuesday Workers in November of this year. Even though they are irreplaceable, we are looking for a team of two or more people to cook for the Tuesday Workers on the fourth Tuesday of each month for around 35-40 workers. If you are interested, please contact Rick Janzen at 513-200-8769.

Thank you, Doris and Janet, for your many years of dedicated service!

Care2Share Fundraiser

It is our pleasure and honor to invite members of the Kolping Society to attend Care2Share's 26th annual fundraiser.

The event will be held on November 8th starting at 6:30 P.M. with dinner, light musical entertainment, and our annual presentation.

Please RSVP to Chien Vu at:
Vu.d.chien@gmail.com or
513-477-0133

We accept all donations, but they are not required, as your presence will be the greatest gift to all of us. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Kolping Women's Club Update

On Saturday, October 4th, the Women's Club volunteered at Matthew 25: Ministries and had a blast! It was great to help out, and the work allowed us to visit while doing so. We accomplished a lot in our two-hour volunteer shift, and we plan to schedule time again in January. Please think about joining us!



Barb Hessler

Kolping Seniors

We will meet on Wednesday, November 12th at 11:30 am. Please come and salute our faithful and long-serving lunch cooks, Doris and Janet, as they hang up their aprons for retirement. We appreciate their dedication to the "Kolping Seniors".

Tom Musbach

**Deadline for submitting articles
for the December
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Tuesday, November 25, 2025
at 5:00 P.M.**

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



Soccer Club News

The season is winding down, and it's been a successful one – with league titles, tournament championships, and runner-up finishes! Congratulations to all our teams, players, and coaches for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

We're looking ahead to our tryouts on November 5-6. For more information, please visit:
www.kolpingsc.com

As we head into winter break, we'll continue with our winter and showcase training off-site. We also look forward to spending time with family and enjoying the holiday season.

Thank you for making this year such a memorable one – and here's to more success ahead!

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551



Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: November 21, 2025

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

OCTOBER SHOOTING RESULTS:

Individual high score was Butch Sundermann with a 69.

High team was Team Faust with a score of 317.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Targets: Team Meyer

Food: Team Reynolds

Tickets: Team Westendorf

Please remember November is the Turkey Shoot.

Gun raffle tickets are still available.

Respectfully,

Don Trautmann, President
Xavierdon31@gmail.com
(513) 325-7869

Bourbon Club News

We LOVE Bourbon!!! We would love to share our love of Bourbon with you. The Kolping Bourbon Club continues to thrive. In September, we had a representative from Penelope Distilling. She was very lively and knowledgeable... and we had a great time!



I am writing this at the October meeting and there are 42 people here talking about Bourbon, sharing stories and heckling our resident Bourbon expert, Andy Skoog! We have been trending month over month increasing numbers... and continue to welcome new members with warmth, cheer and... bourbon! Come on out and join the fun!!



We do not have a meeting in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our December meeting will be our Christmas Party on December 12... off site. Please sign up for the email list by scanning the QR code on the left or emailing kolpingsocietybc@gmail.com. Information on the Christmas Party will be forthcoming.

In January, we are back to our regularly scheduled meetings which are the 4th Friday of the month at 7pm in the Klubhaus.

Kelly Geoppinger, Secretary

Stube Nacht 2026

Stube Nacht 2026 is in the planning stages. We want you to "Save the Date" for Saturday, January 31, 2026. Come out for fun, food, and music at this family-friendly event the weekend before Super Bowl. We will be highlighting new activities and the food lineup in the coming months, but make sure to put it on your calendar! If you have an interest in volunteering during the evening or have donations (gift cards, games, sports equipment, alcohol, etc.) for the raffle baskets, please reach out to Wendy Moeller at: wmoeller@compasspointplanning.com or at: 513-543-8651 to arrange a pickup, or if you have any questions.

Wendy Moeller, Chair

\$25

PER PERSON - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**PRICE INCLUDES
LIGHT APPETIZERS,
DRAFT BEER, WINE
AND SOFT DRINKS.**

DATE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM/ROYAL PARADE AT 7:00PM

Queen Kelly Geoppinger

@kolping2025neilkelly



venmo

Scan this code to pay via Venmo
Please include your name on the
Venmo payment and "Kings Party".
A table is 8 people. Buy a table and
enjoy some time with your friends!!

**SEND PAYMENTS VIA VENMO @KOLPING2025NEILKELLY
OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TOM MUSBACH, 4 DEXTER PARK BLVD CINCINNATI OH 45241**



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THE MIX BAND**

KOLPING SÄNGERCHOR WEIHNACHTSKONZERT

November 30, 2025

Doors Open 2:30 PM

Konzert 4:00 PM

Adult Chor and Kinderchor

\$15.00 per person includes Christmas cake, coffee or tea

Come early for the Cookie Sale, Split-the-Pot and Basket Raffle!



*Kolping Center
10235 Mill Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45251*

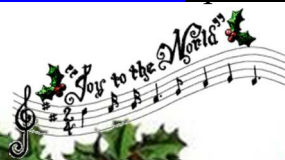
Reservations required by November 24

Contact Choir members for tickets or

send check to:

Bonnie Campbell, 5201 Valley Ridge, Cincinnati, OH 45247

or email: nixedmuts1@cinci.rr.com, ph: 513-675-0571



Kolping Society's Children's Christmas Party

December 14, 2025

Doors open at 2:30

Party from 3 - 5 pm



Call Amy Ahrnsen at 513 542-8554 for reservations before **December 8th.**

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. (ex., 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.



Resumes for Candidates for the Kolping Election on November 7, 2025

President

Trey Seibel

Trey Seibel has been an active member of Kolping for 25 years. His grandfather, Frank Diekmann, was a founding member and held the office of President twice. Trey has been President of Kolping twice before and is hoping to be President again. He has been a board member the past 2 years and was Kolping King in 2006. Trey's 3 children are fourth generation Kolping members. He is hoping to keep Father Kolping's legacy alive as we move into the future.

Thank you,
Trey Seibel

Vice President

Chuck Klosterman

My name is Chuck Klosterman, I am married to Tracy for 36 years and a Kolping member for 28 years. We have 3 sons, Alex (Kolping member) and Megan, Grant (Megan) (kids - Sadie and Waylon), Mitch (Abie and daughter Josie).

I was on the Board as an alternate back in early 2000 after being the 78th King. Currently participating as a Kolping [Tuesday](#) worker after my retirement in March of this year.

After my time in the Marine Corps, I attended UC and then a brief time at Xavier U. Then I joined SDRC (Structural Dynamics Research Corp) as a Software Development Engineer, then later at [Sun](#) Microsystems as a Senior Engineer and wrapped up my last 15 years at Siemens as a Senior Software Development Engineering manager.

Thanks for your consideration,
Chuck

USMC, '82-'88

Past Commandant Chosin Reservoir Detachment 968

Board Members

Sheila Gramaglia

My dad once told me I was incessant. In response I said, "Well, that's how I get the job done." I wouldn't call myself incessant, maybe passionate or determined.

Pat and I captain the Information Tent at Schützenfest. So often people tell us how they love the German and Catholic atmosphere. I signed up to be a member of the Catholic Kolping Society in 2017 after I had a wonderful conversation with Tom and Rita at the Information Tent. I have been a member now 7 years. I love singing, so I joined Sängerkhor.

I want to be a Kolping Board member because at Kolping, I have found a deep love for the faith, German traditions and heritage, as well as family, and I want to be a part of the Society to nurture it and to help it grow.

We grew up as West Siders but became Cheese heads in the Mid 80s. There I chaired the Education Committee, was a member of Parish Council, oversaw the building of the school addition and pre-K and Kindergarten. We then moved to Hudson WI where I managed our school rummage sale and increased our revenue by 15%. Brought Christ Renews His Parish retreat program to my parish. I was Spiritual Director and Chaired the Retreat program until we moved to Greater Cincinnati.

Helped manage the campaign for a candidate for the United States Congress. My candidate won. He invited me to make the introduction speech for his swearing in ceremony.

My family, volunteering service to others and living out my faith is who I am. My education is three years of college, trained spiritual director and certified professional coach.

I met my husband Pat at Our Lady of the Visitation. We have been married 55 years. We have four adult children and five grandchildren. I believe Scripture expresses who I strive to be.

Romans, 12 verse 10

"Be devoted to one another and love, honor one another above yourself."

Rick Hill

I came to Kolping in 1988 to coach girls soccer team. Joined Kolping as a member in 1991. Took over Sports Club in 1993/94 and ran until 2018/19.

I've been involved in every fund raiser I could over the years. Came back to Sports Club in 2023 to take over the treasurer's position until current. I've been involved in getting them back on track with money in the bank and recently got them to increase fees for the purpose of field maintenance and new lights that will be needed in near future. I've been a board member I think 5 separate times over my tenure with the club. I have much knowledge on what has gone on over the last 30+ years, what worked, what didn't. I believe I can assist with good leadership in moving the club forward in the future.

Riley Kane

I am Riley Kane, and I am a parishioner at Old St. Mary's, which led me to join the Bier Choir, which led me to join Kolping two years ago. While my names mask it, I am at least half (if not more) German. Although my ancestors have been in America for more than a century, many trace back to Germany--the Northwest on Grandmother's side and Southwest for my Grandfather's side. I quickly took a shine to the Kolping members I met in the Ratskeller at Old St. Mary's and later in the Bier Choir because they acted like my aunts and uncles. That feeling has persisted as I have met other members over the years. I have always felt like I "belonged" at Kolping events because it feels like a massive extended family--warts and all. I have seen great generosity (provided you aren't a freeloader), an openness to new people (provided you aren't looking to fundamentally change things), and stubbornness that makes me wonder if I might not be so stubborn after all... it is wonderful!

I am running because I love the Kolping Society and want to help it continue into the future. I am uniquely equipped to do that because, for my day-job, I am an attorney who works with nonprofits. I am familiar with the governance needs of an organization like ours and would be able to provide a helpful perspective. I would view my term of office as an opportunity to offer practical advice when my professional competency is implicated, but then otherwise to learn more about the operational side of the organization--both from other and former board members as well as the membership at large. I want to be able to carry forward both practical institutional operational knowledge and the deep cultural and religious traditions of the Society that originally enticed me to join. For those reasons, I ask for your vote. Treu Kolping!

Nancy Pelzel

I would like to run for the Board of Directors of the Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati to hopefully "make a difference" in the Society.

My business experience has been primarily in the financial field – starting out in banking, then real estate, and finally as an accountant in the pharmaceutical business. I worked for Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals and its four successor companies for twenty-two years, retiring from Patheon Pharmaceuticals as its Controller in 2008.

My husband Mike and I became Kolping members in March of 1996 and have been active members since the beginning. My experience volunteering for Cincinnati Kolping includes:

- Being a Kolping delegate to the German-American Citizens League from 1996 to 2000
- Serving as the Kolping Membership Secretary from around 2002 to 2006
- Co-chairing the King's Ball in 2001 and in 2009
- Co-chairing the Buben Bierstube booth for the Kolping Oktoberfest from 2003 through 2008
- Being in charge of the Schützenfest sponsorships and co-chairing the Kolping history display (with Mike)
- Serving on the committee that organized the Kolping 90th Anniversary Celebration in April 2015
- Chairing the 2020/2022 National Kolping Convention here in Cincinnati
- Serving on the Kolping Board of Directors from 2016-2017, as well as Vice President from 2018-2019
- Serving on the Awards Committee from 2021-2025
- Serving as editor of the Kolping monthly newsletter since September 2016

Last, but certainly not least, Mike and I researched and wrote the history of the Cincinnati Kolping Society in 2014 and 2015, which ended up being an amazing experience for both of us. We have gotten to know so many more members of the Society, as well as children and grandchildren of early members, and it has been truly touching to see what Cincinnati Kolping has meant to so many people throughout the years. I am hoping to be elected to the Kolping Board of Directors so that I can do my part in helping the Society to move forward and to touch many more lives. I would like to be able to help us balance keeping the Society fiscally sound with making it a welcoming place for all members and their families, as well as contributing to the greater community, as we follow Blessed Adolph Kolping's ideals.

Chris Petersman

Accountant for Gary Federmann CPA & Co for 35 + years

Kolping Member since 2018

I joined Kolping after meeting several members and attending and volunteering at a few events. As time passed, I learned more about Fr. Kolping and have grown to truly appreciate the values of the Society. I attended Oak Hills High School and received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Northern Kentucky University. In addition to having served on the Board and as Vice President, I assisted in the establishment of the Kolping Foundation and have volunteered at several events. I feel my background in business and accounting can help the Society.

Paul Vosseberg

Hi, like my brother Ralph, both of our parents belonged to Kolping. I have been around Kolping my entire life and I am a Kolping member of 37 years. I am a retired firefighter and paramedic for 30 years, and I was also a fire safety inspector. I was Union President for the Fire Department for five years. and as such, I am acquainted with Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedures.

I have always volunteered at Schützenfest, as well as other events including the Goetta breakfast, etc. As such, I believe I can be an asset to this organization.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul

Ralph Vosseberg

My name is Ralph Vosseberg. Both my parents were members of Kolping. I've been going to Kolping since being a little boy and belonging to 4H and playing soccer for the club. Through my time belonging, I have volunteered with many of our events, including Schützenfest and the first Goettafest. I also belong to the Schützen Club. I have been on the Board in the past. If you choose to vote for me for this position, I will continue to carry on the values and traditions true to Kolping.

Sincerely,

Ralph Vosseberg

Bob Yuellig

Greetings. My wife, Patricia, and I have been proud members of Kolping Cincinnati since 2017. Over the years, I've primarily contributed through the Schützenfest Committee and as part of the Tuesday work crew. Although I'm not a new member, I've taken time to observe, listen, and better understand the inner workings of Kolping Cincinnati and the remarkable individuals who make up this organization.

Kolping Cincinnati continues to face a variety of challenges—some on the business front, others as a club united under the spirit of Father Kolping. Whatever lies ahead, I believe we must approach it with honesty, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to our values. I look forward to collaborating with fellow members to ensure Kolping Cincinnati remains a vibrant society and a place where we celebrate community and good times.

A bit about my background: I'm a member of Old St. Mary's parish and spent 45 years working as a Master Lithographer. I've served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Greater Cincinnati Grotto of the National Speleological Society (NSS), and I'm honored to be recognized as a Fellow of the NSS. I'm also an experienced cave cartographer.

2025 Calendar of Events

JANUARY	NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY	JUNE	6 General Meeting 13-15 Schützenfest 25 Groovin' in the Grove 30 Board Meeting (July)
FEBRUARY	3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 8 Valentine's Dance 22 Stube Nacht	JULY	6 Appreciation Party 11 Special General Meeting 18 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 23 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Board Meeting (August)
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)	AUGUST	1 General Meeting 15 First Schützen Nacht 27 Groovin' in the Grove
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)	SEPTEMBER	2 Board Meeting 12 Special General Meeting 19-21 1931 Invitational Tournament 24 Groovin' in the Grove 29 Board Meeting (October)
MAY	2 General Meeting 4 Sängerchor Spring Konzert 16 Schützen End Party 28 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Schützenfest Planning Meeting	OCTOBER	3 General Meeting 26 Memorial Mass/Goettafest
JUNE	1 Anniversary Mass 2 Board Meeting	NOVEMBER	1 King's Party 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting/Elections 30 Sängerchor Weihnachts Konzert
MEETINGS:		DECEMBER	1 Board Meeting 7 Christmas Mass and Party 14 Children's Christmas Party 29 Board Meeting (January)
Board of Directors	Monday prior to the first Friday of the month – 7:00 pm	KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT	
Women's Klub	First Thursday – 6:30 pm	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.	
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		