

August 2026

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Note from the Editor

Now that Schützenfest is in our rearview mirror, we can concentrate on other activities happening at Cincinnati Kolping. Our next General Meeting is on August 7th and we will have announcements about our new organization structure, so you don't want to miss it, especially since we're serving free pizza! Our next Groovin' in the Grove is on August 26th (see p. 7), and the Soccer Club's 1931 Invitational Tournament is the weekend of September 18-20, which coincides with the National Kolping Convention taking place in New York City.

Treu Kolping! Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

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Sick Committee — Open

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Bourbon Club — Neil Geoppinger, 513-638-0339
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August Events

August 7, 7:30 P.M.	General Meeting
August 12, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
August 16, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
August 21, 7:00 P.M.	First Schützen Nacht
August 26, 6:00 P.M.	Groovin' in the Grove
August 28, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club

September Events

NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

September 9, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
September 18, 7:00 P.M.	Schützen Club
September 18-20	National Kolping Convention
September 18-20	1931 Invitational Soccer Tournament
September 20, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
September 23, 6:00 P.M.	Groovin' in the Grove
September 25, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club

***“Don't let the noise
of others' opinions
drown out your
inner voice.”***

-- Steve Jobs



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
Victor	Manske	Aug 4
Elaine	Ahaus	Aug 5
Edward	Geiser, Jr.	Aug 6
Timothy	Jamison	Aug 6
Clint	Schertzer	Aug 6
Bonnie	Ward	Aug 6
Ryan	Bishop	Aug 7
Alan	Gerbus	Aug 7
Kurt	Kramer	Aug 7
William J.	Sterwerf	Aug 7
Harry J.	Willmann	Aug 7
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
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
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
William	Ward	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
Matthew	Ahrnsen	Aug 30
Nathan	Ostendorf	Aug 30
Cassandra	Brown	Aug 31

A Note from Our President

All,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer!

Since Schützenfest weekend, events at Kolping have kept up the momentum. Nick Caserta and the Kolping Haus event staff have been very busy hosting events this summer and are looking forward to an even busier fall season. The Groovin' in the Grove events are picking up steam and I encourage everyone to mark the next one on their calendars for August 26th. We will enjoy live music by Max MacCormick and, back by popular request, Smash Burgers with all the fixings! We celebrated our annual Appreciation Party on Sunday, July 12th, and had record attendance. The Schützen Club held a great Captains' Meeting and is looking forward to the new shooting season and the Kolping Soccer Club is getting ready for their new season starting in August. The Bourbon Club is gearing up for the Cincinnati Bourbon Fest on October 23rd.

In the last month, the Board of Directors has voted unanimously to initiate some changes in staffing positions, and I want to thank Donna Faulk for stepping up to be our interim Finance Clerk while we implement these changes. I hope to see everyone at the next General Membership Meeting on Friday, August 7th. We will be presenting the reasons for the changes, the financial implications of the changes, and who will be doing what going forward. The Board is confident that this new direction is a sustainable solution for our Kolping Family and that it will uphold our traditions as a faith-based organization and will carry us into a successful future.

I am pleased to announce that an anonymous donor has offered to provide pizzas prior to the August General Meeting, which will be available at 7:00 P.M., and we will be serving \$2 **draft** beer from the Klubhaus bar.

A Note from Our President (cont'd.)

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who donates their time and talents to keeping Kolping what it currently is today! With that in mind, it is time for us to take nominations for the five Board member positions for 2027. Please consider serving on the Kolping Board!

Thanks, and hope to see everyone at the General Meeting!

Chuck Klosterman,
Cincinnati Kolping President

Membership Committee Update

The Membership Committee will be reaching out to our new applicants shortly to invite them to the next initiation meeting, which will be on **Monday, October 5, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Klubhaus**. If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a member, please encourage them to apply either using the online membership application or by reaching out to Wendy Moeller at wmoeller@compasspointplanning.com or 513-543-8651. For those potential members who submit an application and pay the application fee, including the first year's dues, they shall be considered a probationary member who can participate in all activities, including the Schützen Club, but they cannot vote. Applicants are required to attend an initiation meeting within one year of their application in order to become a full voting member of Kolping Cincinnati.

**Deadline for submitting articles
for the September
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Wednesday, August 26, 2026
at 5:00 P.M.**

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

Need for Chairperson of Sick/Bereavement Committee

Ever since Christa Olding resigned as chairperson of the Sick/Bereavement Committee at the end of 2022, we have been unable to fill that position. This position would entail:

- Reporting Kolping member deaths and illnesses at the General Meeting and for the *Kolping Bulletin*
- Distributing Kolping prayer cards at the funerals of Kolping members
- Making phone calls to sick and shut-in members

We also need some new members of the Sick/Bereavement Committee. Helene Schrand, Marilee Uhlhorn and Doris Wilke have served on that committee for a long time and are ready to turn over the reins to some younger members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Sick/Bereavement Committee or its chairperson, please contact Nancy Pelzel at: nancypelzel@aol.com or 513-385-3120.

Kolping Name Badges

Members, new and old, 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. See folder near the phone on the bar in the Clubhouse. Please specify **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 are \$5.00 (magnet) or \$4.25 (pins) each, with cash or a check made payable to Tom Montgomery (not written to the Kolping Society).

Orders may be turned into Tom at the general meetings, Tuesday Workers, Senior lunch, or mailed to him at 515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014. Any questions, please call Tom at: 513-969-5383.

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund continues to make a difference in the lives of our students attending Catholic high schools through both scholarships and donations to the schools' trades programs. This would not be possible without each and every donation that we have received from our members. We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent in celebration of members' events, in memory of our deceased Kolping members and from our subgroups 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. Donations can also be made from your estate. Consult your family lawyer about this effort. We greatly appreciate all the donations to continue Blessed Fr. Kolping's legacy.

Paul Ahrnsen,
FDHF Chairman

Mea Culpa, Neil and Kelly!

Our apologies to the former King and Queen, Neil and Kelly Geoppinger, for failing to include their photo last month, from the Anniversary Mass on June 7, 2026. Congratulations to them on their anniversary!



Deaths

Annamarie Langer, sister of Kolping member Ted Tegenkamp, died on June 27, 2026 in Germany. We extend our sympathies to Ted and the entire Tegenkamp family.

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

Sick & Shut-Ins

Shirley Fehrenbach
Linda Knizner
Harry Voet

Irene Hasenfratz
Veronica Schmidt

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

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.

Local German Clubs' Upcoming Events

- Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society – Fifth Friday Froth Fest, July 31st, 5:30 P.M.
- Liberty Home German Society – Biergarten Concert Series, last one on August 8th, 5:00 P.M.
- Dayton German Club – Biergarten (Porchfest), August 22nd, 1:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society – Banater Trachtengruppe from Esslingen, Germany performs on August 26th at 7:00 P.M. Dinner is served at 5:30 P.M.
- Germania Society – Oktoberfest, August 28th (6-11 P.M.), 29th (2-11 P.M.) & 30th (12-7 P.M.)
- Liberty Home German Club – Oktoberfest, September 4th, 5th & 6th

See individual Websites for details.

Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet on August 12th at 11:30 A.M. in the Klubhaus. Hope to see you all there. Stay cool and well.

Tom Musbach

Kolping Genealogy

Sunday, August 16 will be the annual planning and scheduling meeting for the purpose of creating a superb program for Kolping Genealogy. We will meet live at the Kolping Clubhouse at 2:00 pm, but are also broadcasting via Zoom.

Please email Genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com for the Zoom link.

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 at the following link:

<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.

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

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



Soccer Club News

August is here, and that means soccer season is right around the corner! We hope everyone has enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer. We're excited to welcome our returning players and families, as well as those joining the Kolping Soccer Family for the first time.

Before practices and games begin, we'll be kicking off the season with our Back-to-School Bash for all of our soccer families. It's a great opportunity to reconnect, meet new teammates, and celebrate the start of another exciting season.

As part of the event, we'll be collecting school supplies for Hubbard's Cupboard, an organization that helps provide essential school supplies to students in our local schools. If you're able, please consider bringing a donation to help support children in our community as they head back to the classroom.

We're also wrapping up the final session of our three-part Summer Soccer Camp series. The response has been incredible, with outstanding attendance throughout the summer. Thank you to all of the players, coaches, and volunteers who made our camps such a success!

We can't wait to see everyone back on the fields for another season of learning, teamwork, and fun. Here's to a fantastic fall soccer season!

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551



Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: August 21, 2026

Place: Kolping Clubhouse/100 Hall

Practice, Make-ups at: 7:00 – 7:30 PM

Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST

Targets: Team Geoppinger

Food: Team Wilke

Tickets: Team Hoerstmann

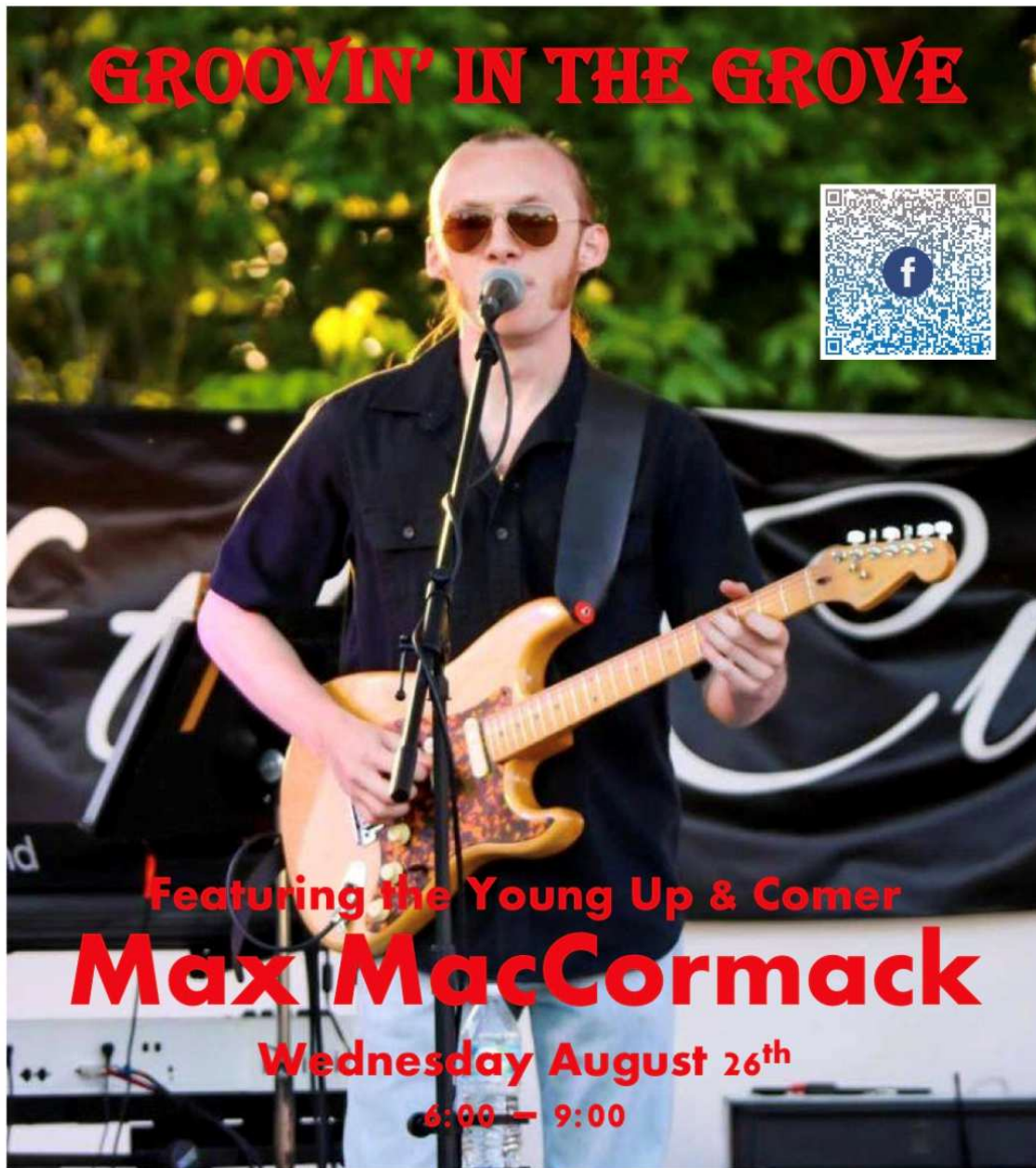
Paul Wienkamp said he will continue to take care of the guns and do the Turkey Shoot again this year. Thank you, Paul, for everything you do for our club. You are very much appreciated.

At the Captains' Meeting in July, we had 21 Team Captains who attended.

Any Captains who would like me to email them monthly reminders must email me one time at: XavierDon31@gmail.com. Then I will have your correct email information. The Team Captains can then email their team members to remind them of shooting.

Respectfully,

Don Trautmann, President
Xavieron31@gmail.com
(513) 325-7869



Family Friendly - Food - Drinks – Games
Presented by The Kolping Haus
Under the Pavilion
Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors



Oktoberfest Concert

featuring the visiting 13-piece Original Hopfenbläser e.V.

from Ruderatshofen in the Ostallgäu district of Bavaria, Germany

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 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, friends and neighbors.

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@clovernookcc.com or by
phone 513.521.0333**

Handicapped Accessible, convenient parking and elevator in main lobby.

2026 Calendar of Events

JANUARY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 5 Board Meeting 31 Stube Nacht FEBRUARY 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 20 Fish Fry 21 Valentine's Dance 27 Fish Fry MARCH 2 Board Meeting 6 Fish Fry 6 General Meeting 11 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 13 Fish Fry 20 Fish Fry 21 Schützen Royal Ball 27 Fish Fry 27-29 Kolping Memorial Tournament 30 Board Meeting (April) APRIL NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL 4 Easter Egg Hunt 12 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 19 Sängchor Spring Konzert 27 Board Meeting (May) MAY 1 General Meeting 15 Schützen End Party 20 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 27 Groovin' in the Grove JUNE 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting	JUNE 7 Anniversary Mass 19-21 Schützenfest 24 Groovin' in the Grove 29 Board Meeting (July) JULY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 12 Appreciation Party 17 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 22 Groovin' in the Grove AUGUST 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 21 First Schützen Nacht 26 Groovin' in the Grove 31 Board Meeting (September) SEPTEMBER NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 18-20 1931 Invitational Tournament 18-20 National Kolping Convention 23 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Board Meeting (October) OCTOBER 2 General Meeting 23 Cincinnati Bourbon Fest NOVEMBER 1 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting/Elections 14 St. Martin's Day Celebration 29 Sängchor Weihnachts Konzert 30 Board Meeting (December) DECEMBER 6 Christmas Mass and Party 13 Children's Christmas Party
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 Sängchor 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.