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Note from the Editor

The holidays are right around the corner, so here at Kolping, we want to get in as much activity as possible! Our annual Memorial Mass/Goettafest will be on November 1st, with the Mass beginning at 11:00 A.M.; our annual elections for the Kolping Board and National Delegate take place on November 6th, with pizza being served at 7:00 P.M.; the Sängerchor Weihnachts Konzert is on November 29th (see pp. 4 & 9); the King's Party is on December 5th (see pp. 10-11); the annual Christmas Mass & Luncheon is on December 6th (see p. 8), and the Children's Christmas Party is on December 13th (see p. 12). Treu Kolping!

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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Sängerchor – Janet Curley, 513-522-7544
Schützen Club – Don Trautmann, 513-325-7869
Seniors – Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148
Soccer Club – Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

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Nick Caserta, 513-713-7318

November Events

November 1, 11:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass/ Goettafest
November 6, 7:30 P.M.	General Meeting/ Elections
November 11, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
November 15, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
November 20, 6:45 P.M.	Schützen Club
November 29, 2:30 P.M.	Sängerchor Weihnachts Konzert

December Events

December 5, 6:30 P.M.	King's Party
December 6, 11:00 A.M.	Christmas Mass and Luncheon
December 9, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Christmas
December 13, 3:00 P.M.	Children's Christmas Party
December 15, 10:30 A.M.	Tuesday Workers Christmas Party
December 18, 7:00 P.M.	Schützen Club
December 20, 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, 2026. I will still mail out membership cards after the dues payment is received, but we no longer include pocket calendars. 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
Aidan	Wienkamp	Nov 10
Dennis	Brunsman	Nov 11
Joseph	Finke	Nov 11
John	Murray	Nov 11
Beth	Pohlabeln	Nov 11
Michael	Brunsman	Nov 12
Ursula	Grote	Nov 12
Doug	Krysiak	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
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

A Hearty Welcome to Our New Members!



New Kolping Members Initiated on October 5, 2026

Front row, L to R: Aidan Wienkamp, Lindsay Kelly, Joseph & Tina Finke, Liz & Mark Bauke
Back row, L to R: Michael Westerfield, Marc & Gail Muench, Bill & Kathy Shuler, Robert Karl, Mary Patricia Kindt, Michael & Caitlin Mueller
Ralph Kramer was also initiated remotely.
Bios for the new members in next Bulletin.

A Note from Our President

All,

I hope you are enjoying an unusually warm and dry fall! The weather has been outstanding lately so, again, I hope you are making the most of the great weather!

October had a great beginning for the Society with many events taking place and it ended on a great note with the Soccer Club having a soccer tournament and 'Trunk or Treat' that was attended by many, and a great time was had by all. I would encourage this event to take place again next year and many more people can participate in the fun. Kudo's to Rick Janzen for coordinating a Tuesday Workers' area with some equipment having lights and animated Ghouls.

I am asking everyone to come out on Friday, November 6th to participate in the elections. We have many great people who have stepped up to run for the opening board positions. The King and Queen will be at the meeting, and the King is providing pizza so everyone can vote with a full stomach! There will also be $2 draft beer to enjoy with your pizza. Pizza will be served at 7:00 P.M.

There have been many events taking place throughout the past few months, so I thought the membership would appreciate an update on how things are progressing. I have requested Nick and Chris to provide an update to the membership outlining all that has taken place and provide an overview of the current 2027 position.

I think it is appropriate to provide a quarterly update at the membership meetings so everyone can understand and appreciate all the hard work that is taking place to promote all the things our great club has to offer!

Don't forget to come to the Memorial Mass and Goetta Brunch on Sunday, November 1st, to memorialize our deceased members and pay your respects with the families.

Lastly, I hope everyone is able to be with family and enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday at the end of the month.

Chuck Klosterman

A Note from Our Praeses, Fr. Dan

On Monday, October 26, the Church celebrated the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude. Simon the Apostle is described as a Zealot, a Jew who advocated revolt against Rome. Did this Zealot carry a sword? The scholars do not know. In the Gospel of St. John (Jn 18:10-11) Simon Peter drew a sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest. Jesus told Simon Peter to put his sword back in its scabbard. Were there other armed disciples besides Simon Peter? Maybe.

This month we remember and honor all the members of the Kolping Society who passed away. Many of them were courageous veterans. Their presence and work shaped our Kolping community in many ways. Though they are no longer with us, their example and strength inspire us today. So, we extend our condolences to their loved ones as we will pray in the Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 1. Please remember our deceased in your prayers and talk about what they did for our Kolping community.

Please join all Kolping members around the world in prayer this month.

Fr. Dan Kroger, O.F.M.

Deadline for submitting articles for the December *Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin* is Monday, November 23, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. Please submit to Nancy Pelzel at: nancypelzel@aol.com

Sängerchor News

The holidays are fast approaching and your Kolping Sängerchor would love to give you your first gift - the gift of sublime music! Come join us on **Sunday, November 29**, for a joyous celebration of the start of the season of Christmas and Advent - our Weihnachtskonzert! Gather your family and friends for this long-held tradition to kick off the season. Before the concert, enjoy your dessert and libation (coffee, tea or cash bar), try your luck at split-the-pot and check out the basket raffle. And don't forget our famous cookie sale which is always a hit. Cash or check, please.

Doors open at 2:30 pm. Concert follows at 4:00 pm and features Christmas favorites, old and new, in German and English, plus a few carols by the adorable Kinderchor. Tickets are just $15.00 and children 12 and under are $8.00. Contact Bonnie Campbell or any choir member to purchase tickets. Deadline for reservations is November 23, 2026. See flyer in this bulletin for more info on p. 9.

Please plan on coming to support your Sängerchor and give yourself an early Christmas present of an afternoon of delightful music and Gemütlichkeit !

Janet Curley, Kolping Sängerchor President
513-522-7544(H), 513-289-4509(C)

Local German Clubs' Upcoming Events

- Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society – Fifth Friday Froth Fest, October 30, 5:30 – 10:00 P.M.
- Germania – Christkindlmarkt, November 6 (5:00-10:00 PM)
- Germania – Karneval Opening Ball, November 14, starting at 7:11 P.M.
- Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society – Family Harvest Dance, November 14, 6:00-10:00 P.M.
- Servatii Cincinnati Christkindlmarkt Special Opening Gala benefiting the Munich Sister City Association – November 19, 2026, starting at 6:00 P.M.
- German-American Citizens League – St. Nikolaus Fest, December 6, 1-4:00 P.M.
- The Mustard Club's 25th Anniversary Celebration – December 11, 2026 (5:00-11:00 PM)

See individual Websites for details.

Kolping Society Elections 2026

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

General Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

The following candidates are running in the November election:

<u>Kolping Board (5 positions)</u>

Roger Adams
Jaime Althoff
Kent Ernsting
Kelly Geoppinger
Sheila Gramaglia
Henry Ricke
Mike Seibel

<u>National Delegate (1 position)</u>
Nathan Ostendorf

Please attend our November election and support the candidates who are running. The bios for these candidates are included on pp. 13-15.



Deaths

Elisabeth Ricke, wife of Clemens Ricke, mother of Kolping members Tom Ricke, Theresa Vogelsang and Lisa Schweikert, grandmother of Kolping members Maximus and Norwin Adarve, and Henry Ricke, and Kolping member for 56 years, passed away on October 3, 2026 at the age of 92. Elisabeth was the daughter of one of the founders of Cincinnati Kolping, Heinrich Abbing, and her children and grandchildren are third and fourth generation Cincinnati Kolping members. She was a member of the Kolping Ladies Auxiliary for many years and received the Ladies Auxiliary Service Award in 1994. She also served on the 1994 Kolping Convention Committee. We extend our sympathies to her husband Clem, their children, Michael, Rose Marie, and Tom Ricke, Theresa Vogelsang, Lisa Schweikert, and Christina Buckley, as well as the entire Ricke family.

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

Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:30 am in the Klubhaus; it will be soup and sandwich day. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich – soup will be provided. And mark your calendars for the Senior Christmas Party to be held on December 9.

Tom Musbach

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.

2026 Kolping National Raffle

1st Prize - $1,500
2nd Prize - $1,000
3rd Prize - $500
New This Year- All Online!
(No Paper Tickets Will Be Mailed)

Buy Your Kolping National Raffle Tickets and Receive Numbered Downloadable Tickets Via Email – We will take care of the rest!

Tickets:
$5 each
$45 for 10
$85 for 20

Payment Options Are:
Credit/Debit Card and Pay by Check
The Drawing Will Be Held on Sunday, December 6th.

Your purchase will help support the administration of the *Banner*, Lenten Projects, Scholarships, and other endeavors of Kolping USA.

Online Tickets Are Available from October 1st to November 30th.

To purchase your Tickets – Scan the QR code below or go to www.Kolping.org

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

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 2027 - 2028. 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 Hiller Scholarship link on the left side of the home page. New applications and current scholar's renewal information should be sent to Father David Hiller Fund, 10235 Mill Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

The FDHD 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 Monday, February 15, 2027. A complete description of the program is available on the Kolping website as well. Additional questions should be sent to Paul Ahrnsen: pahrnsen@fuse.net or 513-542-8554.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Ahrnsen
FDHF Chairman

Photos from the Kolping Soccer Club's Trunk-or-Treat on October 9, 2026







Soccer Club News

What a fantastic October at Kolping Soccer!

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, helped behind the scenes, and contributed to making our tournament weekend such a success. These events take a lot of hard work and teamwork, and we truly appreciate everyone who stepped up to help.

Our Trunk-or-Treat was a huge success! We received wonderful compliments from parents and state soccer representatives who were visiting throughout the weekend. We're excited to build on that success and make next year's event even bigger and better. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped create such a fun experience for the kids and families! (See some photos on the previous page.)

Looking ahead, soccer tryouts will be held November 3rd and 4th. We're looking forward to welcoming new and returning players as we prepare for the next season.

The fall soccer season officially wraps up on November 8th. It's hard to believe another season is nearly behind us, and we're grateful to everyone who makes Kolping Soccer such a special part of our community.

Thank you for another great season and stay tuned for what's ahead at Kolping!

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551

Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: November 20, 2026

Place: Kolping Clubhouse/100 Hall

Practice, Make-ups and Shoot-ahead Shooting: 6:45 – 7:30 PM

Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

OCTOBER SHOOTING RESULTS:

High score was a 68 by Tony Dechering from Team Sterwerf. Congratulations, Tony!

High team was Team Trautmann with a team score of 318.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER:

Targets: Team Boehm

Food: Team Schnetzer

Tickets: Team Koeninger

1) Reminder, we have the Turkey Shoot in November.
2) Always check the scorer sheets by the shooting room. Any discrepancies, let us know at the scorer's table.
3) With the new guns, I have decided to temporarily open practice shooting at 6:45 instead of 7PM. This should give everyone extra time to get used to the new guns.
4) Brian Brunsman again this year is selling gun raffle tickets for a new Canik TTI Combat 9mm Pistol Bundle. The tickets are $5.00 a chance and the raffle is open to all Kolping members and nonmembers: https://www.academy.com/p/canik-tti-combat-9mm-18rd-black-fde-pistol-kit The retail value is $1,099.99.

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

Kolping Genealogy

Where did George Washington stay? We hear this frequently, but more importantly, where did your ancestors live, work, and play? A gifted genealogist/family researcher from South Carolina shares his discoveries and talents with us.

There are three new ancestor-mapping tools available now, having been developed by Jason Duncan:
https://webjmd.com/mymapbuilder/index.html
These web-based tools can be used to visualize your ancestral places and migrations. We will learn how to use two or three of these tools in this session.

Sunday, November 15, Kolping live at the Kolping Clubhouse at our usual 2:00 pm timeslot. To request a Zoom meeting link, send a note to genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com.

Prior to this meeting, you are advised to watch two or three of the training videos developed by the author of these programs. You will find them here: https://webjmd.substack.com/p/three-new-history-mapping-tools

Bring your laptop AND create and save your latest GEDCOM (ged) family file to use some of these tools. The data stays on your computer and is not shared.

We still need participants to brainstorm and collaborate to schedule topics of interest to genealogists on all levels for future third Sundays. 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.

Join us for the Cincinnati Kolping Society Annual Christmas Mass and Party on December 6th at 11:00 A.M.!

Celebrate Christmas with your Kolping friends and family with Mass followed by a lovely meal catered by A Catered Affair. We will be welcoming our new Kolping Society Board Members, honoring our Kolping Foundation "Acorn Donors", and Drawing for the 2026 Kolping USA National Raffle winners.

Buffet Lunch Includes:
Honey Glazed Ham, Sliced Turkey in Gravy,
Cornbread Stuffing, Grilled Vegetables,
Italian Roasted New Potatoes, Corn Souffle,
Assorted Rolls and Butter, Tossed Salad,
Assorted Desserts, Coffee

Online pre-sale lunch tickets/reservations are:
$15.00- Adult
$5.00- 12 years and under
$100.00- Friends and Family Table of 8

OR $17 each to pay that day

To Purchase scan the QR Code below or go to www.KolpingCincinnati.com and Click "Christmas Party Lunch Tickets"

Last day for pre-sale tickets/reservations is Sunday **November 29th**
* To bypass the donation to Zeffy, choose "Other" then enter $0 at checkout.

If you need assistance with your ticket purchase, contact Anna Stukenborg at:
859.221.8334 or apstukenborg@gmail.com

Don't forget- We will be collecting canned goods donations for Mount Healthy Alliance! They are always in need of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, bar soaps and shower gel) and canned goods. Cash is also accepted and will be used to purchase items they are low on providing for the community.

KOLPING SÄNGERCHOR
WEIHNACHTSKONZERT

November 29, 2026
Doors Open 2:30 PM
Konzert 4:00 PM
Adult Chor and Kinderchor

$15.00 per person includes Christmas cake, coffee or tea
$8.00 for children under 12

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



Kolping Center
10235 Mill Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45251

Reservations required by November 23, 2026
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

102. Schützenkönig Ralph II &
Königin Mary Patricia
Invite You To Their



Christmas
King's Party
Saturday, December 5, 2026



Cincinnati Kolping Society

10235 Mill Road

Cincinnati, OH 45231

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Royal Parade at 7:30 p.m

$30 per Person
Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres, German Beer &
Wine Are Hosted
Liquor Available for Purchase

Payment

Venmo - @kolpingcourt
Mail Checks Payable To:
Gary Koester
4191 Eastern Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45226
Include Seating Requests With Payment

Attire

Cocktail or
Festive Christmas Tracht
No Jeans or Casual Wear

Music By

Vereins Musikanten

Kolping Society's

Children's Christmas Party



December 13, 2026

Doors open at 2:30

Party from 3 - 5 pm



Email or call Amy Ahrnsen at pahrnsen@fuse.net or 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 Kolping Candidates

Board Candidates:

Roger Adams
Dear Fellow Kolping Members,

My name is Roger Adams and I have been an active member of The Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati since 1995. I served in the United States Marine Corps for 4 years and have worked for Fidelity Investments as an accountant for 28 years. My wife Barbara and I have been married for 31 years and we have three grown children: Allison, Brandon, and Mia.

I have been an active member of Kolping Cincinnati since I joined in 1995. I have served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee several times, been the President of the Schützen Club, served on the Kolping Society Board of Directors, and as a Saturday Worker. I have volunteered for Schützenfest in various roles of responsibility through the years. I also have volunteered at the Lenten Fish Fries and many other events over the years.

As an active 30-plus-year member, I can bring my experience and knowledge of Kolping to the table. My desire is to do what is in the best interest of Kolping regarding business, the culture of our organization, and in keeping to our faith and Fr Kolping's mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Adams

Jaime Althoff
Dear Fellow Kolping Members,

My name is Jaime Althoff and I grew up at Kolping. Winton Road was my playground, and believe me, it was a village unto itself. As a member of the '66 Boys' Soccer Team coached by Werner Wilke, I've made lifelong friends and memories here. I continue to make memories with my fellow Kolping members through captaining a Schützenfest booth, volunteering at the Fish Fry and being a member of the Schützen Club.

It would be my honor to serve on the Board and I will continue to support the Society and its mission.

Thank you for considering me,

Jaime Althoff

Kent Ernsting
My wife and I became Kolping members in order to meet new friends and to serve as volunteers. We have enjoyed participating in various events and volunteering at Schützenfest. I occasionally volunteer with the Tuesday Workers. I appreciate the opportunity to work on the grounds and especially to assist with managing our spectacular forest. I have served on the Environmental Commission of the City of Fairfield for the past five years. I have organized over a dozen community service projects to remove invasive plants such as Amur Honeysuckle from parks in Fairfield. I bring the same enthusiasm for honeysuckle mitigation to the Kolping forest, and it is a pleasure to be a part of the team that is stewarding the health of the forest. I served on the Advisory Board of the Fairfield YMCA for 19 years and on the Young Life Committee for 15 years. It would be an honor to serve on the Kolping Board for the next two years.

Kelly Geoppinger
While I joined Kolping only a few years ago, my husband Neil and I have been a part of the Kolping family since before we were married 25 years ago. Last year, I had the honor to serve the Cincinnati Kolping Society as Schützen Königin. This amazing year brought home to me how important Kolping is.

We are a community based in the Catholic faith, built on the traditional German values of hard work, persistence and duty. This is why I want to be a part of the Kolping Board. I want us to grow as a community… grow in faith, grow

in membership, grow in member involvement and grow in patience and grace with each other. We are not always going to agree, but we each deserve to be heard… and to listen.

To the Kolping organization, I bring a set of skills and leadership experiences that include serving as Secretary for CenterStage Players, organizing many events at St. James of the Valley Parish, working as an Accounting Manager with many years of experience in Procurement, and Music Boosters Board member for St. Xavier High School music program.

I am asking for your vote so we can share this adventure.

Treu Kolping!
Kelly Geoppinger

Sheila Gramaglia
Dear Members,

Some of you may know me as a friend, through my work with the Schützenfest, Sängerchor, or Kolping gatherings. However, you might not be as familiar with my personal background and experience.

I have been married to my husband, Pat, for 55 years, and we are blessed with four adult children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Being a stay-at-home mom allowed me to dedicate myself to extensive volunteer work over the years. Through these opportunities, I developed strong skills in leadership, organization, fundraising, membership growth, volunteer management, and community building.

I am running for a board member position because I have both the experience and the dedication to serve the Catholic Kolping Society—an organization I dearly love.

Whenever I see an opportunity to show charity or welcome someone new, I do my best to step in. My guiding mantra is: "Be a friend, make a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

I am ready to serve and would be honored to receive your support.

Henry Ricke
I am a political strategist focusing on campaign consulting and public affairs. A Cincinnati native, I attended St. Xavier High School and the University of Cincinnati.

In my professional role, I evaluate political landscapes, develop comprehensive campaign strategies, and advise candidates, elected officials, and organizations on political communications and public affairs. My work spans campaign management, media consulting, and voter engagement, with a focus on developing effective messaging and navigating complex environments.

The grandson of Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke and the second son of Thomas and Lillian Ricke, I grew up in and around Kolping and its members.

Respectfully,
Henry Ricke

Mike Seibel
No resume submitted.

Candidate for National Delegate:

Nathan Ostendorf
My name is Nathan Ostendorf and I am running for National Delegate. I officially became a Kolping member in fall 2022 after returning from college, but I have been around Kolping since I was a toddler and have grown up in the

Society. My involvement within Kolping includes bartending at Fish Frys, stocking drinks at Schützenfest, Vice President of Kolping Foundation, and most recently joining the Bourbon Club. Outside of Kolping, I am the General Manager at Ostendorf Greenhouses.

My interest in the National Delegate role began when I attended this year's Kolping National Convention as a delegate from Cincinnati. At the Convention, I met members from Kolping Families across the country, heard about their struggles and successes, and learned how much our Lenten Project in Kenya has accomplished. I left New York with a desire to become involved at the National level. If elected, I will keep Cincinnati informed of National's activities and make sure Cincinnati's voice is heard at National.

Thank you!
Nathan Ostendorf



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 Sängerchor 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
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 National Kolping Convention
23 Groovin' in the Grove
28 Board Meeting (October)

OCTOBER
2 General Meeting
9 Soccer Club Trunk-or-Treat
9-11 1931 Invitational Tournament

NOVEMBER
1 Memorial Mass/Goettafest
2 Board Meeting
6 General Meeting/Elections
14 St. Martin's Day Celebration
29 Sängerchor Weihnachts Konzert
30 Board Meeting (December)

DECEMBER
5 Christmas King's Party
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	2nd & 4th 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.