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Note from the Editor

As the kids go back to school and our thoughts turn to fall breezes and cooler weather, don't forget that our last Groovin' in the Grove for the year will take place on September 23rd (see p. 9). Fall also means Oktoberfest season, so see pp. 5 and 8 for Oktoberfest events at local German clubs. The Kolping Soccer Club is hosting a new event – Trunk or Treat – in conjunction with their Soccer Tournament the weekend of October 9-11 (see pp. 2 and 6). The New Member Orientation will take place on October 5th (see below).

Treu Kolping! Nancy Pelzel

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September Events

NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

September 4, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club
September 9, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
September 18, 7:00 P.M.	Schützen Club
September 18-20	National Kolping Convention
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

October Events

October 2, 7:30 P.M.	General Meeting
October 5, 7:00 P.M.	New Member Initiat.
October 9-11	1931 Invitational Soccer Tournament
October 9, 6:30 P.M.	Trunk or Treat
October 14, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
October 16, 7:00 P.M.	Schützen Club
October 23, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club

New Member Orientation is Coming Oct 5th

Kolping Cincinnati will be hosting a new member orientation on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 PM in the Klubhaus. All our applicants are welcome to attend to learn about Kolping Cincinnati and join our Kolping community. If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, please feel free to direct them to Wendy Moeller at: wmoeller@compasspointplanning.com or click on the membership tab at: <https://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Membership> for more information, online application forms, and the online payment portal.



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
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Sandra	Schmits	Sep 1
Richard	Krauthoefer	Sep 2
Thomas	Ricke	Sep 2
Henry	Ricke	Sep 3
Gary	Burket	Sep 4
Kent	Ernstling	Sep 5
Xuan-Thuy	Vu	Sep 5
Norwin	Adarve	Sep 6
Teri	Hoerstmann	Sep 6
Theodore	Hoerstmann, Jr.	Sep 6
Thomas	Kuechly	Sep 8
Joseph	Thompson	Sep 8
Jennifer	Mueller	Sep 10
Martin	Puffenberger	Sep 10
James	Thiemann	Sep 11
Jessica	Schmurr	Sep 12
Kurt	Blum	Sep 13
Susan	Carr	Sep 13
Mark	Fehring	Sep 13
Michael	Arents	Sep 15
Wilhelm	Kossenjans	Sep 16

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
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Dieter	Moeller	Sep 17
Greg	Kreutzjans	Sep 18
Amy	Ahrnsen	Sep 19
Rudy	Drees	Sep 19
Joe	Lambert	Sep 19
Trey	Seibel	Sep 20
Michael	Burwell	Sep 21
Ann	Schlinkert	Sep 22
Melissa	Stegman	Sep 22
Eric	Sterwerf	Sep 22
Beth	Hoffman	Sep 23
Gunnar	Pohlman	Sep 24
Dale	Geiser	Sep 26
Paul	Boehm	Sep 27
Benjamin	Hoffmann	Sep 27
Laurie	Freese	Sep 28
Bradley	Mueller	Sep 28
Mike	Salemme	Sep 29
Adam	Bosse	Sep 30
Jerry	Meyer	Sep 30
James	Shockley	Sep 30

KOLPING SC TRUNK OR TREAT
SignUp Here!

Friday, October 9th | 6:30-8:30 PM
Fall fun for all, come celebrate at Kolping Soccer Park
*Canned food items will also be collected and donated to local food pantry

The Pub

See more details
about the Trunk or
Treat Event
sponsored by the
Kolping Soccer
Club on October
9th on page 6.

A Note from Our President

All, I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and had fun getting the kids/grandkids ready to go back to school.

As we end the summer festivities, we now start the Oktoberfest season. As a Catholic/Christian society working to help others, I encourage everyone to reach out to Germania, Liberty Home, and Donauschwaben to see if you can help them during their Oktoberfest the way they supported and helped Kolping during our Schützenfest. We all need to help one another with the German traditions to keep them alive and doing well. Let us also remember that the Mustard Club will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year! I'm sure there are plenty of celebrations planned for their anniversary.

We had a great turnout for the August General Membership Meeting. I was informed that we had around 55 folks at the meeting, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Let's see if we can keep this level of attendance for each General Meeting moving forward, as it is great to see everyone and have great conversations. At the last General Meeting, a member made the comment that our insurance was not paid/up to date. This statement is FALSE! I assure everyone that we are 100% compliant and 100% paid up to date with our insurance. It is such a shame that rumors get started and flow faster than the truth! As the president of our Society, I want to promote total truth and honesty and to dispel any false rumors that are circulating, so I promise all our members that I will respond as quickly as possible to rumors that I hear to make sure everyone has the facts and the truth of what is taking place at Kolping. We should all work together for the betterment of the Society, to make it a welcoming place and to promote harmony amongst our members; i.e., to follow the ideals of Blessed Fr. Kolping.

As we move into the fall months, please take some time to reflect on your involvement with Kolping and consider running for the Board. We have so much untapped talent in our membership; remember, this is your club and it is up to everyone to help make it a successful club! So come to the October General meeting, meet with friends, and make new friends and enjoy what your club has to offer.

Thanks for all you do,
Chuck Klosterman

A Note from Our Praeses, Fr. Dan

In September, as our calendars begin to fill again, it is worth pausing to give thanks for one of God's most sustaining gifts: friendship. A true friend does more than share our interests or join us on happy occasions. A friend listens, encourages, tells us the truth with kindness, and remains close even when life becomes difficult.

Friendship should be at the heart of our Kolping life. We call ourselves a Kolping *Family* because we seek to be more than people who belong to the same organization. We are invited to foster a genuine sense of belonging—through prayer, service, celebration, and care for one another. In this way, friendship becomes not only something we enjoy, but also a Christian vocation we live.

Jesus says, "I have called you friends" (John 15:15). Those words reveal the depth of his love for us, and they give us a pattern for our relationships. Christ's friendship is faithful, generous, forgiving, and ready to serve. When we make time for someone who is lonely, welcome a newcomer, reconcile after a disagreement, or simply ask a fellow member how he or she is doing—and truly listen—we make the friendship of Christ visible.

Friendship also asks something of us. It cannot grow on good intentions alone. Friendship needs presence, patience, and attention. This month, perhaps each of us can take one small step: call someone we have not seen recently, sit with someone new at a gathering, express gratitude to a longtime friend, or offer help before being asked. Small acts of friendship can become quiet signs of God's grace.

May our Kolping Family always be a place where friendships deepen, burdens are shared, faith is strengthened, and every person knows that he or she belongs. God bless our friends, help us become better friends to others in the friendship of Christ.

Fr. Dan Kroger, O.F.M.

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.

Candidates Needed to Run for Board

Dear Kolping Members,

Your Kolping Society is looking for candidates to run for the five at-large Director positions for the Kolping Board in the November elections. The term begins in January 2027 and is a two-year commitment. The Board meets on the Monday prior to the first Friday of the month. These positions are critical for the continued success of Kolping. We ask you to prayerfully consider running for this position to continue Father Kolping's mission. You do not have to have a particular skill set, just the ability to listen attentively to the discussions and make informed decisions that you believe are best for the future of Kolping. This is a chance to make a tremendous impact for Kolping! If you would like to be a candidate, please provide a short bio of yourself which will be published in the *Bulletin*. You can send it to any of the Nominating Committee members listed below. Nominations will be closed at the October General Meeting. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

The Nominating Committee

Paul A. Ahrnsen, paul.ahrnsen@gmail.com

Donna Faulk, donnasfaulk@yahoo.com

Tom Montgomery, montgota@gmail.com

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

Memorial Mass/Goetta Breakfast

Please mark your calendars for November 1st to join us for the Memorial Mass and Goetta Breakfast. We will honor and remember our deceased members in the last year.

Reservations are required for the breakfast in order to have enough for all. Please contact Barb Hessler at Bhessler129@gmail.com or 513-520-8664 for reservations no later than October 23rd.

**Deadline for submitting articles
for the October
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Wednesday, September 23, 2026
at 5:00 P.M.**

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



Deaths

Matth Toeppen, husband of the late LaVerne Toeppen and brother of Kolping member Agnes Wessels, and Kolping member for 59 years, passed away on August 3, 2026 at the age of 95. Matth and his company were the general contractors for the building of the Kolping Center in 1992 and he also donated a baby grand piano to Cincinnati Kolping for the opening of the Center. The Toeppen Companies was also the first Fest Meister of the Kolping Schützenfest in 2016 when we were celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Schützenfest in Cincinnati. We extend our sympathies to Matth's children: Susan Ellison, John Toeppen, Diane Marx, Bill Toeppen, and Elizabeth Heist, as well as his sister, Agnes Wessels, and the extended Toeppen family.

Jerry Meyer, husband of Betty Meyer and Kolping member for 55 years, passed away on August 20, 2026 at the age of 86. Jerry was the manager of the Kolping Park for many years, starting in 1984 and ending in 1997. He was also a member of the Schützen Club and a very early member of the Kolping Golf League, starting in 1994 to the current time. He was awarded the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 1997. Our condolences go out to Betty and their children: Cindy Doerman, Jerry Meyer, Jr., Sharon Weis, Connie Furquerson, and Scott Meyer, and the entire Meyer family.

Celeste Hermes, wife of the late Otto Hermes and mother of Kolping member, Theresa Stille, and Kolping member for 56 years, passed away on August 23, 2026 at the age of 88. Celeste volunteered at many activities, and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Kolping Seniors. She was awarded the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 2013. Our prayers go out to her daughter, Theresa Stille and her husband Rick, as well as the extended Hermes family.

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

Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet on September 9th at 11:30 A.M. in the Klubhaus. Hope to see you all there. Stay cool and well.

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.

Local German Clubs' Upcoming Events

- 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 (6-11 P.M.), 5th (1-11 P.M.) & 6th (1-8 P.M.)
- Tri-State German School classes begin on September 19th.
- Donauschwaben – Oktoberfest, October 2, 3 and 4th.
- The Mustard Club's 25th Anniversary Celebration – December 11, 2026

See individual Websites for details.





Soccer Club News

Soccer Season Is Back!

The soccer season is officially underway, and we are looking forward to another awesome year at the club! We are excited to see our players back on the fields and look forward to another great season of soccer, friendship, and community.

Mark your calendars for our annual tournament, October 9-11! In addition to a great weekend of soccer, we will have some special activities planned.

As part of our annual soccer tournament, we will host a Trunk or Treat for children on Friday, October 9. Children can safely walk from car to car, where volunteers will have decorated their trunks and will hand out Halloween treats. This family-friendly activity is a wonderful way for children, parents, grandparents, and neighbors to enjoy time together and celebrate the season. We will also collect canned food donations to benefit a local food pantry. If you are able, please bring a canned food item to help support our community. Soccer families, friends, and neighbors are warmly invited to attend. For questions or additional information, and to sign up, please see the flyer on page 2.

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551



Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: September 18, 2026

Place: Kolping Clubhouse/100 Hall

Practice, Make-ups, Shoot-aheads at: 7:00 – 7:30 PM

Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

AUGUST SHOOTING RESULTS:

High score was a 71 by Paul Anhofer. Congratulations, Paul!

High team was Team Trautmann with 331 points.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Targets: Team Meyer

Food: Team Faust – (Thanks, Mark Faust, for stepping up and helping.)

Tickets: Team Scholz

We still need teams to sign up for Food for April and teams to sign up for Tickets for October, March and April. Please call or text me to fill these spots.

This year, we have some NEW Schützen Club members to welcome:

Brandon Schmurr – Team Koeninger
Joseph Finke – Team Klosterman
Lisa Snider – Team Geoppinger
Mike Westerfield – Team Wienkamp
Amber Muench – Team Scholz

We have another team looking for a full-time shooting member to join their team. Let me know if anyone knows someone with an interest in joining.

Respectfully,

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

Kolping Genealogy

Sunday, September 20, will launch our first meeting of the 2026-2027 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).

There have been tremendous changes in the technology available to us as we bring together our family lines, making use of searching tools and links to large databases of records and DNA connections. Many of these updates were announced at the annual *Rootstech* conference held in March; results are now available to us. These are online at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/library> and FREE for us to review. You might start with *What's New* or the *2026 Sessions*, then move over to the other tabs.

We will look at some of these newest technologies from **FamilySearch** and **Ancestry** in our first meeting. *Full-Text Search* opens up multiple records never available until now. Ancestry has *AI Stories* in addition to this new searching service. AI in genealogy is conquering the transcription of old documents and offering us wonderful summaries. Both Ancestry (*Ancestry AI*) and FamilySearch (*AI Research Assistant*) have this capability. We will be exploring these new tools. MyHeritage has new tools also, but we may cover these at another time.

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

Bourbon Club News

It has been an exciting year at the Bourbon Club! Our monthly meetings continue to be well attended. The Bourbon Club continues to engage with many of the Kolping activities, including a booth at Schützenfest, Groovin' in the Grove and Stube Nacht. We were at every Fish Fry running a raffle to benefit the Kolping Family.

This year, we are participating in our second barrel pick. We selected a barrel strength Larceny... bottles are still available!

The Bourbon Club feels like a family. There is laughter, sharing, love, camaraderie, work... and Bourbon!!!

We continue to have reps from distilleries come to the meetings and share cool stories of their selections and history. In recent months, we have had representatives from Boone County Distilling and Hard Truth. In addition, our Master of Ceremonies, Andy Skoog, continues to bring his considerable bourbon knowledge to the group.

Our next meeting (September 4) will feature Steven Feller, a Colonel with the Whiskey University.

We would love to welcome you at our monthly family gatherings!

Email kolpingsocietybc@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. Meetings are the 4th Friday of the month at 7pm in the Clubhouse. We ask that you register for each meeting so we can have enough bourbon for all.

To the Kolping Family, from the Bourbon Club Family... Thank you for this fabulous journey!! What began as a few tabletop conversations has blossomed, and we appreciate the space and support to continue to flourish.

Neil Geoppinger, President



Oktoberfest Concert

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

from the Allgäu region 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.



A Free Concert

Family Friendly - Food - Drinks – Games

Presented by The Kolping Haus

Under the Pavilion

Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors

Do you follow us on Facebook?

The Kolping Haus Staff runs six social media accounts and has helped create three other accounts that are run by different Kolping Members and Clubs. Following these pages is the best way to keep up to date with Kolping events, gather festival information, see pictures of the majestic events that we host, and help Kolping Community grow.

Please take a second to scan the QR codes below.

Just hold your phone's camera over the code, click the link, and

Don't forget to click the Follow button

The Kolping Haus Cincinnati

This page is one of the many ways The Kolping Haus Business promotes itself. The more you like and share the posts from this page the better the business will do. Please make sure to **invite all your FB friends to follow this page** as well! The more interaction with this page the better!



Kolping Cincinnati – New Page

A more intimate page designed for Kolping Members only. Following this page will keep you up to date with all the Kolping Society events such as The King's Party, Stube Nacht, Choir Concerts, Royal Ball, General Meetings, etc. You might even find a quote or two from Father Kolping.

Schützenfest Cincinnati – New Page

The best way to keep up with all the Schützenfest information. Find out the music lineup, how to sign up for the Bier Dash, see the weekend calendar, buy raffle tickets, and more. **Invite all your FB friends to follow this page** as well! Make sure to like and share all of the posts!



If you would like us to share any pictures or information about your club on social media, please email Nick Caserta at nick@thekolpighaus.com We would also love to share pictures of you and your loved ones at any Kolping Event.

2026 Calendar of Events

JANUARY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 5 Board Meeting 31 Stube Nacht	JUNE 7 Anniversary Mass 19-21 Schützenfest 24 Groovin' in the Grove 29 Board Meeting (July)
FEBRUARY 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 20 Fish Fry 21 Valentine's Dance 27 Fish Fry	JULY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 12 Appreciation Party 17 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 22 Groovin' in the Grove
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)	AUGUST 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 21 First Schützen Nacht 26 Groovin' in the Grove 31 Board Meeting (September)
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)	SEPTEMBER NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 18-20 National Kolping Convention 23 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Board Meeting (October)
MAY 1 General Meeting 15 Schützen End Party 20 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 27 Groovin' in the Grove	OCTOBER 2 General Meeting 9 Soccer Club Trunk or Treat 9-11 1931 Invitational Tournament
JUNE 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting	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)
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.