

November 2024

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Note from the Editor

We have lots going on at Kolping for the next two months – don't forget the elections of officers at the November 1st General Meeting (list of candidates on p. 4, resumes on p. 10). Be sure to kick off the Christmas season by supporting the Kolping Sangerchor and attending the Weihnachtskonzert on December 1st (p. 8). We also have the Society Christmas Mass & Luncheon on December 8th, the Seniors' Christmas Party on December 11th and the Children's Christmas Party on December 15th (p. 9). And we introduce our twenty new members on pp. 11-12. Please welcome them!

Treu Kolping!

Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President – John Mueller, 513-376-3672

Vice President – Tom Beiting, 513-325-7342

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Society Bookkeeper – Jim Schnieder, 513-310-1256

House & Grounds – Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877

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Membership (Current) – Karen Wienkamp, 513-503-4638

Sick Committee – Open

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Bourbon Club – Neil Geoppinger, 513-638-0339

Genealogy Group – Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383

Sangerchor – Janet Curley, 513-522-7544

Schützen Club – Marc Schnetzer, 513-236-6205

Seniors – Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148

Soccer Club – Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

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Nick Caserta, 513-713-7318

November Events

November 1, 7:30 P.M. General Meeting/
Elections

November 13, 11:30 A.M. Seniors Meeting

November 15, 7:00 P.M. Schützen Club

November 17, 2:00 P.M. Genealogy Meeting

November 22, 7:00 P.M. Bourbon Club

December Events

December 1, 2:30 P.M. Sangerchor
Weihnachtskonzert

December 8, 11:00 A.M. Christmas Mass &
Luncheon

December 11, 11:30 A.M. Seniors Christmas

December 15, 2:00 P.M. Genealogy Meeting

December 15, 3:00 P.M. Children's Christmas
Party

December 20, 7:00 P.M. Schützen Club

Kolping Membership Dues

Just a reminder that I have sent out the annual dues notices, and payment is due by December 31, 2024. Your dues payment will renew your membership for the year 2025. The membership levels are as follows:

- **Family – a married couple – \$75.00**
- **Single – one person – \$55.00**
- **Life – a member who is at least 70 plus has been a member for 20 years – \$25.00**
- **Active military – \$25.00**

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



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday	First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Thomas	Fehrenbach	Nov 1	Ann	Hoerstmann	Nov 15
James	Stukenborg	Nov 1	Doris	Wilke	Nov 15
Dale	Chouteau	Nov 2	Mary Pat	Mueller	Nov 16
Dilip	Tripathy	Nov 2	Kurt	Brickweg	Nov 17
John	Noll	Nov 3	Nancy	Pelzel	Nov 18
Charles	Klosterman	Nov 5	Lydia	Sinclair	Nov 18
Margaret	Mistler	Nov 5	Patricia	Yuellig	Nov 18
Theresa	Stille	Nov 5	David	Abeln	Nov 19
Jeff	Talkers	Nov 5	Robert	Schindler	Nov 19
Barb	Adams	Nov 6	Eugene	Ungermann	Nov 19
Kacie	Seibel	Nov 7	Thomas	Freese	Nov 21
William	Hausfeld	Nov 8	Karen	Wienkamp	Nov 21
Theodore	Klosterman	Nov 8	Roger	Adams	Nov 22
Theodore	Wilke	Nov 9	Roberta	Keck	Nov 22
Robert	Willmann	Nov 9	Noel	Shanahan	Nov 22
Ralph	Talkers	Nov 10	Harry	Rumpke, Jr.	Nov 23
Dennis	Brunzman	Nov 11	Larry	Schmidt	Nov 23
John	Murray	Nov 11	Brian	Griffin	Nov 25
Beth	Pohlabeln	Nov 11	Marcus	Meyer	Nov 25
Michael	Brunzman	Nov 12	Matthew	Monti	Nov 26
Ursula	Grote	Nov 12	Beverly	Meyer	Nov 27
Greg	Lewis	Nov 14	Steven	Sinclair	Nov 27
Johanna	Stegman	Nov 14	Charlotte	Laib	Nov 28
Susan	Welage	Nov 14	William	Schoenberger	Nov 28
Frank	Worthoff	Nov 14	John	Knizner	Nov 30
Wendy	Altendorf	Nov 15	Herb	Seubert	Nov 30
Amy	Hester	Nov 15	Barbara	Willenbrink	Nov 30

Note from The Kolping Haus

We encourage each and every one of you to extend a warm welcome to Chris Josleyn. He joined the Kolping Haus on October 4th and has quickly become an integral part of our team.

The Kolping Haus is excited to announce the launch of its revamped website (TheKolpingHaus.com) and expanded social media presence. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Yelp @TheKolpingHausCincinnati. Your support will help us reach a wider audience! Simply liking, sharing, or following our pages boosts our visibility. Thank you for your engagement!

As we continue to expand our online presence, we find ourselves in need of more photographs and videos. Nick has added a photography clause to our rental contract, but it will take a while for it to come to fruition. In the meantime, we ask you to please share your photos and videos of past Kolping Haus hosted events. Please email them to Nick@TheKolpingHaus.com.

Thank you! – The Kolping Haus Staff

Letter from the President

I am pleased to share that our 100-year anniversary celebration was a tremendous success! A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all of the committee members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event happen. I'd like to thank Ralph Ostendorf for the mums decorating our facility and to the Royal Court members who allowed us to use their smaller Bouncy Houses for the event. I'd also like to express my gratitude to the members who brought their family and friends along to celebrate with us. It was a truly memorable day, filled with fun and fellowship. The addition of the Kids Zone with bouncy houses was a big hit, and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves while the adults mingled and celebrated our Society's 100-year milestone.

As we look ahead, I want to remind everyone that our upcoming Kolping Board elections are scheduled for November 1st. We have a great slate of candidates running for our Board and National Rep positions, and I encourage you to review the bios they have submitted (See p. 7). These will help you get to know them and make informed choices. Please plan to attend the General Meeting at 7:30 PM and vote in our election—your participation is vital in shaping the future of our Society.

In addition, we are currently seeking a new Bookkeeper to assist with financial updates and QuickBooks accounting for the Society. If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying for this role, please see the job posting on page 13 for more details.

Thank you for your continued support of our Cincinnati Kolping Society, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,
John Mueller, President
Cincinnati Kolping Society

Kolping Society Recording Secretary

As a reminder, Jennifer Ruwe will be stepping down as Recording Secretary at the end of her Board term in 2025. We're still looking for a member interested in taking on this important role. Shadowing Jennifer ahead of time will provide valuable experience and ensure a smooth transition. Don't wait until the last minute—if you're interested in serving the Society in this capacity, now is the time to step forward. Contact us for more details!

Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

Please remember our deceased members at Mass this coming Sunday, October 27, and throughout the month of November. Belief in the immortality of the human soul was not something explicitly found in the Hebrew Law, but it is a belief in immortality that emerged in late Judaism, well before the time of Jesus Christ. That was why St. Paul stirred up argument between the Pharisees and Sadducees when he was accused of belief in the immortality of the human soul (Acts 23:6-12).

Catholics have been remembering the deceased in prayer, especially our loved ones and friends. Such devotion is rooted in the Second Book of Maccabees, when money is sent as an expiatory offering to be made at the Temple in Jerusalem (2 Mac 12:38-46) for the idolatrous reliance on amulets found on soldiers killed in battle. That was forbidden in the Law of Moses, our Second Commandment. (Catholics believe that the books of Maccabees are divinely inspired, although considered Apocryphal writings by most Protestant denominations.)

So the resurrection of the dead, last judgement and prayer for the deceased are part of Catholic doctrine. I write this reflection so that we will be faithful Catholics, as Father Kolping taught. In actual practice most Christians believe in immortality and the resurrection of the human soul. It is why we pray for our deceased and console the bereaved.

But do remember that late November marks the start of the Season of Advent as we prepare for the feast of Christmas. The Incarnation, the birth of Jesus, is the "reason for the season," not all the cultural and commercial preparations of decorations and gifts. As Christians we need to remember that Jesus is still the greatest gift that we can bring to our world today.

Dan Kroger, OFM



Congratulations to the Cincinnati Kolping recipients of the National Kolping Distinguished Service Awards:

Mike Callahan
Bob Geoppinger
Barb Hessler

These awards are much deserved!

Kolping Society Elections 2024

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024

General Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

The following candidates are running in the November election:

Kolping Board

Paul Boehm

Donna Faulk

Rick Hill

Wendy Moeller

Tom Montgomery

Chien Vu

National Kolping Representative

Ted Klosterman

Please attend our November election and support the candidates who are running. The bios for these candidates are included on page 7.

Limited Edition Woodford Double Oak 100th Anniversary Bottle

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about the **Woodford Double Oak Kolping Society 100th Anniversary bourbon!** We've just received confirmation from the distillery that the bottles are set to ship out to Ohio this week! The good news is that they should be in the state bailment warehouse before the end of October and possibly at the liquor agency before Thanksgiving.

If you haven't reserved your bottle yet, **we only have 24 left!** Each bottle is priced at **\$90**, with proceeds supporting the Kolping Foundation to secure the financial future of our Society. For those who have reserved their bottle(s), you have received an email with your reserved quantity and instructions as to where to send your payments.

Don't miss out on this unique keepsake! To reserve your bottles, please submit your order as soon as possible.

Kolping Genealogy

We will meet **Sunday, November 17th at 2:00 pm** for an hour to review the updates and power of using maps in your family's research. The first part of the meeting will focus on *Google Maps* and then using *Google Earth* in your genealogical research. As time allows, the rest of the time is spent working with one another on capturing our information and expanding our skill sets.

You must learn the location of your "home village" in order to facilitate most German research. So a subtopic will be "Finding your Heimat" using this technology. We will compare *Google Maps* to *Google Earth* and learn to search Germany using both apps to find your ancestors' homes.

Reference: <https://gisgeography.com/google-earth-vs-google-maps/> Review the *comparison table* before attending our session. Both apps are free.

- *Google Maps* gives us distances to walk, bike or drive.
- *Google Earth*: armed with the address and village, you can "pin" these locations and share with others.

You can login with your own laptop to view digital maps and research Germany's geography. Load both to your computer (and/or Smartphone) before attending so that you can enjoy your own personal searches.

A review of basic geography will cover the present-day German states and look back into historical regions and administrative divisions. We will whet your appetite for "mapping" by looking at a few of the many online gazetteers and some of the best online historical maps, but not in detail as these map sites are a whole different topic to separately review.

"Live" in the Klubhaus at 2:00 P.M. (bring yur laptop, notepad, maps and research) or you may follow this **Zoom** link, which will be active on November17:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82740259421?pwd=AQChieszOxaazoxPQ8ix1YEgp6k2Cs.1>

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

Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: November 15, 2024

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 Tony Dechering with a score of 68.

High team was Team Trautmann with a team score of 327.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Targets: Team Reynolds

Bar: Kolping bartender

Food: No team volunteered. Call me if you want to volunteer.

Tickets: Team Abt

TURKEY SHOOT FOR NOVEMBER

15 \$25 GIFT CARDS UP FOR GRABS

\$3 per shot, 15 shots per line; one gift card per line.

If your team wants to buy the whole line, it is \$35. This guarantees that one of your teammates will win a gift card.

Respectfully,

Marc Schnetzer, President
(513) 236-6205

Soccer Club News

The season is coming to an end. We will be having tryouts on November 6th and November 7th at Kolping.

Thank you for all your support this year.

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations.

Donation from Kolping Schützenfest

In Memory of Betty Poole

Joan Rehling

We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent from our subgroups, in celebration of members' events and in memory of your 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. The next FDHF Board meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on November 13th at the Kolping Klubhaus.

Once again, the FDHF will offer two (2) \$3000 grants for children of active Kolping parents who will be attending Catholic high schools in the Tri-State area. At least one parent must be a member for at least three years. Grants are available for children who will be freshmen at a Catholic high school in the school year 2025-2026. These grants will be renewable for each successive school year, provided certain conditions are met.

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

Current grant recipients are also required to update their information in order to continue receiving their renewable grants. Applications and program description will be available in the Hiller Fund mail slot in the Kolping copier room or www.Kolpingcincinnati.com under the Fr. David Scholarship link on the left side of the home page. New applications and current scholars' renewal information should be sent to: Fr. David Hiller Fund, 10235 Mill Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45231.

The FDHF Board will read the essays and determine the two winners. Names will be removed from the essays to ensure impartiality from the judges. **Deadline is February 15, 2025.** A complete description of the program is available on the Kolping website as well.

For any questions, please contact Paul Ahrnsen at 513-542-8554 or pahrnsen@fuse.net.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Ahrnsen
FDHF Chairman

Deaths

Henry Sieverding, husband of the late Thelma Macke Sieverding and Kolping member for 56 years, passed away on September 30, 2024 at the age of 91. He was a Kolping soccer player in the 1950's, a member of the Kolping Bowling Team, the Kolping Golf League, and the Kolping Schützen Club. Henry, along with his wife Thelma, became Schützenfest King and Queen in 1956. He was the third youngest king at the age of 23, and the oldest living king at the time of his death. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his children: Keith, Bernard, Michael, and Maria Sieverding, Teresa Meyer, and Ann Vogel, along with the entire Sieverding family.

Mildred Breitenstein, wife of the late Dick Breitenstein and Kolping member for 48 years, passed away on October 18, 2024 at the age of 96. We extend our sympathies to her children, JoAnn Reilly, Betty Simon, Therese Guilfoyle, Rita King, Richard Breitenstein, and Paula Skitt, along with her brother, Jerry Meyer, Kolping members, and the whole Breitenstein family.

Maria Antons Dechering, wife of the late John Dechering and Kolping member for 64 years, passed away on October 20, 2024 at the age of 95. Maria was a volunteer for the Schützenfest, the Winefest, and other Ladies Auxiliary events, and she received the Ladies Auxiliary Service Award in 1991. We send our condolences to her children: Martin and Tony Dechering, Kolping members, Barb Dechering, and Lisa Matix, as well as the entire Dechering family.

Jacqueline O'Neill-Hoeting, wife of Kolping member Jack Hoeting, passed away on October 20, 2024 at the age of 83. We extend our sympathies to Jack and the Hoeting and O'Neill families.

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

Sick & Shut-Ins

Linda Knizner

Harry Voet

Irene Hasenfratz

Tony Walker

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.

Seniors Meeting

The Kolping Seniors will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in the Klubhaus at 11:30 A.M. Let us gather and give thanks for all of our blessings.

Tom Musbach, President

Care2Share Fundraiser on November 9, 2024

On the occasion of our 25th anniversary, Care2Share cordially invites all Kolping members to join our celebration on Saturday, November 9th at 6:00 P.M., Hall 1, Kolping Center.

Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Presentation 8:30 – 9:00 P.M.

Music & Dance 9:00 – 12 midnight

RSVP text/call Chi Tuyêt, 513-259-7575 or email Thuy Vu at: xuanthuyv@yahoo.com.

Request for Volunteers For the Cincinnati Christkindlmarkt from the Munich Sister City Association

The Munich Sister City Association is looking for volunteers to man the Cincinnati Christkindlmarkt that will be taking place on the Schmidlapp Event Lawn adjacent to the Moerlein Lager House in Downtown Cincinnati from November 22nd through January 5th. Hours will be: Wednesdays, 5-9, Thursdays, 5-9, Fridays, 5-11, Saturdays, 12-11, and Sundays, 12-7, with special hours on holidays and Christmas week. This holiday-themed Christmas festival will be open to all ages and will feature food, beverages, merchandise, holiday lights, ice skating, musical entertainment and themed characters, with a German-American, European, yet Cincinnati holiday theme.

Contact Ute Pöpke at Utemunich@icloud.com for volunteer opportunities. More information can be found at: <https://cincinnati-christkindlmarkt.com>

Kolping Bourbon Club Report

The Kolping Bourbon Club has been fulfilling its mission to gather together and savor the rich tapestry of unique Bourbons. We are so fortunate to have Andy Skoog as our Resident “Old Man at the Bar”. He knows Bourbon history, mixes, flavors and shares his expertise with us every month... plus he knows where to buy the good stuff!!

Since we last checked in, we have had some great experiences!

In August, we focused on Ryes. The featured Ryes were Sazerac Rye, Old Overholtz, Basil Hayden Dark Rye, Whistlepig Piggyback Rye and Michter’s US1 Kentucky Straight Rye. We had a special treat of a demo on how to make an Old Fashioned. A great time was had by all! We also elected our Club Chairpersons. President is Neil Geoppinger, Treasurer is B.H. Kroger and Secretary is Kelly Geoppinger.



For our September meeting, we took a field trip to New Riff Distillery in Newport, Kentucky. Our tour included lots of great information about the distillation process... and tastings throughout the tour...

In October, we are exploring the Bourbon of Bardstown, Kentucky. Our tasting lineup includes Willet Still Pot Reserve, Heaven Hill Bottled in Bond, Bardstown Bottled in Bond and Ezra Brooks. Our guest “Old Man at the Bar” is Gary Bucket!

To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cincinnati Kolping, the Bourbon Club ran a Bourbon Booth with 18 selections of Bourbon, plus Jägermeister and Schnapps!! Thank you to all our workers and friends who stopped by to enjoy our delightful libations!

Our November meeting will take place on Friday, November 22nd. We will feature Bourbons from the Louisville area.



There will be no December meeting but we will be meeting again January 24, 2025!

Joining the Kolping Bourbon Club is easy!! Send an email to KolpingSocietyBC@gmail.com and you will be added to the list to receive notifications about the meetings. We meet the 4th Friday of every month at 7pm in the Clubhouse. There is a \$10 yearly membership fee and the cost for each meeting is generally around \$20.

Kelly Geoppinger,
Secretary

KOLPING SÄNGERCHOR WEIHNACHTSKONZERT

December 1, 2024

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!

Proudly Announcing

KIT ANDREWS, *former Channel 12 Anchor Woman*,
Has Graciously Agreed to be our **Guest MC!**



*Kolping Center
10235 Mill Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45251*

Reservations required by November 25

Contact Choir members for tickets or

send check to:

Bonnie Campbell, 5201 Valley Ridge, Cincinnati, OH 45247

or email: nixednuts1@cinci.r.com, ph: 513-574-8652



Kolping Society's Children's Christmas Party December 15, 2024



Doors open at 2:30

Party from 3 - 5 pm

Call Amy Ahrnsen at 513 542-8554 for reservations before December 9th.

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. (e.g., 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 Members Running for the Kolping Board

Paul Boehm

I am running for the Kolping Society Board. I have been a Kolping member since 2004. My wife Donna and I were the Schützenkönig and Königin in 2009-2010. I am a member of the Schützen Club, Bourbon Club and I head up the Kolping Kings Fraternity. I volunteer as a Tuesday Worker and currently serve on the Financial Assessment Advisory Committee. My career as an Auditor with the Auditor of State spanned 36 years. I performed financial and compliance audits of various governmental entities including cities, counties, townships, and school districts. While governmental entities and non-profit entities such as Kolping are different, they both require sound accounting practices with functioning internal controls. I have a strong knowledge of accounting, auditing, and internal accounting controls. Now that I am retired, I have the time available to dedicate to Kolping. I look forward to serving on the Board.

Donna Faulk

I am running for the Kolping Society Board because I believe I can bring years of experience to continue helping Kolping to thrive and grow. I have been married to my husband, Henry Faulk, for 41 years. We have two adult children, Jason and Shannon, and one granddaughter, Penelope. Past experience: eighteen years on Golf Manor Council (Council Member, Mayor, and Vice Mayor), Golf Manor Women's Club (Treasurer and President), seven years as board president of The Caring Place Food Pantry, Finance Committee (10 years) and Parish Council (3 years) as Co-Chair and Chair at Nativity Parish, Business Manager at St Clare Church and School, and owned my own tax business (33 years). I am currently on the City of Fairfield Environmental Commission for eight years and chair for the last six years. Also, I am a trustee for the Rosie Reds Organization and past President and Contact Chair of the Forest Park Woman's Club and current auditor.

Rick Hill

I've been part of the club since 1988 when I came over with a soccer team. I became a member of the club in 1991, ran soccer for 20+ years, and have been involved in a lot of functions over the years, as well as being a board member several times. I came back to soccer as treasurer in 2023 and am currently still active.

With the changes that have and are being made within Kolping, I bring a history of knowledge on how things worked in the past and the direction Kolping has moved towards. I'd appreciate your vote for becoming a board member for 2025/2026.

Wendy Moeller

My name is Wendy Moeller, and while I have only been a member for a little over six years, I have been attending Kolping events and been a part of the Kolping family for nearly two decades as the daughter-in-law of Louise and Heinz Dieter Moeller. I have been actively involved lately with the Sponsorship Committee for Schützenfest and volunteering along with my children, Adam and Erin, at multiple events. I enjoyed helping with events and want to be more involved in the Society, which is why I volunteered to fill in for Tom Beiting's term when he was elected as vice president in 2023 for this year. I am seeking to be elected for a full term as a board member this year. For my day job, I work as a community planning consultant, helping communities across the Midwest with future development plans and zoning ordinances. As part of that work, I have just rolled off serving as a member of the American Planning Association's Board of Directors, a 40,000+ membership organization of planners across the world. I believe my work and experience in helping guide that organization can be used to help guide Kolping Cincinnati into the future. In my spare time, if you can't find me at home, I am either traveling for work or traveling for fun. Since my kids have grown, I have taken time to travel to Africa, India, Peru, and multiple countries within Europe, including regular trips to Germany (Oktoberfest this year!) and Austria.

Tom Montgomery

I have been a member of Kolping since 2012 and served once before on our Board. I hope to be able to once again serve the membership and help guide us into our second century. We should continue to focus on membership to take us into the future while preserving our past history and Germanic traditions. One such process is a reemphasis on our personal family histories and genealogy. You are always welcome to attend our monthly Kolping Genealogy sessions. As a Tuesday Worker, I have learned much about the necessary cooperation of us all in maintenance of the physical condition of our Catholic Kolping Society property. As part of a strong Board, it would be an honor to help move us forward.

Chien Vu

This is Chien Vu, member of Kolping along with my wife Thuy for almost 25 years. I am a Tuesday worker and a prior board member. I am also on the board of Care2Share, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. I deeply care for the Kolping Society, its members and its culture. That is why I am a candidate for the Board. I am also disclosing that we are away for the winter each year, for about four months in Vietnam, and hope to be excused for that annual absence. But for the remainder of the year, I promise to work twice as hard, think twice as fast, and be twice as smart to make it up to you.

New Kolping Members Inducted on October 4, 2024



Front, L to R: Steven Bodnar, Steven Bosse, Rita Loesing, Bradley Loesing, Anna Loesing, Kim Ernsting, Mary Krauthoefer, Mary Pat Mueller.
Back, L to R: Misty Richmond, Adam Bosse, Rick Loesing, Justin Bischof, Kent Ernsting, Renata Freese, Sondra Freese, Erin Moeller, Jason Faulk, Brad Mueller, Christopher Como
Not present: Maren Loesing

New Member Introductions

Kolping Cincinnati held its newly formatted initiation meeting for new members on October 4th, prior to the general meeting. We are pleased to welcome Kolping Cincinnati's **20 NEWEST MEMBERS**. Below is a brief introduction of each of the new members, who we look forward to seeing at our future events!

- **Justin Bischof** is a professional land surveyor with Cardinal Engineering. He is married to Erin Bischof, with whom he shares three children. He is joining Kolping to volunteer and work alongside those who enjoy German culture. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking, bowling, and camping. He previously attended Deer Park High School and the University of Cincinnati. He was also a member of the Marine Corps.
- **Steve Bodnar** is retired and looking forward to joining Kolping because it looks interesting. He is married to Misty Richmond, who is also one of our newest members. In his spare time, he enjoys role playing games (RPGs) and board games. He also enjoys watching his grandchildren. He previously attended the University of Louisville.
- **Adam Bosse** is a manufacturing engineer at GE Aerospace. He is joining Kolping alongside of his dad and because of its association with the Catholic organization. He previously attended Ross Local Schools and the University of Cincinnati. He enjoys golf, bowling, NASCAR, and technology. He is proud of having designed and built carbon fiber components for a race car at UC and having graduated from UC with a degree in Aerospace Engineering.
- **Steve Bosse** is an enterprise resilience officer for Fifth Third Bank. He is married to Lisa Bosse, with whom he shares three adult children. He is joining Kolping because it is a Catholic organization and because he has always wanted to join due to his German heritage. He previously attended St. Margaret Mary school, Roger Bacon High School, and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. He enjoys gardening, walking, and Knights of Columbus (Father Butler Council). He is proud of having been a North College Hill Council Member, President of Ross Athletic Boosters, and working with Matthew 25 Ministries.
- **Christopher Como** is employed with the Winton Woods City School District. He is joining Kolping to give back. He has previously attended 12 different schools. He enjoys golf, radio-controlled cars, boats, and fireworks.
- **Kent Ernsting** is a mental health therapist. He is married to Kim Ernsting, who also became a new member, with whom he shares two adult children. He joined Kolping to serve others. He previously attended Miami University and Fuller Theological Seminary. He enjoys woodworking, photography, gardening, landscaping, traveling, and participating in various men's groups.
- **Kim Ernsting** is a retired administrator at Miami University. She is married to Kent Ernsting, who also became a new member, with whom she shares two adult children. She joined Kolping to connect to the community with a faith-based organization. She previously attended Wheaton College and Miami University.

- **Jason Faulk** is a lab tech with ABB Optical. He is joining Kolping because he has been coming out to the Kolping Center with his father to help out. He previously attended Nativity School, Purcell Marian, and Brown Mackie College. His hobbies include activities related to audio and visual work.
- **Renata Freese** works in an administration role for the Ohio First District Court of Appeals while studying at the University of Cincinnati in communications, public relations, and paralegal work for law studies. She is joining Kolping because many of her family members, including parents and grandparents, are already members of Kolping Cincinnati. She enjoys hiking, crocheting, reading, cooking, and baking. She is proud of reading 67 books this year.
- **Sondra Freese** is a physical therapist for Kettering Health. She is joining Kolping because of her family heritage and to meet new people. She previously attended the Ohio State University and the University of Dayton. She enjoys reading, hiking, and kayaking.
- **Mary Krauthoefer** is a retired registered nurse. She is married to Rick Krauthoefer, who also recently became a member, with whom she shares two adult children. She is joining Kolping Cincinnati because they are both Catholic and German, but also because they want to help with community service. She previously attended St. Therese in Southgate, Kentucky and Notre Dame in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. She enjoys sewing and reading. She is proud of being a founding member of the Special Needs Program at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, a care coordination program for children with complex medical illnesses.
- **Anna Loesing** is a merchandising acceleration manager with P.L. Marketing. She is joining Kolping because her grandparents on both sides were members when they first came from Germany and their family has long been involved, so she wants to join the fun. She previously attended St. Ursula Academy High School and Clemson University. She enjoys being involved with her church, volunteering, and traveling.
- **Bradley Loesing** is in pharmaceutical sales with Prasco. He is married to Maren Loesing, who also became a new member, with whom he shares two children, with a third on the way. He is joining because members of his family have been Kolping members for generations, and he wants to be a part of the tradition. He previously attended Holy Trinity School, St. Xavier High School, and Wofford College. He enjoys family activities, basketball, sports activities, and nature. He is proud of his wife and children, as well as being the first-team academic All-American in NCAA Division 1 Basketball in 2012 and playing professional basketball in Germany and across Europe for 10 years. He is proud of being Catholic.
- **Maren Loesing** is joining with her husband Brad Loesing, with whom she shares two children, with a third on the way. She was born and raised in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany near Stuttgart and just recently moved to Cincinnati, together with her husband Brad Loesing whom she met whilst he was playing professional basketball overseas. Maren has been a stay-at-home-mom for their two children, Kilian and Tilla, with a baby expected to join early next year. Prior to being a full-time mom, she worked as a nurse. Additional to participating in the Kolping family tradition of her husband, she is also excited to be able to keep her German roots alive while living and building her new American life so far away from home. Maren enjoys cooking and homemaking, spending time with the family, growing vegetables in her own garden, taking the family dog on walks and to the dog park, being creative and being outside. Her greatest accomplishment was finding the love of her life and growing a family together.
- **Rick Loesing** is a property manager for Towne Properties. He is married to Rita Loesing, who also just became a new member, with whom he shares five adult children. He is rejoining as a member after having previously been a 25-year member, including being a past Vice-President of the Kolping Cincinnati Board. He previously attended Our Lady of Victory, Elder High School, and the University of Cincinnati. He enjoys managing a kids' camp, soccer, shooting, and gardening.
- **Rita Loesing** is a data analyst for Epsilon. She is married to Rick Loesing, who just rejoined Kolping Cincinnati, with whom she shares five adult children. She is joining because they are a legacy Kolping family with many family members who have been longtime members. She previously attended St. Ursula High School and the University of Dayton. She enjoys volunteering through church.
- **Erin Moeller** is employed with Robot Solutions while simultaneously finishing her classes at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. She is joining Kolping because of her many family ties to Kolping and her love for German culture. In her spare time, she enjoys jiu-jitsu, travel, and studying the German language. She previously attended Goshen High School.
- **Brad Mueller** is a healthcare contractor with Nordic Global. He is joining Kolping because of the longtime involvement of his family. He previously attended Lakota West High School, Miami University, and the University of Findley. He enjoys fireworks, IT and computers, cars and automotive interests, and 3D printing.
- **Mary Pat Mueller** is a housewife/retired. She is married to John Mueller, with whom she shares two adult children. She is joining because she has been around Kolping for 39 years and loves the organization and what it stands for. She previously attended Seton High School and Northern Kentucky University. She enjoys book clubs, Mahjong, landscaping, and fireworks.
- **Misty Richmond** is employed by Texas Woman's University and Wood Stream Wellness. She is married to Steve Bodnar, who is also one of our newest members. She is joining Kolping because of her pride in German heritage, interest in genealogy, and the opportunities for social involvement. In her spare time, she enjoys genealogy, crochet, travel, and spending time with her grandchildren. She previously attended the College of Mount Saint Joseph and the University of Cincinnati. She is proud of earning her PhD and building a program for psychiatric nurse practitioners.

Job Posting: Bookkeeper for Cincinnati Kolping Society

Position Overview: The Cincinnati Kolping Society is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Bookkeeper to join our team. This is a salaried position requiring 25-30 hours per week, offering an opportunity to lead essential financial and accounting changes based on recommendations from a recent accounting assessment. The ideal candidate will have extensive experience in QuickBooks, a strong understanding of GAAP principles, and the ability to manage payroll tax filings and generate accurate financial reports.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage daily bookkeeping entries, including deposits, cash disbursements, and vendor bills.
- Reconcile all bank accounts monthly using QuickBooks Online and maintain accurate financial records.
- Oversee and implement the restructuring of the chart of accounts and classes for improved efficiency.
- Utilize bank feeds for Quickbooks and ensure timely processing of all cash transactions.
- Collaborate with the Board and sub groups to ensure accurate and transparent financial tracking.
- Generate regular financial reports and payroll tax filings, including sales tax submissions.
- Lead the transition of processes based on the recommendations from the recent financial assessment, including optimizing the use of technology (e.g., integrating Square, utilizing Dext for tracking expenses).
- Enforce internal controls and ensure compliance with GAAP standards.
- Work closely with external accounting support for month-end close and reporting.

Qualifications:

1. Proven experience with QuickBooks Online, including managing complex accounts and reporting.
2. Strong knowledge of GAAP principles, with experience in tax filings and reporting.
3. Ability to implement and manage internal control processes and oversee financial operations across multiple departments.
4. Experience with financial reconciliation, bookkeeping, and managing sub-groups' financial activities.
5. Strong organizational and communication skills, with the ability to work independently and collaboratively with the Board and other stakeholders.
6. Ability to lead the financial transition process, including the adoption of recommended technology solutions.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Previous experience in nonprofit or small organizational accounting.
- Familiarity with integrating systems like Square and Dext into financial operations.

Benefits:

- Flexible work hours with a supportive team environment.
- Opportunity to make a significant impact on the financial operations of an historic community organization.

Some Photos from the Cincinnati Kolping 100th Anniversary Celebration



2024 Calendar of Events

<p>JANUARY 2 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 29 Board Meeting (February)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2 General Meeting 3 Stube Nacht 10 Valentine's Dance 16 Fish Fry 23 Fish Fry 26 Board Meeting (March)</p> <p>MARCH 1 Fish Fry 1 General Meeting 8 Fish Fry 15 Fish Fry 16 Schützen Royal Ball 21 New Member Initiation 22 Fish Fry 22-24 Kolping Memorial Tournament 30 Easter Egg Hunt Kolping Park</p> <p>APRIL 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting 7 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 21 Sängchor Spring Konzert 29 Board Meeting (May)</p> <p>MAY 3 General Meeting 17 Schützen End Party</p> <p>JUNE 2 Anniversary Mass (cancelled) 3 Board Meeting</p>	<p>JUNE (cont'd.) 7 General Meeting (cancelled) 14-16 Schützenfest 16 Father's Day Brunch Kolping Park</p> <p>JULY 1 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 7 Appreciation Party 19 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 29 Board Meeting (August)</p> <p>AUGUST 2 General Meeting 15 New Member Initiation 16 First Schützen Nacht</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 27-29 1931 Invitational Tournament 30 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p>OCTOBER 4 General Meeting 19 100th Anniversary Celebration 27 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 28 Board Meeting (November)</p> <p>NOVEMBER 1 General Meeting/Elections</p> <p>DECEMBER 1 Sängchor Weihnachts Konzert 2 Board Meeting 8 Christmas Mass and Party 15 Children's Christmas Party 30 Board Meeting (January)</p>
<p>MEETINGS:</p> <p>Board of Directors Monday prior to the first Friday of the month - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Women's Klub First Thursday - 6:30 pm</p> <p>General Membership First Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Senior Citizens Second Wednesday - 11:30 am</p> <p>Bier Choir 2nd & 4th Thursday - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Schützen Club Third Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Genealogy Group Third Sunday - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Sängchor Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Soccer Club Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Bourbon Club Fourth Friday - 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p>We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, led by the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, promote the development of the individual and the family by fostering a sense of belonging and friendship through our holistic programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities.</p>