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## Note from the Editor

### Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful Mothers out there!

Schützenfest is right around the corner, and there is important information on the fest on pp. 8-10. Please help us by volunteering! The last Schützenfest Planning Meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Our first Groovin' in the Grove will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup> (see p. 7) and our annual Anniversary Mass will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> (see p. 4). Welcome our 10 new Kolping members to the Cincinnati Kolping Family (p. 2 & 11)!

Treu Kolping, Nancy Pelzel

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## May Events

May 1, 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting

May 13, 11:30 A.M.

Seniors Meeting

May 15, 7:00 P.M.

Schützen End Party

May 17, 2:00 P.M.

Genealogy Meeting

May 20, 7:00 P.M.

Schützenfest Planning

May 22, 7:00 P.M.

Bourbon Club

May 27, 6:00 P.M.

Groovin' in the Grove

## June Events

June 5, 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting

June 7, 11:00 A.M.

Anniversary Mass

June 10, 11:30 A.M.

Seniors Meeting

June 19-21

Schützenfest

June 24, 6:00 P.M.

Groovin' in the Grove

June 26, 7:00 P.M.

Bourbon Club

*Thank you!*

I'd like to give a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers at the Kolping Fish Fries this year. We had a banner year – the most ever in attendance! A special thanks to the Germania Society which discontinued its Fish Fry this year and publicized our event to their members. I couldn't have done it without the whole crew of workers!

Sylvia Ostendorf Smith

Editor's Note: And a special "Thank You" to Sylvia, who took on this task and did a fantastic job in leading all of the volunteers, while simultaneously chairing the Schützen Royal Ball!



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
William	Kraeling	May 1
Robert	Pohlabeln	May 1
Russell	Spence	May 1
Russell	Hessler	May 2
Robert	Curley	May 3
Julie	Faust	May 3
Patrick	Gramaglia	May 3
Gerhard	Moeller	May 5
Kim	Sterwerf	May 5
Gerald	Stricker	May 6
Robert	Grinkemeyer	May 7
Richard	Rebholz	May 7
Wendy	Moeller	May 8
Marcella	Tabler	May 8
Adam	French	May 9
Josef	Ahrnsen	May 10
Mary	Krauthoefer	May 11
Anna	Lahrman	May 11
Andrew	Hessler	May 13
Tracy	Klosterman	May 13
Lisa	Moore	May 13
Mike	Tonyan	May 13
Brandon	Gottenbusch	May 15
Matth	Toebben	May 16
Brian	Donnellan	May 17
Nancy	Finke	May 17

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Katherine	Goetz	May 17
Daniel	DeFranco	May 18
Rick	Loesing	May 18
Linda	Delaney	May 20
Kevin	Luther	May 20
Tracy	Salemme	May 20
Daniel	St. Charles	May 20
Eric	DeNoma	May 21
Michael	Durham	May 21
Michael	Bauer	May 22
James	Schnieder	May 23
Tom	Haber	May 24
Gary	Koester	May 24
Brian	Ellers	May 25
Donna	Faulk	May 25
Anthony	Schank	May 25
Joseph	Workman	May 25
Dan	Hoerstmann	May 26
Mara	Oszaczky	May 26
Michael	Schnieder	May 26
Harry C.	Voet, Jr.	May 26
Erin	Moeller	May 27
Jim	Cissell	May 29
Laura	Monti	May 29
Paul	Ahrnsen	May 30
Nancy	Freudiger	May 31

### Welcome, New Kolping Members!



On April 20, 2026 we welcomed 10 new members into our Kolping Family!  
 L to R: Jake Reynolds & Amanda Henderson, Russell Spence, Michelle Schank, Doug Krysiak,  
 Matt Austin, Victor Manske, Lisa Snider-Gross, Michael (Scott) Roberson, and William Terwort.  
 Short bios for each of them are on p. 11.

## A Note from Our Vice President

All,

I hope everyone had a great Easter and is enjoying the spring weather!

As we enter into the month of May, let us be mindful of the person that we love and respect so much – we call her **MOM!** That special day will be here on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>, so let's be sure to show her how much she means to all of us.

That being said, we also have another day to show our deep respect to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms that we enjoy in these United States! Memorial Day will take place on Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

I would also like to take this time to update everyone on the Kolping Survey.

**First**, a big **THANK YOU** to all those who have taken the time to provide valuable feedback.

**Second**, I still welcome any feedback the entire membership wishes to provide via e-mail or a personal phone call. As I have said before, this is your Kolping. It's always good to stand tall, thump your chest and say, "I got this!!!" So, let's show our passion for Kolping by helping and volunteering in any way possible to help Kolping grow.

**Third**, the results - Sadly, we only had 6.5% of the entire membership respond to the survey. I'm not sure how to increase the participation in the survey, but it is what it is.

Below are the responses that carried nearly identical responses.

- How often do you participate in Society events?
  - All those responding said: as often as they can, but distance can sometimes present a problem.
- What is important to you?
  - Nearly all responses were: A good healthy & vibrant club that is financially stable and holds true to the mission statement
  - Involving the Youth and young families to keep Kolping growing
  - Overall camaraderie
- What can the Society do to spike interest in events?
  - Many of the responses indicated: That we should consider updating social media sites and attending other Clubs' events to spread the news of our events. We need to support other clubs so they support our club.
  - Nearly all responses were: Move Schützenfest from Father's Day weekend and put it back in July - possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend (the Board is considering this).

## A Note from Our Vice President (cont'd.)

- How would you rate the Society? (Rating 1-10, with 1 being 'Not satisfied', and 10 being 'Completely satisfied')

- Responses tied at 7 and 8

Again, the responses above were those that were nearly identical from all respondents.

Thanks again to all those who participated in the survey and remember; you can call me anytime for anything and I'll do my best to help!

I also wanted to add a big **Thank You** to all who helped to make the Mass and the Awards Banquet a big success!

Have a great month!

Chuck Klosterman,

Vice President

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## A Note from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

The Catholic Church celebrates the Easter season until Pentecost Sunday, May 24. This fifty-day period highlights the importance of Easter—the Resurrection of Christ. As St. Paul puts it, "If Christ is not raised from the dead, we are the most pitiable of all people." (I Cor 15:19) We truly bet our lives on our faith in Jesus.

When we are confronted by death—our own or the death of a loved one—belief in the Resurrection makes a great difference. It may take a long time for us to accept the loss of a loved one, but what a difference it makes when we have faith. Sure, it may be so difficult at first. We may find ways to avoid speaking about death; but sooner or later we must accept the truth.

I recall when my father was dying. I wanted to see him. But children were not allowed to visit patients in the hospital. So, one of my big brothers smuggled me into the hospital by way of a fire exit. I was so grateful that I got to hear and see my father. "Be a good boy" were his last words to me. Dad died a couple days later.

As I stood next to his coffin, someone said to me, "He looks like he is asleep." But I knew the truth.

When we grow older, let's face death. It is where we are all headed.

The Lord is risen, Alleluia.

Dan Kroger, OFM

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

**June 7, 2026 at 11:00 am**  
**Kolping Center – 10235 Mill Rd.**

Please congratulate the following couples on their anniversaries that we will celebrate this year. It's not too late to join if you have an anniversary this year and would like to celebrate with us. Please let me know.

We look forward to celebrating with a special Mass and brunch. Cost for the brunch is \$15 per person. No charge for children 10 & younger. **Reservations are required by May 28, 2026. We have to order food in advance, so late reservations will not be accepted. Email or call Barb Hessler at: [BHessler129@gmail.com](mailto:BHessler129@gmail.com) or 513-520-8664.**

## **65 Years**

George & Barbara Willenbrink

## **55 Years**

Pat & Sheila Gramaglia

## **35 Years**

Russ & Barb Hessler

We'd love to have your help to prepare for this event with set-up and food preparation. If you are willing and able, please contact Barb Hessler.

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**Deadline for submitting articles  
for the June  
*Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin*  
is Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Please submit to Nancy Pelzel  
at: [nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com)**

## **Kolping Genealogy**

We will meet Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 pm for an hour to review the updates and power of using digital maps in your family's research.

The first part of the meeting will focus on *Maps* in your genealogical research. It is advisable to learn the location of your "home village" in order to facilitate most German ancestry research. A subtopic will be "Finding Your Heimat" using this technology. **We will compare Google Maps to Google Earth** (using the two villages of my Weber family as an example) and learn to search "Germany" using both apps to locate your ancestors' homes.

*Google Maps* are fun to view and provide a perspective most useful in our research. Our forefathers would be amazed to see "Street View" of the old home place. *Google Earth* is the 3-D Master of the Universe. It is very useful for detailed geographical research with fine detailed satellite imagery. A new "favorite" is the historical timeline.

If time permits, a review of basic geography will cover the present-day German states and a look back into their historical regions and administrative divisions will be provided. This quick review 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.

### **Homework:** THREE assignments

1. Review the *comparison table* before attending our session in the following website link: <https://gisgeography.com/google-earth-vs-google-maps/>
2. Download both *Google Maps* and *Google Earth* to your computer (and/or smartphone) before attending so that you can enjoy your own personal searches. Both *Google Maps* and *Google Earth* are free. You can login to Google on your computer to view digital maps and research Germany's geography.
3. Review the Side-by-Side Comparison video, as it provides an understanding of the differences between the two programs. It is excellent! <https://scrap.io/google-maps-vs-google-earth-differences-comparison-guide>

This meeting will be "hybrid", being held live in the Kolping Cincinnati Klubhaus and online via *Zoom*. There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome. Send an email to: [genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com](mailto:genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com) to acquire the Zoom link and reserve a spot. We look forward to seeing you.

Dr. Tom Montgomery, [genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com](mailto:genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com)

## Deaths

**Jerry Gonnella**, husband of Mary Gorman Randolph Gonnella and Kolping member for 8 years, passed away on April 9, 2026, at the age of 87. We extend our sympathies to Mary and their children: Don, Sharon, Thomas, Amy, Bridget and Rebecca, as well as the entire Gonnella family.

**Judith (Judy) Leder**, wife of the late Helmut Leder and sister of Kolping member Janet Talkers Kuhl, passed away on April 23, 2026 at the age of 85. Our condolences go out to Janet and the family.

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

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## Sick & Shut-Ins

Linda Knizner

Harry Voet

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

If you want to be taken off the Sick List or want to add someone on, please contact Nancy Pelzel at: 513-385-3120 or [nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com).

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## Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 11:30am. We will be collecting donations of infant clothing, diapers or cash for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. Thank you for your generosity!

Tom Musbach

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## Heartfelt Thanks to Our Kolping Family

We want to thank you all for the love and kindness that you all showed to the Faulk Family with the passing of our beloved Henry Faulk. We received many cards and phone messages from the membership and are grateful for those who came out to the funeral layout, Mass and burial. We want to thank you for the use of the Clubhouse for the repass. This has been a tough time for us as a family, but you all have helped us through it.

With deepest gratitude and thanks,

**THE FAULK FAMILY**

## The König and Königin Corner

It does not seem possible that April is almost over!! Neil and I are less than 2 months from concluding our amazing journey as Kolping König and Königin.

My apologies for missing the deadline for last month's *Bulletin*. The Royal Ball was March 21 and we had so much fun!!! The decorations were beautiful, and spending the evening with the Royal Court, our families and friends made the night a magical event!!

In April, we had our Queen's Party, and it was wonderful to spend the afternoon with our Court. There are still many events that Neil and I will attend before Schützenfest in June. Please mark your calendars for June 19 to 21 and join us for the weekend party that is Cincinnati Kolping Schützenfest!!!

Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement!! Neil and I have come to know so many new faces and made so many new friendships... that has been the real blessing of our Royal Year.

Love you!!!

Neil and Kelly

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## Bourbon Club News

The Kolping Bourbon Club continues to grow in numbers and fellowship!! This month, we once again "sold out" our Bourbon Club meeting. We had a Cowboy theme... Giddee-up!! There was good Bourbon, cowboy hats, BBQ, tasty desserts... and line dancing!!! It was a blast!!!

Our next meeting is Friday, May 22nd. We will be welcoming a rep from Hard Truth.

You will see several messages over the next few months about the Cincinnati Kolping Bourbon Fest on Oct 23, 2026. While the Bourbon Club is facilitating this event, this is a Cincinnati Kolping event and we need all of Cincinnati Kolping to help us make this a successful event. The revenue from this event is looking to be substantial and it is REALLY important that we have enough volunteers to staff the event. Right now, the basic count of volunteers needed for the event which runs from 4pm to 10pm is over 100. Please note this is a one-day event and the event volunteers are critical to making this a success.

Our ask at this time is to PLEASE mark your calendars for Oct 23 and ask your friends and family members to help us with this event.

That being said, EVERYONE is invited to the event. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. If you would like to buy a VIP access ticket to the event and then help us during the latter part of the event, we would LOVE to have you.

Thank you for your support!!!



## Soccer Club News

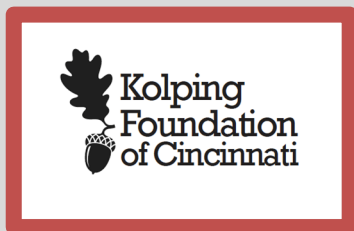
It's hard to believe the spring season is already winding down! We've had an incredible few months of growth, teamwork, and fun on the field.

As we look ahead, tryouts are coming up the week of May 26th. Be sure to keep an eye on our social media pages for details—and if you already follow us, please help spread the word! Your support makes a big difference in growing our soccer community.

We're also excited to share something new at the Pub: the Kolping Pub Community Library! This cozy space is perfect for kids to enjoy a book while waiting for siblings, or even for players to relax and read between games. We hope it becomes a special spot for everyone to unwind and connect.

Thank you for being part of our soccer family—we're looking forward to finishing the season strong!

Walt Dewar, President  
513-312-8551



### *2026 Year to Date Contributions:*

Barb and Russ Hessler  
David and Wendy Moeller  
Mega Split-the-Pot Winner

Stube Nacht Instant BINGO  
Stube Nacht Tips  
2026 Fish Fry Tips  
Liquor Raffle Proceeds  
Champagne Party Tips  
General Bar Tips

*In memory of Henry Faulk:*  
Janet Curley



## Schützen Club Corner

**Next Club Date:** May 15, 2026 - **\*\*The End Party\*\***

**Place:** Kolping Grove - outside

Start time will be 6 PM, dinner at 6:30 and then awards.

### **APRIL SHOOTING RESULTS:**

High score was a 69 by Nick Krummen with Team Abt. Congratulations, Nick!

High team was Team Murray with 324 points.

**This year's End Party will be on Friday, May 15, starting at 6PM at the Outdoor Pavilion.**

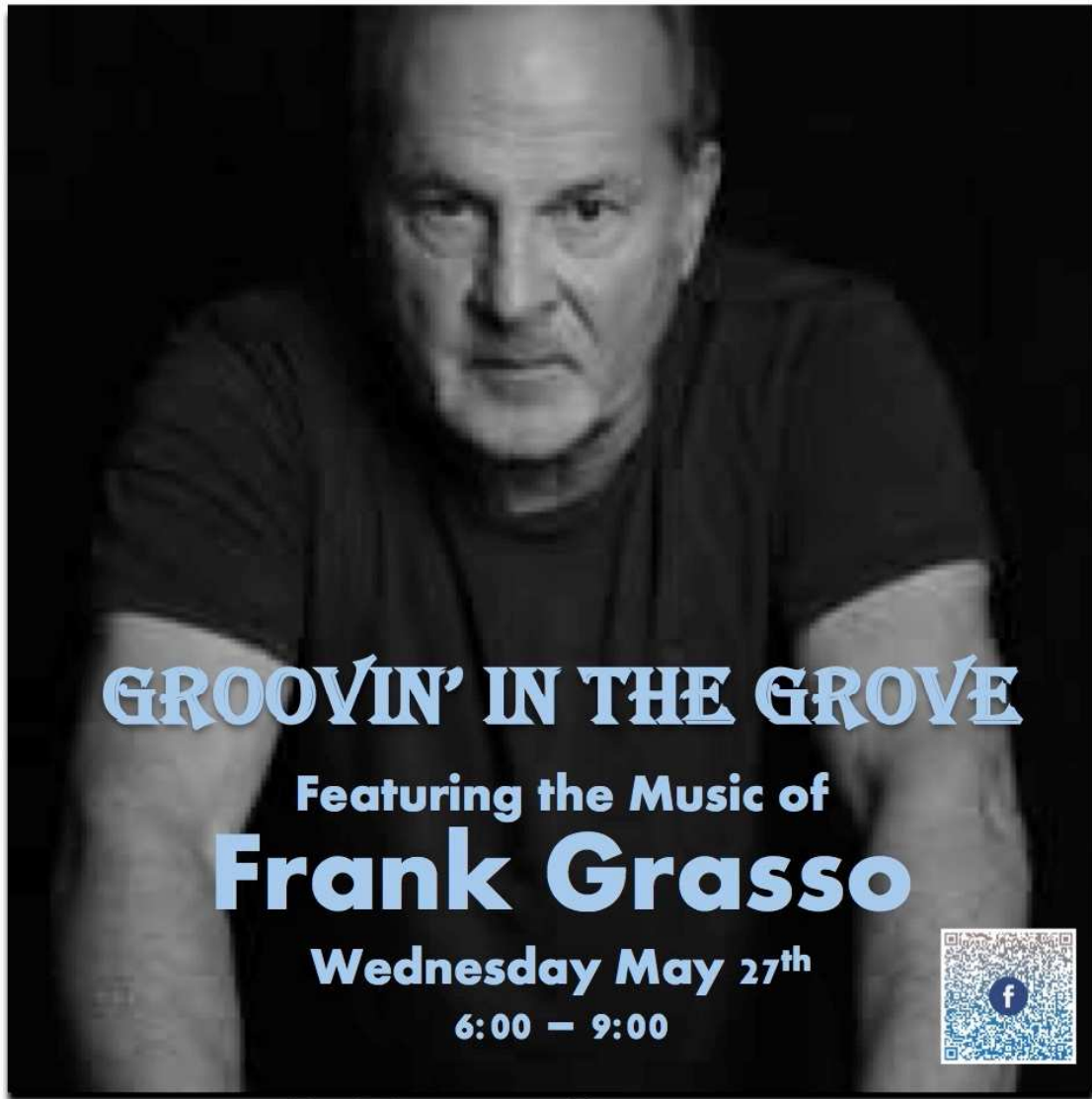
A very special thanks goes out to these people and teams: Meyer, Geoppinger, Callahan, Stupprich, Trautmann, Adams, Wienkamp, Koeninger, Abt, Joe Hammons, Paul Vosseberg and Dan Fisher, who have all signed up to work at the front and back gates at this year's Schützenfest on Friday and Saturday. Friday and Saturday times are filled up, but we have **"NO ONE"** to work on Sunday.

Please call or email me if you, your spouse or family members can help on Sunday. If you can only work an hour or so, please let me know. Any time you may have available will greatly help.

Hope to see everyone at the End Party!

Respectfully,

Don Trautmann, President  
[Xavieron31@gmail.com](mailto:Xavieron31@gmail.com)  
(513) 325-7869



# GROOVIN' IN THE GROVE

Featuring the Music of

## Frank Grasso

Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 9:00



## A Free Concert

**Family Friendly - Food - Drinks – Games**

**Presented by The Kolping Haus**

**Under the Pavilion**

**Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors**

# 2026 Schützenfest Volunteers Needed!

June 19th, 20th, 21st



Volunteers are needed for the Kolping Society of Cincinnati's Annual Schützenfest on June 19th, 20th, and 21st

## VOLUNTEER!

Visit the SignUp Genius via the QR code below  
or  
Text (859)-487-0545 to sign up or ask questions



Sign Up Genius

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

For more information about Schützenfest  
visit our website via QR code below



[www.schutzenfestcincinnati.com](http://www.schutzenfestcincinnati.com)

For every shift you sign up for, you will be entered into a drawing to win FC Cincinnati tickets  
A pair of tickets will be awarded to five winners!

**FC | CINCINNATI**



Kolping Cincinnati  
10235 Mill Road



Cincinnati, OH

# 2026 Schützenfest Grand Raffle



June 19-21, 2026 - Father's Day Weekend

Tickets will be sold online & at Kolping hosted events January 31 to June 18, 2026  
and available in person at Schützenfest June 19-21, 2026

1st Prize – MEGA Split the Pot!

**\$5,000 CASH - minimum!**

2nd Prize – Kitchen Appliance Package!



**GE French Door Refrigerator - Stainless Steel (25.6 cu. ft.)**

**GE Over the Range Microwave - Stainless Steel (1.9 cu. ft.)**

**GE Freestanding Electric Stove - Stainless Steel (30")**

**GE Built In Dishwasher - Stainless Steel (24")**

Thanks for the Generous Sponsorship from Recker & Boerger Appliances  
Over \$5,000 retail value

Includes delivery within a 30-mile radius, standard replacement installation, and removal of old appliances.

3rd Prize – Gas for a Year!

**\$2,000 Credit**

Tickets

**\$10 for each  
3 for \$25**

To Buy Tickets

Scan this QR code



For more details visit our website!  
Winners will be drawn at Schützenfest on June 21st

Or visit [schutzenfestcincinnati.com](http://schutzenfestcincinnati.com)

**Schützenfest** is just around the corner, and we need YOUR help to make it another unforgettable event! We've set up the **Donation Board**—you'll find it either in the clubhouse or just inside the hall.

It's simple and fun to take part:

- 👉 Grab a card from the board
- 👉 Purchase the item listed
- 👉 Tape the card and your name to the item
- 👉 Drop it off in the bin or our new mailbox next to the board

**Can't make it up to Kolping? No problem!**

Just give us a call, and we'll be happy to arrange a pickup 😊

🌟 **WE NEED DONATIONS!** 🌟

- **Alcohol** for the *Wheelbarrow of Cheer*  
(Please tape the receipt to the bottle – and make sure it's purchased in Ohio due to regulations.)
- **Gift Cards**
- **Golf for 4**
- **Cincinnati Reds – Bengals – FC Cincinnati** items
- **Fun & creative raffle prizes**
- **Money** (We'll do the shopping for you!)

Busy? Donate \$\$ and we'll handle the rest!

*Please include your name so we can properly thank you!*

**We need donations ASAP** – the earlier, the better!

Feeling creative and want to help out in other ways? Call us! We'd love to have your ideas and energy on board.

Thank you so much for your continued support. With your help, we're sure to have another *wunderbar* year!

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## Local German Clubs' Upcoming Events

- Walpurgisnacht, hosted by the Mustard Club, Cincideutsch & Wiedemann Brewing – April 30, 6:00 P.M.
- Donauschwaben Trachten Ball – May 9, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
- Germania Schützenverein's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – May 16, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
- German-American Citizens League – German Day, June 6, 2026, 10:30 A.M. at Findlay Market, and June 7, 2026, 11:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M., Hofbräuhaus

Please see individual Websites for details.

## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Kolping Cincinnati held an Initiation Meeting on April 20th at the Klubhaus with Schützenkönig Neil Geoppinger and Schützenkönigin Kelly Geoppinger in attendance to welcome our **10 NEW MEMBERS** to the Society. Below is a brief introduction of each of the new members, whom we look forward to seeing at our future events!

- **William Terwort** works for Amazon. Previously, he served on the Fort Mitchell City Council from 2007 to 2012. He is married to Cerica, with whom he shares one child. He is joining Kolping because he enjoys celebrating his Catholic faith and German heritage. He enjoys playing golf, attending sporting events, and delving into German genealogy. He previously attended the University of Kentucky. William attends the Blessed Sacrament Church in Fort Mitchell.
- **Russell Spence** is retired, but is a former Microsoft alumnus. He is joining Kolping because of the activities the Society offers, including shooting, German singing, and the Bourbon Club. He also enjoys related activities, such as the Mustard Club. He previously attended the University of Oklahoma.
- **Michelle Schank** is a registered nurse with TriHealth. She is married to Eric Schank, who is already a member of Kolping. Together, they have two children. She is joining Kolping because she is looking forward to being a part of the Catholic German organization and volunteering. She enjoys pickleball, reading, walking her dog, and spending time with her family, including being a team mom for her children's sports teams. She previously attended Oak Hills High School and Mt. Saint Joseph University. They belong to the Blessed Trinity Parish.
- **Michael "Scott" Roberson** works for himself in masonry and as a handyman. He has two children. He is joining Kolping because he enjoys the events and shooting. He is looking forward to meeting more members as he becomes involved in the Society. In his spare time, he enjoys shooting, camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. He previously attended Taylor High School.
- **Jake Reynolds** is the owner and cinematography creative genius behind Reel Cinnamon Products. He is proud of his work, which has earned him a Telly Award. He is joining Kolping because his family members are part of the Society. He previously attended LaSalle High School and Northern Kentucky University.
- **Amanda Henderson** works as a software engineer for The Fischer Group. She is joining Kolping because she wants to be a member of the community. She previously attended Harlan County High School and Northern Kentucky University.
- **Matt Austin** is a business analyst for Great American Insurance. He is married to Kari, with whom he shares two children. He is joining Kolping because he has been coaching soccer here for eight years and wants to help volunteer more with the Society. He enjoys coaching soccer and spending time with his family. He previously attended Colerain High School and Thomas More University. He attends Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Fairfield.
- **Doug Krysiak** works for Pilot Chemical Company. He is married to Praparat Sangtongsuk. He is joining Kolping to get more involved with the communities' and volunteer activities. He enjoys global travel, having lived in Shanghai for three years, and snowboarding. He previously attended Holy Family and Holy Name High School in Parma Heights, Ohio, The Ohio State University, and New York University.
- **Lisa Snider** is self-employed. She has one adult child. She is joining Kolping because she is the sister-in-law to the current Schützenkönig, and served on the Royal Court, where she met so many wonderful people that she wants to become more involved with the community. She enjoys hiking, crafting, sewing, and dog training. She previously attended Northern Kentucky University and Xavier University.
- **Victor Manske** is an electrical engineer with L3 Harris. He is married to Elana Manske, with whom he shares two children. He is joining Kolping because it is a reliable, family-oriented community with events, charity, and culture. He enjoys electronics, robotics, and drones. He formerly served as the Chair of the Aerospace and Electronics Systems Society and Chair of the Robotics and Automation Society. He previously attended Farris State University, Grand Rapids Community College, and Ottawa Hills High School. He attends Old St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Our next initiation meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, at the Kolping Klubhaus. We encourage all of our members to reach out to friends and family to invite them to become members of Kolping Cincinnati. They can reach out to members of the Membership Committee at: [membership@kolpingcincinnati.com](mailto:membership@kolpingcincinnati.com).

## Photos from the Awards Banquet on April 12, 2026



*Left, members receiving certificates for longevity awards.*

*L to R: Karl Holstein, 65 years;  
Guenther Stark, 65 years;  
Ted Tegenkamp, 70 years;  
Werner Wilke, 70 years;  
and Franz Wilke, 70 years.*

**A special “Thank You” to all those who volunteered in making this a wonderful, heartfelt event, and to all the recipients who have a combined 680 years with Kolping!**

*Right, 60-, 55- and 50-year members  
L to R: Manfred Schnetzer, 60 years;  
Anneliese Loesing Schulten, 55 years;  
Bob Geoppinger, 55 years;  
and Marlene Lintz, 50 years.  
Members not present:  
Gert Schroeder and  
Martha Stukenborg, 60 years;  
Jerry Meyer, Sr., 55 years.*



*Left, 25- and 10-year members  
L to R: Chuck Klosterman for his  
mother, Geraldine Klosterman,  
25 years;  
Ted Klosterman, 25 years;  
Joe and Gina Wolterman, 25 years;  
Cindy and Chuck Dietz, 10 years.*

*Members not present:  
Max & Roberta Keck, Bill Kemper,  
Chuck & Lin Merk,  
Albert & Susan Welage, 25 years;  
Mike Bodkin, Joe Lambert, Vincent  
Reinhold, and David Von Bargaen,  
10 years.*

# 2026 Calendar of Events

<p><b>JANUARY</b> NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 5 Board Meeting 31 Stube Nacht</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 20 Fish Fry 21 Valentine's Dance 27 Fish Fry</p> <p><b>MARCH</b> 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)</p> <p><b>APRIL</b> 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)</p> <p><b>MAY</b> 1 General Meeting 15 Schützen End Party 20 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 27 Groovin' in the Grove</p> <p><b>JUNE</b> 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b> 7 Anniversary Mass 19-21 Schützenfest 24 Groovin' in the Grove 29 Board Meeting (July)</p> <p><b>JULY</b> NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 12 Appreciation Party 17 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 22 Groovin' in the Grove</p> <p><b>AUGUST</b> 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 21 First Schützen Nacht 26 Groovin' in the Grove 31 Board Meeting (September)</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER</b> NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 18-20 1931 Invitational Tournament 18-20 National Kolping Convention 23 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p><b>OCTOBER</b> 2 General Meeting</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b> 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)</p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b> 6 Christmas Mass and Party 13 Children's Christmas Party</p>
<p><b>MEETINGS:</b></p> <p><b>Board of Directors</b> Monday prior to the first Friday of the month - 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Women's Klub</b> First Thursday - 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>General Membership</b> First Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Senior Citizens</b> Second Wednesday - 11:30 am</p> <p><b>Bier Choir</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Schützen Club</b> Third Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Genealogy Group</b> Third Sunday - 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Sängchor</b> Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Soccer Club</b> Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Bourbon Club</b> Fourth Friday - 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</b></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>