

# KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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## note the date

### january

- 1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**  
On this holy day of obligation, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.
- 6 The Feast of the Epiphany**  
Celebrates the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus and also remembers his baptism.
- 12 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 20 February Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

### february

- 9 Executive Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 10 Ash Wednesday**  
The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

### march

- 6 Annual Elections & General Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 11-13 Kolping Ski Trip**  
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- 15 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street

# JANUARY

## Join Us At Our Annual Kolping Family Ski Trip

Please save the date—the weekend of **March 11-13**, and join us for our annual Kolping Ski Trip to Mount Snow, Vermont. We will once again be staying at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover. The trip includes two nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a wine, cheese and hot cider "happy hour" on Saturday, and also a group dinner Saturday evening. For more details, see the flyer in this Bulletin.



**MISSION STATEMENT:** We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.

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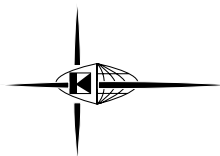
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# Milestones & Passages



Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please contact Jan Kessler (914-462-7649) or email jkessny@aol.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

Paul Baum, Maura Bellet, Pierre Bellett, Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Larry Buck, Matthew Buckel, Timothy Carey, Patricia Cudahy, Julie Davis, Samara Davis, Michael Donato, Andrew Flannery, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, Paula Harney, Robert Hersam, Maryellen Horan, Gail Imbimbo, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert Jandrasits, Emerich Janny, Danielle Kern, Karen Kidd, James Kiernan, Matthew Krupa, Isabella Lovasz, Mary Lozoda, Frank Luis, Jason Luis, Rino Lupetin, Dan Malone, Irena Marussich, Jack Maxson, Kevin McCusker, Martin McGreevy, Bill Minnich, Amy Nania, Shawn O'Mara, Jr., Theresa Ostroff, George Pires, Brian Plunkett, Richard Povilonis, John P. Reitter, III, Paula Roberts, Mary Murray Saetta, Jean St. Germain, Jennifer Schmidt, Ronald Seelbach, Gerda Steinke, Joey Szoldatits, Tracie Truncellito, Berta Unger, Leonard Vallender, Tom Walsh, and Kathy Weinborg.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Jan Kessler at jkessny@aol.com.

### DONATIONS

Thank you **John & June Noonan** for their donation to the society in memory of May Ulrich.

### ADVENT PROJECT

We thank all of the following members for donations that will benefit the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Peekskill, NY: **John & Elizabeth Reitter, Jim Minarik, Jan & Art Kessler, Al & Linda Feron, Barbara Grimm, Albert & Joan Sartorius, Katrina Dengler, Mary McKeon, Bob & Ann Hemsing.**

### PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Thank you to **Jim Minarik** and **Gerhard Zoeller** for their generous donation for this project that will bring so much joy to our young members.

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10 December 2015

Dear members of the Kolping Society,  
Once again Saint Joseph's Parish -  
Yorkville is indebted to you for your generosity.  
Thank you for your kind contribution towards  
the upkeep of our parish, with its long associa-  
tion with the Kolping Society.  
With best wishes for Christmas and the  
coming year -

Yours gratefully,  
Fr. Boniface Ramsey  
Administrator

### OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2016 INTENTIONS

**UNIVERSAL: INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**—That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

**EVANGELIZATION: CHRISTIAN UNITY**—That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

# 2016 DUES

Pay your membership dues by April 1st to avoid any late charges. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548

**Att: Jan Kessler, Secretary**

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our secretary, Jan Kessler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.

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## News & Notes



### **AVAILABLE FOR RENT: KOLPING-ON-HUDSON CARETAKER'S HOUSE**

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LCookie1129@aol.com / (914) 275-7481

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK: SEPT 2-4, 2016**

Our branch will be hosting the 41st National Convention in 2016. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Kolping brothers and sisters from all parts of the United States. If you are interested in getting involved with the Convention Committee, please email our President, Katrina Dengler, at **kdengler67@hotmail.com**.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED—KOLPING BROADCAST RADIO**

The New York Kolping Society is broadcasting Catholic Radio on 102.3FM in the Somers area. Running and maintaining a low powered FM radio station takes time, energy, and money. Any donor of \$50 or more, will have the opportunity to record a Fr. Kolping "Thought of the Week" to be broadcasted on the air! Please contact Cecilia Portilla: [cgdportilla@gmail.com](mailto:cgdportilla@gmail.com) or Katrina Dengler: [kdengler67@hotmail.com](mailto:kdengler67@hotmail.com) for more information. Mail donations to: 165 E. 88th St New York, NY 10128, Attn: Radio.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED—PLAYGROUND AT KOH**

The playground at Kolping on Hudson has been demolished and needs to be replaced under the current federal regulations. To make your tax deductible donation, contact Heidi Umland or mail a check to Catholic Kolping Society, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548.

### **STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FOR PURCHASE AT KOH**

There are 4 stained glass windows at Kolping on Hudson available for purchase at \$1,500 each. They are already framed and a name could be etched on them at additional cost. Some members may want a name in memory of a loved one or just have your family name. The windows are available to be seen at KOH. If interested, please contact Heidi Umland or Rich Povolonis (914-736-0117).

### **THE GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING CLUB**

The spring semester starts January 26 through May 24. But everyone may join during the semester on a pro-rated basis. It will run Tuesdays for 15 weeks (30 hours) honoring holiday dates. Classes are held at the Kolping house located at 165 East 88th Street.

Kids' classes will follow the Board of Ed school schedule, and are for toddler's to teens. Kid's classes meet 3:45-4:45 and 5PM to 6PM depending on the age. Adult sessions take place 6:30-8:30 are for Intermediate (those who have some knowledge and experience with German) which caters to specific needs in grammar, and conversation. Advanced class is for those who like to keep up their knowledge and improve upon it, with grammar review.

We offer a relaxed and pressureless atmosphere with no exams, etc. All classes cater only to the needs of its participants and offer outside help when one cannot attend every session. See our website for further information.  
[www.germanlearn.com](http://www.germanlearn.com)

### **RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!**

Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or [jkessny@aol.com](mailto:jkessny@aol.com) if you would like to receive your copy by email.

### **GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.**

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).



# Kolping Christmas/St. Nikolaus Party

submitted by Jan Kessler ~~~ photos submitted by Jan Kessler, Maria Stang, and John Noonan

All those that attended had a really great time and we want to thank all of the Kolping House Staff for all the preparations and planning of a very festive event. Every year so many of us look forward to the St. Nikolaus party where we meet up with old friends and meet many new ones. During the course of the day we honor many of the long time members who are reaching membership milestones, new members are welcomed in, there are raffle tickets and door prizes along with St. Nick making his appearance to the delight of all the children waiting so patiently to see him. Giovanni and Wolfgang prepared a delicious dinner serving over 100 people! A special thank you to all the 88th St. staff: Wolfgang, Giovanni, Ray, Ken, Miquel, Gilbert and Maximo for all their hard work in setting up the tables and decorations, preparing a delicious meal and for all the clean up work they do after our celebration is over.

It was the 2nd Sunday of Advent and Fr. Bretone took time out of his busy schedule to celebrate mass with us. We were so pleased that Dagmar & Don Simons were able to join us. Don played the accordion and provided us with beautiful music during mass and our festivities. Thank you to Ted & Joan Dengler, Christine Preisser, and Teddy Dengler, Jr. for helping with the readings and collections at mass.

Fr. Bretone along with Katrina Dengler, Gerhard Schmitt and Lou Colletti inducted 8 new members into our Kolping family. The new members are: Brian & Eileen Bingay, Jason & Therese Sinks with daughters Carolina & Elizabeth, Patrick & Lauren Doherty with daughters Olivia & Sarah, Christopher Ulrich and Ericka Tompkins. We look forward to seeing them at all of our upcoming Kolping events.

A big thanks to Donna Richardson for shopping for all the great gifts. Nick Colletti was our St. Nick. The children were so excited when St. Nick arrived with gifts for all. The children sang Christmas songs and some of them performed solos.

Every year Al Sartorius and John Noonan help with the meal tickets and door prizes. Bob & Ann Hemsing transport all the St. Nick toys and Christmas baked goods to the Kolping House. Lou Colletti and Maria Stang coordinated the 50/50 raffle ticket sales. Kolping member Klaus Wolters was the winner and the

other half of the proceeds benefits the Advent Project. The door prizes were won by Ada Brauweiler and Frances Schulte. Teddy Dengler was not only St. Nick's helper but he sold the baked goods. Therese Portilla helped collect all the meal tickets. They were both very helpful and we appreciated all that they did.

Katrina Dengler announced the Persons of the Year Award. The awards are given each year to those members who have contributed many hours of volunteer time and also serve on many of our committees. Cecilia Portilla received her award for all her work on the radio project, serving on the board of directors, easter egg hunt, and serving as a delegate for our Kolping National Convention. Gerry Laudendorf received the person of the year award for the many hours that he has volunteered at the many Kolping events at Kolping House and Kolping on Hudson. We are very proud of all our volunteers that help out at all our events and serve on committees.

Katrina Dengler introduced all our honorary members and those in attendance were Robert & Ann Hemsing, Albert & Anita Buchholz, Albert Sartorius, John Noonan and Valentine Sartorius. Congratulations to Norbert Dengler and Horst Schmitt who celebrated their 65 year membership.

Peter Buchholz, Christine Weltner and Bud Gramer all celebrated their 25 year membership milestones and received a certificate and 25 membership year pin. Marion Ulrich was also a 25 year member but passed away a short time ago and many of her family members were there in her honor. Marion's grandson Christopher Ulrich was inducted as a new member.

Thank you to Jennifer Ahrens Scheuermann who ordered all the special german goodies that we all enjoy so much. Klaus Wolters, Gertrude Mohapp, Lou Colletti, Nick Colletti all arrived early to help with setting up the baked goods table and all of the last minute preparations. Wolfgang Hahn always remembers to buy the chocolate Santa candies for the children.

We are blessed to have such a great staff and volunteers that go above and beyond to make the St. Nick party such a memorable event.













# *Kolping-on-Hudson Tree Cutting* submitted by Lou Colletti

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Almost two years ago lightning struck our Mighty Great Oak at KOH. It was on the field by our Madonna. In May we had a Blessing of the Tree, with Holy Water from Lourdes in France & the Bronx. We hoped it would come back healthy this past spring, but on December 12, the time had come to take it down. It was a Red Oak approximately 125 years old & 54 feet tall. Perhaps our Blessing & Prayers worked because all the wood isn't rotted. Hopefully it can be used to make a table. A big thank you to Richie Povilonis, Joe Szoldatits & Peter Mersits who assisted the professional climbers from Long Island Best Tree Service. Also thank you to Brian Smith, an Arborist & Kolping Member who documented with video, photos & information about the tree. Last but not least, thanks to Heidi for preparing lunch for the crew. When you are at Kolping next year make sure to ask Heidi to show the part of the tree where lightning struck. Check out these two links to see the videos: <http://youtu.be/5wYliHNvAgc> and [http://youtu.be/af-9\\_cdZtU](http://youtu.be/af-9_cdZtU).



## *Stories of Interest*

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### **Lorenz Brentano (1813-1891)** submitted by Martin A. Kelly



A casual observer might surmise that since the Third Reich advocated the “master race” theory, the Germans who settled in America in the 19th century would have supported slavery. Nothing could be further from the truth. The newly arrived German immigrants were believers in equal rights and gravitated to the Republican Party and its platform on abolition.

Leaders of these immigrants were refugees from totalitarianism based on nobility back home. For example, Lorenz Brentano was born in Mannheim, Grand Duchy of Baden on Nov 4, 1813. He was educated in the liberal arts, which preached “Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity”. Their concepts ran head-on against the Aristocratic rule based on noble birth.

Brentano was elected to the Chamber of Deputies and in 1848 to the Frankfurt Parliament. He served as president of the provisional republic of Baden established by the revolutionists in 1849. He was sentenced to imprisonment for life after the failure of the revolution, but sought refuge in the United States via Switzerland.

He established *Der Leuchtturm*, a German anti-slavery journal, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. He settled in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He moved to Chicago, Illinois, in 1859. He was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Chicago. He became editor-in-chief and principal proprietor of the *Illinois Staats-Zeitung* from 1862 to 1867.

Brentano sought public service and was a representative in the Illinois State Legislature, head of Chicago Board of Education, and, also U.S. Congressman (1876-1879). A staunch Republican, he had a test of character late in his career. Should he endorse the Republican nominee for president, James Blaine, when such a person was a philander and miscreant? Brentano decided to endorse the Democrat, Grover Cleveland who, by comparison was “squeaky clean”. It was the right choice. In his two non-consecutive terms, Cleveland exercised superb administrative skills.

Brentano died in Chicago in 1891. Apparently Germany's loss was America's gain



# Kolping Ski Trip

Fri-Sun, March 11-13, 2016

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