

## NOTE *the* DATE

### january

**1 The Solemnity of Mary**  
This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus.

**6 The Feast of the Epiphany**  
The Epiphany celebrates the visit of the three wise men to the Christ Child.

**16 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street

**25 February Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

### february

**14 Ash Wednesday**  
The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

**20 Executive Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street

### march

**3 Annual Elections & General Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street

**8- Kolping Ski Trip**  
**10** Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow.

**19 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street

# JANUARY

ENJOY THE WINTER SNOW!

## *Kolping Family Ski Trip*

**DATES:** Friday to Sunday, March 8-10 (that's the week after our Annual Meeting)

**WHERE:** Mount Snow, Vermont

Kolping has reserved the Mountaineer Inn once again. The room is about \$550 for two nights including two continental breakfasts. If you are interested, please send your name and contact info to Joan Dengler at [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com) to see if there is still availability. Lift tickets—you should purchase Epic Pass for those days directly from Mt Snow/Vail. Saturday Dinner—we are exploring catering options, this will be an additional payment in March.



### **ANNUAL ELECTIONS & GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024**

Our annual meeting will be held at our Kolping House on 88th Street.  
We look forward to seeing you there.



**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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## 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 Joan Smyth Dengler (914-432-2535) or email [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.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.

Your prayers are needed. Our good friend, Kolping member **Steve Palmieri** was hit by a large pickup truck and severely injured last Thursday. He is home now but working to get over his very serious injuries. Please keep Steve in your thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY**

Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Matthew Buckel, Abbie Capobianco, Timothy Carey, Erica Criscuolo, Paul Crumb, Patricia Cudahy, Samara Davis, Julie DiLoreto, Michael Donato, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, William Hernandez, Robert Hersam, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert Jandrasits, Emerich Janny, Danielle Kern, Matthew Krupa, Isabella Lovasz, Frank Luis, Jason Luis, Irena Marussich, Kevin McCusker, Christine McGrath, Martin McGreevy, Kelly McKinley, Trinity Mickelsen, Barbara Mignano, Ana Morris, Elizabeth Muniz, Amy Nania, Theresa Ostroff, George Pires, Brian Plunkett, Richard Povilonis, John P. Reitter, III, Paula Roberts, Jennifer Schmidt, Ronald Seelbach, Mary Beth Soucy, Joey Szoldatits, Tracie Truncellito, Berta Unger, Leonard Vallender, Tom Walsh, and Kathy Weinborg.

### **SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Special birthday wishes go out to **Johanna Brandt, Paul Crumb, Robert Hersam** and **Emerich Janny**.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email Joan Smyth Dengler at [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com).

### **KOLPING AND VOCATIONS**

Catholic Kolping Society New York has a project directed to supporting young people who would like to explore a trade. College is only one path and it is sometimes difficult to know where to begin to explore other options. Father Kolping worked as a shoemaker before becoming a priest and he thoroughly understood the challenges and satisfactions of being a craftsman. When he opened his first Kolping House it was to support young people as they moved away from their childhood homes to work in trades and become independent. Funded by a generous legacy gift, the Kolping Occupational and Vocational Apostolate project contributes to defray the employer's cost of training a young person who is endeavoring to enter a particular vocational training and learn new skills. A KOVA grant is a one-time payment to help encourage an employer to take the extra time and energy of investing in training the next generation. Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Persons interested in KOVA (employer or trainee) should email [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com). Inquiries will be forwarded to the KOVA committee for consideration.



### **THANK YOU!**

#### **KOH Flowers**

Thanks go out to our amazing volunteer and member, Lillian Hiltley, and her team of gardeners who include Rick Hiltley, Holly Ferris, Beth Heyd, Julie DiLoreto, Linda Ohland and others. We all know how beautiful they make KOH in the good weather—and we still have some beautiful blooms in December!

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## NEWS & NOTES

### DUES FOR 2024

The new year is here and you can get a head start on your to do list by mailing in your Kolping membership dues.

#### **The rates for 2024 are:**

- \$140 Family (husband, wife and children under 18)
- \$105 Individual
- \$40 Student

Checks should be payable to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mailed to one of our Kolping Houses or directly to Secretary Joan Dengler at 7 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562. If you missed last year's dues, please enclose them as well.

### ADVENT PROJECT

For this year's Advent Project we are working to assist the people of St. Anthony Church in Yulan to repair their roof. As you know, our Praeses, Father Richard Bretone is the Administrator of St. Anthony in Yulan. We call on our members to make a gift of any size to this important project. Checks can be made out to the Catholic Kolping Society and mailed to our Kolping House at 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. We will compile them and maybe throw in a little extra, then present the proceeds to Father Richard in the next month of so. Please help if you can.

### LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS

Summer is coming soon even if it doesn't feel like it today. We often have jobs available at Kolping on Hudson for certified lifeguards. If you or one of your children are interested, please reach out to Tracie Truncellito at kohmanager95@gmail.com

### NATIONAL KOLPING CONVENTION

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Starting Friday, September 6, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri.

### ARE YOU GETTING YOUR KOLPING EMAILS?

If you're not getting the emails and you'd like to, please send an email to Joan Dengler at KolpingNY@gmail.com with this message in the subject line. In the body of the message, tell us your name so we can update our list. Be sure to check your spam folders and to add us to your address book (kolpingny@gmail.com).

### ATTENTION PHOTO TAKERS

We are always looking for pictures of our members and friends participating in Kolping events. If you have any photos that you think would be nice for the Bulletin, email them to Ingrid at ingrid22@optonline.net. Please include the date and name of the event.

### JOIN OUR LINKEDIN PAGE

Connect with us on LinkedIn—a particularly good tool for job seekers. We encourage all of our young members and anyone in the job market to create a profile and build your network. If you already have a presence on LinkedIn, please connect to Kolping today! Find us here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/kolpingnewyork>

### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

If you or someone you know have any questions regarding sponsoring a new member, checking the status of an existing application, application process, dues, membership status, or questions about the Society as a whole, please contact membership@kolpingny.org.

## **OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2024 INTENTION**

### **FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

# CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY ST. NIKOLAUS CELEBRATION

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The St. Nickolaus party at our House on 88th Street was a joyful event. We missed Wolfgang Hahn terribly and the House was decorated in his beautiful festive style by Geovanny Ramirez, Katrina Dengler and the team at the House.

Praeses Father Richard Bretone celebrated Mass with us and led the Induction Ceremony for two new members of our Society. We welcomed Jenna Groseclose and Dennis Doherty to membership. Don Simons and Anthony Rozario provided beautiful music for our liturgy. President Gerhard Schmitt welcomed us to the party portion of the day.

Our Society is fortunate to have many members with us for 25 years, 50 years and more. Members newly reaching the milestones are recognized at our December celebration.

**Leonard Vallender** joins other 65-year plus members including: **Albert Sartorius** and **John Noonan** (joined in 1949), **Norbert Dengler** (1950), **Bernard Dengler** (1952), **Reinhold Stehle** and **Albert Buchholz** (1954) and **Valentine Sartorius** (1958). Congratulations gentlemen and we thank you for your faithfulness to our Society.

**Martin Povilonis** is the latest member to make the 50 year mark, joining **Bernie Preisser, Manfred Gallwitz, Walter Weigand, Robert Hersam, Luitgard Nieshalla, Anita Buchholz, Karl Buckel, Willie Dunz, Catherine Ferrero, Manfred Gallwitz, Ann Hemsing, Bob Hemsing, Jim Minarik, Alfonse Preisser, Dieter Schmitt, Ronald Seelbach, Hubert Specht, Ferdinand Zipprich** and **Gerhard Zoeller**.

Our latest 25 year members are: **Ingrid Franz, Jen Ahrens Scheuermann, Franziska Schmidt** and **Frank Weigand**. We were delighted to celebrate in person with Ingrid, Franziska and Frank as well as their families and friends.

Like all our Kolping events, it's the team of volunteers who make things work. Donna Richardson chairs this event and led a team of servers, including Therese Portilla, Gerard Portilla and Alex Schmitt. Bernie and Bonnie Dengler's grandchildren Catherine and Joseph Portilla ran our baked goods sales.. Vice President Katrina Dengler keeps track of all our traditions and ensures that we continue and enjoy each piece. President Gerhard Schmitt requested putting Rouladen on the menu so he together with the House team prepared the Rouladen, along with chicken parmesan, red cabbage, vegetables, rolls and butter—and dessert!

Finally, it was time for the big event. St. Nick arrived to distribute gifts to the young children. The excitement was palpable and everyone enjoyed the show. Thank you to all who made the day possible and to all who attended!





# PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

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Dear Membership,

Amendments to the Catholic Kolping Society New York Bylaws Article VII have been proposed by the Membership Committee and this letter serves to share them with you. The proposed changes will be voted on at our annual meeting on Sunday March 3, 2024 at the Kolping House in NYC. Voting is conducted by secret ballot and amendment changes require a favorable vote of two-thirds majority.

We encourage all members in good standing to attend the March Meeting. Attendance is important as this is our opportunity to set the course for our Kolping Society in the coming year.

## ARTICLE VII—MEMBERSHIP

### Paragraph C

**CURRENT:** At least one meeting of the Membership Committee and one initiation ceremony will be held at each of the Society's facilities annually.

**PROPOSED:** At least one meeting of the Membership Committee and/or one initiation ceremony will be held at each of the Society's facilities annually.

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### Paragraph D

**CURRENT:** The initiation fee will be set by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Rules and will include the first year's dues.

**PROPOSED:** The application fee will be set by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Rules. In addition, the first year's dues must be paid on or before the initiation ceremony that the candidate attends. The "first year's dues" are the dues for the year in which the applicant is inducted.

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### Paragraph F

**CURRENT:** Paragraph F. The period of probation for a new member is three (3) months. During that time, the probationary member shall not miss any meeting without sufficient cause. The period of probation shall not start until the applicant has received a letter from the Society stating that his application has been received by the Membership Committee. When the period of probation has expired, and if no objection has been raised against his reception, he shall be invited by letter for formal reception.

**PROPOSED:** Paragraph F. The period of probation for a new member is three (3) months. During the probationary period, the probationary member is encouraged to attend all Society functions at any of the facilities. The period of probation shall not start until the applicant has completed an interview and has been notified that he or she has been approved for membership by the Membership Committee. This notification of approval may be communicated verbally, via electronic mail or conventional mail. When the period of probation has expired, and if no objection has been raised against the candidate's reception, he or she shall be invited for formal reception.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Directors