

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.

- 21 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

- 23 February Bulletin**
Last day to submit material

february

- 18 Executive Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

march

- 2 Annual Elections & General Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

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

- 7- Kolping Ski Trip**
9 Join us for our annual event, this year in Killington, VT

- 18 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

January

ENJOY THE WINTER SNOW!

Kolping Family Ski Trip



DATES: Friday to Sunday, March 7-9
(that's the week after our Annual Meeting)

WHERE: Killington, Vermont

Kolping is re-inventing our ski trip this year. Natasha Borodin is coordinating the trip and we hope you can make it! We are staying at Killington Mountain Lodge, 2617 Killington Rd, Killington, Vermont hilton.com/en/hotels/ruttyup-killington-mountain-lodge

Please see the flyer on the back page for detailed information.

MASS, LUNCH, ANNUAL ELECTIONS & GENERAL MEETING

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO
JOIN TOGETHER ON SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025

Lunch and meeting will begin at 12 noon: Kolping House, 165 East 88th St., NYC

Please come together with your Kolping family for the annual meeting of our general membership. This is our opportunity to set the course for our Kolping Society in the coming year. Hear reports, pose questions, vote for the members who will serve on our Board of Directors for the coming term. If you're interested in serving on the Board, reach out to one of the Directors listed here in the bulletin.

A scrumptious lunch will be provided—menu details to follow. Prices \$25 adults, \$12 children 12 and under. Please RSVP to Joan (kolpingny@gmail.org or leave a message at 914 432 2535.) We would appreciate your response by **February 27** so we can purchase enough food. 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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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 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

Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Matthew Buckel, Timothy Carey, Eric Criscuolo, Paul Crumb, Patricia Cudahy, Samara Davis, Julie DiLoreto, Michael Donato, Anna Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, William Hernandez, Robert Hersam, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert Jandrasits, Danielle Kern, Matthew Krupa, Isabella Lovasz, Frank Luis, Jason Luis, Irena Marussich, Kevin McCusker, Christine McGrath, Martin McGreevy, Trinity Mickelsen, 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:

We send special birthday wishes to **Peter Bruegger, Dorothy Glomann, and Len Vallender.**

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.

NATIONAL RAFFLE

A New Yorker among the winners!

\$1,500 First Prize – **Nancy P. Schmidt/Brooklyn Kolping**

\$1,000 Second Prize – **Uta Wagner/San Francisco Kolping**

\$500 Third Prize – **Linda Purdy Ohland/New York Kolping**

Thank you for your gifts that help our National Kolping office keep providing service and guidance and representation up to International

KOLPING AND VOCATIONS

The Catholic Kolping Society of 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 adults. 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 vocation 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. Inquiries will be forwarded to the KOVA committee for consideration.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2025 INTENTION

FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

IN MEMORIAM



WALTER MCDONALD—February 18, 1934 - December 18, 2024

Walter McDonald, age 90, was born in Mount Vernon NY on February 18, 1934. He was the son of Clarence and Matilda (Weiss) McDonald, he was predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Sarah and Mary (May). Walter grew up on Mt Vernon's Southside, attended public schools, and graduated from Edison Tech High School in 1952. Shortly after graduation, Walter became an active volunteer member of Truck Co. #3 of the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

Walter served his Country in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict and received an honorable discharge. Walter worked as an auto and electrical mechanic upon discharge.

In 1957, Walter was appointed as a paid firefighter for the City of Mount Vernon Fire Department where he served for 32 years. During his years with the department, he became well respected by his peers as one who "knew the job". Besides being well versed in all aspects of firefighting, he had memorized the fire alarm street box numbers and would know a location just by counting the bells. Walter was promoted to Lieutenant in 1983 and served on Rescue 1 until his retirement in 1989. During his career, he received numerous commendations for lifesaving, bravery and excellence.

In 1958, Walter married Stella Krampa and settled in Mount Vernon where they raised their two children, Peter and Anna. Stella predeceased him in 2004.

Walter relocated to Somers NY in 2000 and became an active member of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department. He continued to share his knowledge and experiences with the younger firefighters and maintained Active status still responding on "runs" up until his death. He was very proud to have been awarded Life Member status. He enjoyed the camaraderie at the Wednesday Drill nights at the Granite Springs Firehouse sharing stories with the members.

Walter was a talented "handyman" and was skilled in carpentry, plumbing, electricity, and auto mechanics. It was once said that he could build or fix anything. After retirement from the FDMV, Walter continued to utilize his skills working for various loyal customers that he had established over the years, always keeping busy doing something for someone. In his later years, he continued to use his handyman skills as an active member in various social clubs including the Catholic Kolping Society and the German American Social Club of Peekskill, where he had been awarded "Member of the Year". Walter enjoyed memberships in many Irish cultural associations and had been a member of the Mahopac St. Patrick's Parade Committee for many years. Walter also was active with the Putnam Office for Senior Resources, initially as a volunteer driver and later as a participant at the Putnam Valley Senior Center. He was always very social, valuing and enjoying the camaraderie and friendships with the people of these various organizations over the years.

Walter was also an accomplished rudimental drummer. He began playing Colonial Fife and Drum music with VFW Post 596 in the 1950's and continued playing with numerous Ancient Fife and Drum Corps in the Tri-State area for decades. He was a member of the Company of Fifers and Drummers.

Walter was a founding member of the Westchester Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band. He led the "Drum Line" for over two decades marching in nearly every parade. He particularly enjoyed swinging onto 5th Avenue in NYC every St Patrick's Day for over 20 years. The friendships, camaraderie, and good times were legendary, and he was often heard saying "more food and grog for my men!"

Walter is survived by his son Peter McDonald (Laura) of Somers N.Y., Daughter Anna Scarpati (Jerry) of New Bern N.C., Grandchildren Kate D'Angelone (Steve), Kevin and Liam McDonald, Andrew, Michael, and Peter Scarpati and great granddaughter Natalie D'Angelone.

Walter passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family on December 18, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation or the Somers Volunteer Fire Department in Walter's memory.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 29, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Home, 418 Route 6 (GPS-US-6), Mahopac, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial to honor and celebrate the life of Walter McDonald will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2024 at St. Joseph's Church, 95 Plum Brook Road, Somers, NY. Following the Mass, Walter will be honored for his service in the Navy with a U.S. Military Honor Guard Ceremony outside the church.

Private cremation to follow.

IN MEMORIAM



NORBERT DENGLER— May 18, 1932 - December 19, 2024

We're sorry to share the news that our Kolping Family member Norbert Dengler has passed away. Norbert was at the home of his daughter Therese Cojocarú and her family—husband Romeo and children Allie, David and Mark.

Norbert Dengler was one of the grandsons of our Society's co-founder Theobald Dengler VII. Norbert's parents, Theobald VIII and Hilda J. Schweiger Dengler met at the Kolping House. Echoing that encounter, Norbert met his beautiful wife-to-be, Marilyn Hermann because of Kolping.

Officially joining the Society in 1950, and unofficially being part since birth, Norb was a natural choice for Keynote Speaker at our Kolping Centennial event when in 2014 we celebrated the 1914 purchase of our House on 88th Street. He knew our history, he lived much of our history, he loved our history and he possessed the great storytelling talent to share our history with our present-day membership. A transcript of the address follows in the bulletin - as interesting today as it was ten years ago.

We are so very grateful to Norbert Dengler for his many contributions to our society and will miss him greatly. Please keep Norb and Marilyn and their family and loved ones in your prayers.

HIS OBITUARY:

Norbert Dengler passed away on December 19, 2024.

A lifelong resident of the Bronx and member of Our Lady of Refuge parish, Norb graduated Fordham Prep '49, University '53 and Law School '56, and served in the US Army from 1956-58.

He spent his professional career as a tax and estate attorney in his family's law practice, Dengler, Dengler & Dengler, and in real estate, while tirelessly giving his time and counsel to various activities in his parish and community, including the Catholic Kolping Society of America, the Poor Clare Nuns, Fordham Prep and the Cardinal Newman Society, among others.

He spent his summers in Long Beach and Breezy Point. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 65 years, Marilyn, née Hermann, with whom he had seven children: Norb J. (Reyna), Victoria Longworth (Michael), Therese Cojocarú (Romeo); Ralph (Kelly), Andrew (Christina), Kurt (Debra) and Justin (Pam), 19 grandchildren and 3 great granddaughters.

Norb was dedicated to his faith, family, friends, and nation; he was a devoted servant who toiled long and hard in our Lord's vineyards. Norb was waked on December 22 at Schuyler Hill Funeral Home and his Mass of Christian Burial was on December 23 at St Benedict's Church, followed by his burial at St Raymond's Cemetery a repast followed at the American Turner Club, 748 Clarence Ave, all in the Bronx.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests you make a donation in Norb and Marilyn Dengler name to the Poor Clare Nuns of NY [<https://poorclaresny.com/>] or Kolping New York [<https://www.kolpingny.org/>]. RIP.

KOLPING 100TH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH MADE BY NORBERT DENGLER

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This is a story about a House that was a home! We "youngsters" think about this Kolping House as the only Kolping House our New York Kolping Family ever had. No, this is the story of the THIRD Kolping House.

There were no automobiles on New York City's mostly unpaved streets in 1888 when the Kolping Society was formed. But by the time that the first Kolping House, which was located at 122 Second Ave. was sold 24 years later in 1912, automobiles had arrived—but they still scared the horses and the humans. A fire in 1910 and the general consensus to get out of the lower East Side and move to "cleaner and greener pastures" prompted the rental of a building, the second Kolping House, at 261 West 137th St. while acquiring land and building a new house. There were continuous attempts to buy and build on East 87th Street. Finally, the large lot at 165/167 East 88th Street was purchased and the cornerstone blessed in 1913. The THIRD Kolping House was built and opened in 1914—and here we are.

That's why I'll ask you to step back "before your time" and become invisible. You don't have to be afraid or even close your eyes, because we are in the very same room as 100 years ago. It looked almost exactly then as it does now. Big hall—stage at one end—grand piano right there—same wooden floor. There are gas light fixtures but also modern electric lighting just introduced in the neighborhood; there's an elevator shaft—but no elevator car yet since an electric elevator lift is planned. An old steam operated lift with a 5-story piston shaft deep in the ground was rejected and modern electric driven equipment would be installed when the safety of the equipment is assured (and when the Kolping members can afford to pay the bill).

So let's make ourselves invisible, but we can hear and listen to what's going on in this third new Kolping House. We have to ignore the clip-clop and the noise from the horses and wagons outside—and the "goo goo-ga" from the occasional horseless carriage bumping along the unpaved street.

I can hear one of the meals being served in the Dining Room, one of the first meals of some 5,156,192 meals to be served to the residents, guests and visitors from all over the world. That's 5,156,192 meals and we're still counting! For you ladies and men who prepare meals, you can appreciate the food shopping, preparation, cooking serving and "doing the dishes" and clean up; and don't forget to include the drinks, coffee and desserts (those hearty men's appetites every day) and the variety menu Kolping prided itself on. Also there were the quarterly communion breakfasts, the Stiftungsfests, the ladies functions,

Theatre Abend, the Barn Dances, carnival and Mardi Gras, the New Year's Eve party, the wedding receptions and anniversaries like the big 50th wedding anniversary of the Joseph Preissers and recently Al Sartorius's 80th birthday party held 2 years late. There were the wedding receptions in the 1920s—Fred & Elizabeth Rolser, Theobald J. & Hilda Dengler and lots more. So too the 1930s and 1940s with Max and Johanna Grimm, Eugene & Emma Grimm, Helen Hersam & Joe Fischer, George Mullins & Eleanor Reich and Vincent & Rosemary Lambot.

If it was Lent there were the Lenten lectures and St. Joseph's Andacht each March 19th. Almost every Friday evening the Kolping Boy Scouts Troop Committee met, headed by George Holzner; and with its great Troop 636 all got together. Early Saturday morning they would meet here to go hiking in the Palisades along the Hudson or hike in the Ramapo Mountains up to Bear Mountain usually led by Dennis Erbacher or Nick Eigner. The Kolping Troop 636 was selected for many years as the outstanding Catholic Boy Scout Troop in the New York Archdiocese by the Catholic News and its publisher, Victor Ridder. The Boy Scout camp area at K-O-H is named for Mr. Ridder of the famous Ridder publishing family, which became the Knight/Ridder television, newspaper and media firm.

Being invisible in this same room, we can also sit in during weekday nights at the Kolping Saenger Bund rehearsals. Is that Max Reitter sneaking out early to join the avid Kolping card players downstairs? (Under the disapproving gaze of Joe Preisser, song meister).

We can hear the click of the billiard balls from the billiard table in the relaxation and game area next to the Dining Room. The onlookers—perhaps not the players at the billiard and pool table—do appreciate the heroic life-sized painting by Emanuel Luetze of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" overlooking in the recreation room.

Because it's in the basement below the kitchen floor and food pantries, we really can't hear the rumbling noises from Kolping's two-laned bowling alley, unless the cheers ring out when a perfect 300 game is bowled.

On other weekday evenings when the Kolping Saengerbund or other families didn't use this hall we could stay right here to hear the sweet sounds of the Zither Club, the Theatre Club rehearsal or listen to the intensity of the discussion the members of the Vatican Stamp Club are having. Sometimes one of these groups had to use the adjoining Board of Directors room, unless that too was used by the Praeses for the Spiritual discussions/services.

Our long time Praeses, Dr. and Reverend Father Joseph Assmuth, the brilliant Fordham University biologist and entomologist, may be giving a spiritual talk on St. Joseph the Worker, or Father Kolping's insights from his book "Marriage and The Family" or regaling his listeners with his travel experiences, and afterwards, cigar in hand, give counsel or share the concerns of one of the residents living here.

Although invisible we'll have no trouble hearing the discussion in this room at the regularly held Kolping Family meetings or versamlungs when religious, secular, organizational and building matters were debated. Does this sound stuffy, boring or remote? Not if you hear what I do, for instance, listening to the Nazi Bund members and their infiltrators & sympathizers in the 1930s trying to take over and dominate the meeting and even getting control of this building, the property and replacing or taking over the Katholischer Gesellen Verein; Parliamentary procedure language, cajoling words, blunt words, angry words, threats of violence and ridicule.

The visit to New York of Cardinal Pacelli (later Pope Pius XII) who had been Papal Nuncio to Germany, the steadfast support of Kolping National Protector Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel of New Orleans and our own Praeses Father Joseph Assmuth with Kolping Vice-Praeses, the intellectual Robert Fesemeyer, Theobald J. Dengler VIII, Hermann Teesch, Stephen Vallendar, Paul Hemsing, Sr., Albert Brink and Albert Sartorius Sr. kept New York Kolping firmly within Father Kolping's Catholic lay organizational structure and the Kolping Family authentically evangelically Catholic. It is true that a small few of the Kolping residents did return to Germany at the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, Poland and Finland and before the war here; whether they returned to Germany for ideological or family reasons is not known. But their rooms were quickly filled by those on the long waiting list, which had existed since about 1929/1930. My own father-in-law (to be), Albert Hermann, when he emigrated to the US in 1930—although a staunch Kolping Gesellen in Germany and Peru—was turned away from the "filled to capacity" house in those years. So too, Stephen Vallendar and many others.

This Kolping House was really a home for our big extended family, but like many good families it extended its hospitality to others. Weekday evenings when the halls or rooms were available, they were used by the Workmen's Benefit Circle, its Choral group, the Soccer Clubs, Rheinisch Saengerbund, high school age Basketball Team, the German-American Hiking Club of New York, Yorkville Managers Association, among others.

I remember as a young lawyer receiving a hurried call from Hermann Teesch, Kolping Secretary, and fabled House Meister Manager. It concerned some summons for building violations returnable in City Hall Court in lower Manhattan that very hour. I took the subway to 86th Street and ran up to the Kolping House got the papers from Mr. Teesch, took the subway back and ran down to the Courthouse arriving very late and was told by the court clerk "Where were you? The judge is going to throw the book at you!" I approached the bench—it was Judge Comerford who glowered at me and said "who or what is the defendant—CATOLISH CELLAR FAIREEN?" I told him it was similar to a YMCA and operated in a well-kept building in Yorkville at 165 E. 88th Street. He stopped the hearing and asked me to approach the bench. In a quiet voice he said "Is this the Copling House?" I said "Yes, Your Honor". He said, "you know I'm the Grand Marshal and chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick hold all our Parade meetings there!" I nodded. He said to me "OK, let's proceed". I moved back to my attorney's position next to the District Attorney and looked up to the Judge. Without saying another word, the Judge said "This case is dismissed! Call the next case, bailiff".

What would any real home be without a woman? Moving with the times, starting even with the furnishing and fundraising of the new house in 1913/1914, women played an increasingly important part in the life of the Society. The spouses and daughters of the married Kolping Members, and through Father Anthony Rothlauf, the Pastor of St. Joseph's Church of Yorkville persuaded their St. Joseph's young women's group, as well as the Kreis Deutsche Mädchen to take part in Kolping functions. They did, and even sponsored theatrical productions, socials, religious and fundraising events. It was in the Kolping Theatrical Club production of "Daddy Long Legs" that my father Theobald J. Dengler met my mother, Hilda J. Schweiger of the St. Joseph's group. They married. This continued a long, long list of marriages—mine included—and my brother Ted and his wife Erna. The list is still growing, and they came about because and through "Kolping" (and much before "Facebook" and likely better). I'm proud of the fact that after her marriage my mother helped organize The Kolping Ladies Auxiliary here at 88th Street with Minnie Ulrich, Maria Teesch, Resi Hersam, Elizabeth Rolser, Mrs. John Buettner and others. Finding and selecting the furnishings, curtains, decorative and permanent, as well as seasonal, the Kolping House was transformed; if only by their presence, spirit, dignity and charm.

Women's participation, their pervading Christian witness and their hard work for Kolping perhaps is best epitomized by Mary Minarik herself from her teenage years in "young Kolping" to her service as officer, director and this home's longtime House Manager—this did and does set the Kolping House apart from the male YMCAs and similar boarding accommodations and places.

In the 1950s, John Noonan, Steve Hickey, John McGee and Albert Sartorius "the younger" spearheaded the effort to change the Society's bylaws and rules to allow family membership, and admitting women to direct membership. The Katholische Geseller Verein von New York became the Catholic Kolping Society New York, finally, legally and actually, and what it still is today.

The Society's memory cannot overlook the women's contribution in confronting the sad events and tragedies, which occurred—the fatal accident downstairs to the little toddler, Frankie Teesch; the destructive fires (even to this very room); the death in Vietnam of our Georgie Fuerst and other tragedies, crises and difficulties. For instance—9/11—the psychological devastation and actual loss of residents, almost emptying the House completely after 9/11. The quiet affirmation of Kolping's continued mission here at East 88th Street was symbolized by Carol Sartorius' sensible business steps and by her prayer and holy water blessing on the Kolping House roof; it spoke for all the members, and spurred the House modernization.

And the men! It's hard for us to stay invisible seeing the Kolping men themselves. Why? These men look and act like giants in their action, statements, in their beliefs and deeds. When there was nothing in 1888 except themselves, the Founders Theobald Dengler VII, John Schwarzenberger, Joseph Schaefer and Charles and Joseph Loerwald—there they are, pictured in the stained glass window above the front door. There were the Praeses who were leaders, much more than mere "spiritual directors" and spiritual confidantes to the individual resident or member. They were actual active participants in this life of this Home and building. There was Father Adam Tonner, the first Praeses in 1888, who remained Praeses until about WWI. There was Reverend William Wigger, later the Bishop of Newark, Father John Thenen, the quiet, kindly, inspirational New York priest, long suffering from his World War II battle wounds as a combat paratrooper; Reverend Arnulf Hartman OSA, Father Hubert Beller, whose own family was active since the earliest New York Kolping days of 1890-1910, Msgr. Gustaf Schultheiss, Chancellor of the Archdiocese and Secretary to Cardinal Spellman, who pushed and prodded in his quiet but effective way the New York Kolping membership to its "pre-Vatican Council" position in the New York Archdiocese. Msgr. James Murray, our Praeses who took time to attend all meetings, Board and Membership, while he continued to be the Director of all Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. The lay leaders, Steve Hickey, Jack McGee, Joe Sartorius, who later became President of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, the first from New York; as did his successor Bernie Preisser and another giant Bob Hemsing, whose father Paul Hemsing, Jr. and grandfather, Paul Hemsing, Sr. were so vital to Kolping existence and stayed close to Kolping's evangelical missionary work. There are so many not elaborated on here but whose names and occupations resound in Kolping's annals; Karl Otto,

the first architect of this building, Joseph J. Noe, the church architect, Hammacher and Schlemmer (their company, by the way, is still around), Jacob Anstett, our Poet Laureat, from 1892 to the 1950s, Albert Brink, the internationally renowned stained glass artist, who was a resident of this House from 1914 until his death in 1967. Ludwig Hauser, the watchmaker, bakers, restaurateurs, horseshoers, wagon builders, butchers, cutlers, Benziger the publisher, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, a Governor of the State of New York—they named the Tappan Zee Bridge after him. There were barbers, hairdressers, tailors, druggists, lawyers, beer brewers, dentists and doctors, Sig Klein, the department store man—indeed men and families making Kolping, and who came to make up the fabric of American Catholic life.

Today it's May 17, 2014. It was in May 1893, exactly 121 years ago, when there were still hardly any autos on the streets of New York City only horses, wagons, carts and drays. The Kolping members were celebrating their 5th anniversary. My grandfather Theobald J. Dengler VII received a letter from the Archbishop of New York dated May 13, 1893. The Archbishop wrote "The project of erecting in this city an institute for the protection and betterment of working men, particularly those recent and arriving now from Germany elicits at once my sympathy and commendation. I earnestly wish you every success. When you begin to build I hope you will give me an opportunity of adding my modest contributions to your fund" – M. A. Corrigan, Archbishop of New York.

Times have changed! (Like my grandfather I too got a letter from the Archbishop—in fact I get one every year—except in his letter to me he asks for money from me, not the other way around).

Yes, in these 100 years times have changed, as has the Kolping House. Not without controversy was the "Joe Sartorius Rathskeller"—the former recreation area—replaced by and became the National Office of the Kolping Society of America. But the Kolping message, and its evangelizing mandate has not changed! What happens in this 101st year and the coming years? For instance, will you allow the New York Kolping Radio Station, just approved by the Federal Communications Commission, to be located here? Perhaps the conversion of the Praeses office on the "just below" street level floor can become the Radio studio, or perhaps use part of the bowling alley. Will you allow and support these changes—and the other renewal and refurbishing plans? These coming years you—my Kolping brothers and sisters and Kolping friends and supporters—you will be writing the history of this 3rd Kolping House. May you do so enabled by Father Kolping's message and evangelizing spirit for your own benefit and salvation, and that of men, women and family, the community and the world.

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NEWS & NOTES

2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Watch your mail for the 2025 dues request envelope!

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 2025 have been held the same as last year and are \$140 Family (husband, wife and children under 18), \$105 Individual, \$40 Student, 50-year members paid up forever! 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 once again 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 or so. Please help if you can.

SERVICE PROJECTS 2025

Do you have an idea for a service project for our Society? Share your ideas and perhaps we can get a team engaged to work on it. Contact Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

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.

PARTY RENTALS AT OUR KOLPING VENUES:

K-88, Kolping-on-Hudson and Kolping-on-Concourse



K-88 Ballroom

Keep keep our Kolping properties in mind for parties. Our KOH dining room is beautiful and versatile. The K-88 ballroom and KOC dining room are spacious, elegant and very affordable!



KOH Dining Room



KOC Dining Room

CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY ST. NIKOLAUS CELEBRATION

The St. Nikolaus party at our House on 88th Street was fun for all present. The House was decorated in Wolfgang's beautiful festive style by Geovanny Ramirez and Katrina Dengler. Marian Dengler gracefully lit our Advent candles for the Second Sunday of the liturgical season.

President Gerhard Schmitt officially welcomed us. 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.

At this celebration we were especially happy to welcome long time members including Charlotte and Volker Rahm, Ingrid & Reinhold Stehle, Franziska Schmitt, Karen Staub and Bernie and Bonnie Dengler.

Although no one is at the Golden 50 year mark in 2024, Walter Weigand is celebrating 55 years. Hubert Specht, Willi Dunz, Ron Seelbach, Karl Buckel and are 60-year members in 2024. Margarete Kiec is celebrating 65 years as a member. Albert Buchholz and Reinhold Stehle are 70-year members as of 2024. And our special friends John Noonan and Albert Sartorius have reached the 75-year membership mark. What a commitment!

Karen Staub and Ingrid Stehle were recognized for their 25 years of membership and awarded a special pin.

The other 25 year members are: Charles & Melissa Aviles, our Praeses Father Richard Bretone, Beverly and Ivan Cantu, Therese and Romeo Cojocar, Ralph and Kelly Dengler, Barbara Grimm, Elfriede Orlowski, Sylvia Reitter, Lisa Severin, Maria Stang, Mike & Kathy Weinborg, Christine Weltner.

We had a great deal of musical talent on display this year. Our group sang well-loved Christmas carols. Lukas Weigand sang Good King Wenceslas for us all. Marie Reyes played Silent Night beautifully on the piano followed up by Deck the Halls. Marian Dengler led us in Silent Night from the stage while her little brother Jude performed Good King Wenceslaus. James Caggiano treated us to Good King Wenceslas. Audrey Reyes treated us to Jingle Bells.

Our teens stepped in where needed - James Dengler warmed up the crowd with Jingle Bells as Santa entered. James Dengler kept the littles safely on the stage as the anticipation grew for the arrival of the jolly old elf. We seriously appreciated their help at this busy celebration.

Like all our Kolping events, it's the team of volunteers who make things work. Donna Richardson, Alex Schmitt, Katrina Dengler and Joan Dengler organize the various pieces. Gerhard Schmitt and Kevin Bruegger served beverages. John, James and Marian Dengler and Maria and Audrey Reyes stepped up to help serve the meal.

Lukas Weigand had one more important task - selecting the winning ticket for the raffle. He performed admirably—choosing his Oma! Kathy and Walter Weigand are so very generous to the Society, it was nice to see Kathy as our winner.

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





NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!

Kolping Family Ski Trip

DATES: Friday to Sunday, March 7-9, 2025
(that's the week after our Annual Meeting)

WHERE: Killington Mountain Lodge • Killington, Vermont

ROOM RATES: \$239 per room per night, plus 10% tax

Kolping is re-inventing our ski trip this year. Natasha Borodin is coordinating the trip and we hope you can make it! We are staying at Killington Mountain Lodge, 2617 Killington Rd, Killington, Vermont hilton.com/en/hotels/ruttyup-killington-mountain-lodge

Room types: Choice of 2 Queens or 1 King.
Check in 4 pm, Check out 12 pm.

All rooms are equipped with coffee maker mini-fridge and a microwave.

Free WiFi • Non-smoking rooms • Digital Key • Ski Boutique • On-site restaurant • Fitness center • Pet-friendly rooms

Parking is included, which is a savings of \$10/day

Breakfast is not included in the rate. However, there are breakfast options at the hotel restaurant and Starbucks kiosk located in the lobby serving beverages, pastries, and breakfast sandwiches.

Lift packages are not available but you can purchase your own tickets or Ikon pass, or contact the Killington ski resort to learn about other offerings.

The hotel does not provide a shuttle or transportation to the lifts. Many of the guests drive themselves (the hotel is about 1 mile from resort parking). We can coordinate and carpool - it is an easy and viable option.

You can also take advantage of public transit that stops at the resort. It runs every hour, the details can be found on this weblink: <https://thebus.com/routes/rutland-killington-commuter>. It is part of the Rutland Killington Commuter Bus; there is a trip planner feature to help guide your trips.

Relax after a day on the slopes in the resort's LARGE outdoor hot-tub—open until 10pm. Facilities are available to host our group après ski and share stories of the day's time on the slopes.

Saturday cocktail hour and dinner will be served at the hotel at an extra charge—cost and menu are TBD.



Please contact Natasha at 347-306-2000 with any questions.

Looking forward to a great time with all of you on the slopes!

