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Kolping-on-Hudson
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Kolping-on-Hudson

February

PLEASE JOIN US!

Mass, Communion Brunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

March 2, 2008

All members, friends and their guests
are requested to join together on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

Mass at 9:45 am: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87 Street, NYC
Brunch following Mass: Kolping House, 165 East 88 Street

The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12 years of age. Our menu will consist of sauerbraten, noodles and red cabbage, followed by dessert, coffee or tea.

We will also be electing new members to our Board of Directors, so we hope you will be joining us on this important day.

We anticipate many members will attend to join together with old friends and celebrate the end winter and the approach of spring.

Please make your reservation by calling Ann Horan at her home (914) 737-2026 or on her cell phone (914) 391-2142 or call the Kolping House, (212) 369-6647 by Friday, February 22, 2008.

Treu Kolping,
Laurence Dengler
John G. Noonan
Albert Sartorius



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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 call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

Our prayers go out to the family of **Charlie Kennedy** who passed away in January. Charlie was an intelligent and happy man. He was a success in business and loved by his children and grandchildren. He was the brother-in-law of Ted and Erna Dengler.



Happy Birthdays this Month

Happy Birthday to those born in February:

Betty Boecklen, Norbert Brunhuber, Karl Buckel, Michael Buckel, John Buscher, Ivan Cantu, Bernhard Dengler, Christina Diaz, Dieter Fey, Lindsay Froeblich, Thomas Fuchek, Jerry Fullam, Bud Gramer, Jane Gruno, Patrick Gruno, William Hierspiel, Lisa Hiltzley, Dan Hock, Marie Louise Kehoe, Violet Kelly, Erna Koelbl, Patricia Kummings, Susan Leili, Walter McDonald, Johanna McGreevy, Sean Murray, Daniel Oscarson, Martin Povilonis, Bernhard Preisser, Ingrid Reslmaier, Maria Reuber, Charles Ruppman, Thomas Seelbach, Nicholas Severin, Edward Specht, Emily Specht, Reinhold Stehle, Max Thienel, Michael Tunkel, Walter Urban, Christine Van Asselt, Laura Ann Vanzo, Marybeth Vanzo, Claire Terese White, Victoria Winklemann, Joseph Zale, and Gerhard Zoeller.

Special Milestone Birthdays:

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 Ann Horan at amth@optonline.net.

Congratulations!

Bernie and Bonnie Dengler are happy to announce the engagement of their son Anton to Heather O'Rourke. A summer '08 wedding is being planned.

THANKS

Thanks to those who contributed to the Advent Project—The Mercy Center:

Karen Byrnes

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Barbara Grimm

Ann Horan

Bob & Terese Bauer

Bob & Gen Hemsing

Katrina Dengler

Thanks for the following donations:

Barbara Grimm to the Joe Sartorius Fund

Bernie & Dan Dengler for putting extra in their chances

The Hiking Club (Wolfgang Hahn) to the Society

2008 Lenten Project

Our New York Board of Directors has decided to join in with National Kolping and send our contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Slidell, Louisiana. Please send your check to the Kolping House and we will send them on to the National.

2008 DUES

Please send in your dues early. These funds are needed for the Society to meet its financial obligations.

Family: \$100
(after April 1 – \$105)
Individual: \$85
(after April 1 – \$95)
Student: \$40
(after April 1 – \$45)

Please make check payable to:
The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society,
Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th
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All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: classifieds@kolpingny.org or mail them to: Ingrid Reslmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on www.kolpingny.org. Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

News & Notes

SEEKING CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR THE BOARD

On Sunday, March 2, we will hold our annual meeting. As part of the agenda, we will elect officers to the Board of Directors. The senior board requires that you be a member for 10 years. The junior board requires that you be a member for 1 year. Please consider running to fill the vacancies we will have on the Board. You would attend 6 meetings per year. We could use fresh faces and new input. Dinner is included as part of the evening meeting.

The agenda for each meeting begins at 7:30, with dinner available any time after 5 pm. We close each meeting (usually the third Tuesday of the month) at approximately 10 pm. Please call Ann Horan at 914-737-2026 if you are interested in running.

Kolping-on-Hudson: Think Spring!

We have rooms to rent for the season. Call Heidi Umland (718-805-0552). Don't forget us when you need to rent a beautiful place for your graduation, First Communion, birthday, or any kind of parties. We do weddings!

The first clean-up weekend is April 5-6. Get your elbow grease ready.

Donations Needed

Our Mass furniture at Kolping on Hudson needs an upgrade, so that each one of our Masses look as nice as possible. The prices are:

Lectern—\$500

Priest's Chair—\$459

Fixing up the Blessed Virgin Grotto—\$750

Address plaque to be placed at the front gate—\$750

Altar Table—*donated by Catherine Hickey in memory of her husband Steve*

If you and your family would like to donate one of these items, it would be most appreciated. If you donate them in memory of a loved one, we could put their name on a plaque. Please let Ann Horan know if you are interested in this project (914-737-2026).

The \$2,000 Question for Teenagers *(submitted by Jack McGee)*

If you are presently in college or in a post high school program, you are eligible to enter to win the Father Krewitt Scholarship Award. The topic to be developed in 500 to 1000 words is "What is the major obstacle to peace in the world and how can it be overcome?" The deadline for submission of your essay is the 28th of this month. The prize advertised is \$1,000 to the winner. The Board of Directors, here in New York has doubled this prize for a family member of New York Kolping to \$2,000.

We'd love to see a few essays submitted from our New York teenagers, and to publish your essay and your photo in a featured story in both the Bulletin, as well as the Kolping Banner, should you be our New York winner. Good luck!

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2008
The Holy Father gives us two intentions each month—one a general intention, the other an intention for world missions.

Mentally Handicapped. That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized, but respected and lovingly helped.

Institutes of Consecrated Life. That the Institutes of Consecrated Life in mission countries may rediscover the missionary dimension and generously proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth.

2007 New York Kolping General Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2007

Katrina Dengler, President of the New York Kolping Society, opened the 119th Annual General Meeting of the New York City Branch of the Catholic Kolping Society. Last year's minutes from the General Meeting were accepted. The first order of business was House Reports.

Kolping on Concourse (KOC) has all its available male rooms rented out. There are vacancies in the female rooms. There are improvement projects on the horizon.

Kolping on 88th Street (K88) is 98% occupied. Skylights have been upgraded, and the curtains redone.

Kolping on Hudson (KOH) is closed for the season. There is work being done there nonetheless: the patio is being redone, a new barbecue pit tent has been ordered, and the water will be turned on at the end of March. The first clean up weekend is March 31st, and they will resume after Easter. There are rooms available to rent for the summer.

The **Membership Report** was given by Ann Horan and Jacklyne Mandell was inducted.

The next order of business was to elect members to the Senior and Junior Boards. Ballots were distributed; Larry Dengler, James Rohrbacher and John Weigand were elected to the Senior Board, and Daniel Dengler and Jack McGee were elected to the Junior Board.

The first KOVA Apprenticeship award was given to Schmitt & Son for Sebastian Hernandez. Gerhard Schmitt accepted the check on his behalf.

The **Financial Reports** were then presented by Ted Dengler X. The bottom line is that the society is in good shape thus far, but each house must do more on their own to become more financially self-sufficient. KOH cost more to run than it takes in, and must rely on the interest from the Preservation Fund to break even. KOC is doing a good job doing Fr. Kolping's work but is barely breaking even. There are high legal fees and it may need structural renovations that are estimated at close to half a million dollars. More must be done to put aside money for this work. K88 is the "financial jewel" of Kolping New York as it has generated a nice surplus that goes to help the other houses and keeps the society doing Fr. Kolping's work of supplying a Catholic environment for those traveling away from home. The society is in overall good financial shape with four months of operating expenses in the bank.

The **Endowment Fund** report was presented by Bernard Dengler. The fund had previously been realizing zero growth as it would generally use all of its interest gain to pay for various promotional projects of the Society (generally fifteen thousand dollars a year.) This year, however, it has recognized a 17% gain and now stands at 1.6 million dollars. The Endowment fund supplies money to pay for the publishing of the monthly bulletins, the maintenance of the society's website and other activities that promote an awareness of the society to the community. The fund only generates money from the interest on its investments and donations from members. Members are asked to consider including the fund in their wills.

The **Preservation Fund** was reported as having had a good 2006 as well, realizing an 11% return. Mellon Financial Services are employed to manage this endowment which stands at 1.33 million currently. The interest of the fund is used to renovate the existing house at KOH and maintain the property year to year.

The **Vocation Fund** realized a 9% increase and stands at one hundred and ninety-nine thousand. The purpose of the fund is to use the interest to support KOVA projects.

The next order of business was to present the Lenten projects. This year, National Kolping has chosen to support a parish in Slidel, Louisiana which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The Parish is still in great need of many of the necessities for its church and school. New York Kolping has

chosen to support renovations to the Minforetten Church in Cologne. This was Fr. Kolping's parish and its upkeep is the responsibility of International Kolping Society. In 1954, NY Kolping raised then thousand dollars to help to restore the church after the war. This was a very great accomplishment, it is hoped that the current society can do as well. Fr. Bretone will be sent to Cologne to present our check to Msg. Axel Werner, International Praeses.

Fr. Bretone started the **Praeses Report** with a reminder that there would be a retreat held at his waterfall retreat Chapel on May 19th. Father spoke of the importance of helping our community in Christ's name as Fr. Kolping did. He challenged all Kolping Members to make an effort for the remainder of the Lenten season to make their lives a glowing example of Christ in trying to live more like Fr. Kolping.

The Society's President, Katrina Dengler, opened the **President's Report** with a reminder that dues were due by the end of the month to get a five dollar discount. The Ski trip has 40 adults and 30 children signed up so far – that means the entire Lodge is rented by Kolping families – it promises to be a great time. Gerhard and Alex Schmitt were thanked for their work in organizing the trip. Katrina encouraged Kolping members to volunteer for KOH clean-up weekends to help the society reduce KOH maintenance costs. Thanks were extended to the managers of the three houses, Heidi Umland, Ernst Endrich, and Jorge Paris for all their hard work and dedication to the Kolping movement. Ingrid Resmaier was thanked for her tireless work on the monthly bulletins.

Robert Sommers, an Ohio Kolping member living in Boston wanted to make all Kolping members aware of a Boston Men's and Women's conference for Catholics. More information can be found at bostoncatholicmen.org

Bob Hemsing presented the **Vice President's report**. KOC's mission of supplying a lower income housing option for single men and women in New York City is a very needed cause in this day and age. To keep the mission going, the building must be kept going. The board is meeting with architects in order to develop ideas on how to best utilize the building and land on the Concourse. A fund to help support this project was set up: the Kolping on Concourse Progress Fund. Donations to the fund will help KOC's mission in the Bronx. K88 will also be looked at in order to better utilize the Manhattan real estate the Society runs. Kolping National is looking for space to set up a National Office. New York is a very good location because of travel access and access to most national and international businesses. This office would, in theory, house the national secretary and Praeses. Kolping New York is looking at what it may be able to do to help National Kolping.

The **National Report** consisted of a request for prayers for National President Walter Amrein who underwent surgery and is having a slow recovery.

John Reitter gave the **United Nations Report**. The Kolping Society has consultative status and can listen in on reports as well as comment on reports presented to the UN. From time to time, reports have been heard on what Kolping is doing in Africa, Brazil and India. Kolping Brazil is investing in dairy farmers and co-ops. They have set up a credit union for members. Kolping India enhances the quality of life for more people than members by setting up micro credit loans that will help members start businesses. It is great to get the Kolping name out there and hear and see the results of Kolping work around the world.

Albert Sartorius made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Noonan. The meeting was closed with a prayer and the Kolping song.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia G. Portilla

Treu Kolping

Stromberg's Sapling submitted by Margaret Dougall

Many members will remember our daughter Sandra who lifeguarded at KOH. Sandra and her husband, Christian Stromberg, have made their home in Vermont, where Christian produces a Maple liquor called "Sapling." Perhaps the Kolping skiers will get a taste when they head to Vermont in March!

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Christian Stromberg, owner of Saxtons River Distillery, talks about his desire to create a premium liqueur to compete locally with top European brands. Stromberg's first finished product, a Vermont maple liqueur he has named Sapling, is now being distributed through liquor stores around Vermont.

A premium maple syrup liqueur

Entrepreneur seeks high end market

By ELIZABETH MARTIN, Staff Writer

Christian Stromberg has always toyed with the idea of turning his hobbies into a career. But after a friend bought speakers made in China, he rethought his speaker-making business. "You know this probably isn't going to be the best business choice, to compete against China," he said in his kitchen last week.

Stromberg moved on to liqueur, making it based on the European traditions. His heritage is Lithuanian, where liqueur is sweetened by adding honey and spices. "There's plenty of cheap American liqueur, it's what we're known for," he said. Stromberg is going for the opposite of that. "Grey Goose wouldn't exist if people were looking for the cheapest possible," Stromberg said. He wants his drink to stand out for its taste and quality. His company, Saxtons River Distillery LLC, produces Sapling Vermont Maple Liqueur, which sells for \$24.50.



CHRIS BERTELSEN PHOTO

"If you're going to do it, do it right, put in what people want," he said. The other maple syrup-flavored liqueurs he has tried have all floated on the top of his, proving his to be the densest around.

And he is hoping the flavor catches on. Stromberg's liqueur can be found in every Vermont liquor store, a feat that he accomplished within the last two weeks. He successfully made a presentation to state officials, who approved putting his product on the shelves.

"It's got a stray maple taste without being too sweet," he said. "It's very distinctly maple."

The maple liqueur is 70 proof. Stromberg is a one-man show in his workshop that he built at the end of his driveway. He starts with experimenting on flavors (his favorite part) down to slapping the labels on the bottles. He can make 50 cases a week with 12 bottles in each case. "Which is good for me, it's nothing in the liquor world," Stromberg said of the quantity.

Stromberg admits that although he works alone, he wouldn't be able to pull off his hobby/career without his wife, Sandra's, support.

Stromberg continually works on producing his liqueur, but is now focusing on getting his product in restaurants and bars. Stromberg is working on new liqueurs, but his is tight-lipped about what flavors he is experimenting with. He has no time frame on any new product, just whenever the quality is there.

"I'm hoping just to be a well-established regional liqueur," he said.

Stories of Interest

ANNETTE KELLERMAN

submitted by Martin A. Kelly



Most people have heard of the swimming stroke, the Australian Crawl, but, how many realize that it was popularized by a German girl albeit Australian father and Alsatian mother?

Annette Kellerman was born July 6, 1887 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Her mother was an accomplished musician and cultivated this interest in Annette. Since she suffered from a debilitating bone disease which required she wear heavy leg

braces, Annette's career prospects were marginal.

Her field of excellence however, came somewhat by coincidence. Her father felt exercise would help to alleviate the lameness that handicapped her and encouraged her to take swimming lessons.

After acquainting herself in the aqueous surroundings, Annette found her natural talent in swimming and exploited it by entering competitive meets throughout Australia. An aquatic champion at home set her sights on giving professional exhibitions in swimming and diving in England.

Although Great Britain was still in the Victorian Age when status was emphasized, Annette was well received into what had previously been considered a man's sport. She gained approval of the nobles as well as the working classes. Her endurance swim for 26 miles down the Thames to the port of London, and other feats, kept her in the public eye. Her channel-crossing and marathon down the Seine River raised her to national heroine status.

Without title or the support of a sponsor Annette found the prize monies from winning championship insufficient to live on. Therefore, Miss Kellerman and her father went to America where they were cordially received by the masses. Annette devoted her energies to swimming expeditions and diving stunts. She entertained throngs at the New York hippodrome Theatre and acted as unofficial spokesperson and promoter of sport swimming.

In her youth, Annette used swimming champions as her inspiration and now young people saw her as their idol.

In 1955 Columbia Pictures depicted Annette's life in the film "Millionaire Mermaid" starring Esther Williams. In 1999, Miss Williams wrote her autobiography and used the movie title for her life story.

"I Love To Live"

submitted by Katherine and Walter Weigand

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80 and there's much I haven't done,
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81;
But then if I haven't finished all I want to do
Would you please let me stay awhile until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go, so very much to see,
Do you think that You could manage to make it 83?
The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store
I'd like very much to live until I'm 84.
And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85. More
planes will be up in the air, so I'd really like to
Stick and see what happens to the world when I turn 86.
I know dear Lord, it's much to ask
(And it must be nice in heaven),
But I'd really like to stay until I'm 87.
I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes will be late,
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.
I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,
So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at the age of 89—
Maybe.
Just one more thing I'd like to say dear Lord, I thank
you kindly
But if it is okay with You, I'd like to live past 90.
Hey, does anyone know what rhymes with a hundred?

A LITTLE HUMOR

submitted by Martin A. Kelly (told on Jay Leno Show (9/06)

A passenger plane crashes in the jungle. The three survivors are: a priest, a rabbi, and a minister. Natives capture them and bring them to their chief.

He is able to communicate with them. The chief tells them the tribe is cannibalistic but it is their custom to offer their victims the last meal request.

The priest spoke first and asked for herbs to remind him of the bitterness of life. The chief granted the request.

The minister, for the opposite reason, requested sweet fruit. The chief agreed to this.

The rabbi just said he wanted a bowl of strawberries. The chief hesitated and replied "They are out of season for six more months."

The rabbi replied "So, I'll wait."

What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



LINCOLN CENTER

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TICKETS FROM \$15.00

Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm; Saturday matinees at 1:30

Manon Lescaut	Feb. 1, 9, 16, 23 (Mat 1:00pm)
Die Walkure	Feb. 2 (Mat 12:30), Feb. 9 (Mat 12:30)
The Barber of Seville	Feb. 2, 29
Carmen	Feb. 8, 16, 23(M), March 1
Othello	Feb. 15, 22, March 1 (M 1:00pm)

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ON RADIO - WQXR 96.3FM

Saturdays afternoons. Confirm for time and station at www.operainfo.org

Die Walkure (12:30pm)	Feb. 2
The Siege of Corinth from 1975	
A recording with Beverly Sills (1:30pm)	Feb. 9
Manon Lescaut (1:00pm)	Feb. 16
Carmen (1:30pm)	Feb. 23
Othello (1:00pm)	Mar. 1

AT THE CHURCHES

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 65th St. & Central Park West

Feb. 3 Vespers at 5pm.
Feb 10 Lent. The Bach French Connection at 5:00pm
Feb 17 Sonnets. Songs and Proverbs.
Feb 24 Bach's Klavierübung III and Organ
March 2 Bach in Sounds—Old and New

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ZION ST. MARK'S 339 East 84th Street, Manhattan

Saturday, February 09 at 3 p.m. "FREDDY UNTER FERNEN STERNEN" 1959. Freddy inherits what turns out to be an old broken-down shack in the Canadian wilderness.

Saturday, February 23 at 3 p.m. "ES WAR EINE RAUSCHENDE BALLNACHT" 1939. Russian composer Peter I. Tschaikowskij between a dancer and a society lady. Zarah Leander plays a quasi femme fatale in this period melodrama

Doors open at 2.30 p.m. for coffee and cake. All films in German—no subtitles. Programs subject to change. Contribution \$5. Information: 212-479-7808 / website: zionstmarks.org

February in the Church Liturgical Calendar

FEBRUARY 2nd. This date is known as The Feast Day of the Presentation of Christ, as well as His Mother, in the Temple. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were Jews. According to the law of Moses, Jewish boys had to be brought to the temple 40 days after birth. The ceremony dedicated the boy to the service of God throughout his life.

As for the Blessed Virgin, having children left the body (the law said) "unclean" and presenting oneself to the priest in the temple and with a small offering, in charity, if possible, the woman was made clean. The Bible tells us that Mary and Joseph made an offering of two turtle doves.

Even today, we of the New Testament, occasionally see a woman going up to the church communion rail and observe the priest praying and blessing her. While it a custom quickly disappearing, it was known as "churching".

Another custom that is disappearing, is that of purchasing blessed candles on this day, also known as "Candlemas Day." It was always the custom for Catholics to have blessed candles at home and to light them as an occasional need demanded...visit of a priest with the Blessed Sacrament, sickness, storms threatening life and safety, saying Mass in one's home, etc.

FEBRUARY 6th is ASH WEDNESDAY "Remember man, that thou are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

FEBRUARY 11th THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES. When Bernadette Soubirous was searching for wood to burn in the stove in the jail where the family lived in poverty, the Blessed Virgin appeared to her in the French City of Lourdes. After several appearances she asked her, "Who are you?" Mary replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The strange part of this revelation was that Mary actually said it twice, so that Bernadette would have no doubt or uncertainty. Mary said to her first in the Basque dialect "I am the Immaculate Conception" and then repeated it in pure French so as to allay any doubts or lack of clarity of the words or revelation in response to her question, or relaying the information to others.

FEBRUARY 14th, ST. VALENTINE'S DAY. While heavily commercialized by sending cards, sending flowers, having dances and parties, the celebration has its foundation in St. Valentine, who was martyred for his preaching of the teachings of his Christ.

LENT IS EARLY THIS YEAR

Traditionally, the Holy Season of Lent is a time of penance throughout the Roman Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the Sacraments and where works of charity are encouraged. All the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence, no meat whatever, while days of Fast and Abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can You Pick a Winner? submitted by Jack McGee

February the month of the Oscars. This year Sunday evening, February 24th will be officially known as the night of the Oscars. Will it be the great lavish event that we have been experiencing -via-the world of television all of these past years?

Well, fellow readers, as we go to press, everything remains a mystery. Will the strike of the Writers Guild of America still be on? Will the members of their group picket the ceremony? Will potential award recipients, as well as the public, in general, announce "We refuse to cross the picket line."

Of course, on the other hand, the members of the Writers Guild might say, "We won't picket this fantastic presentation program, allowing thousands to attend with no guilt or possible repercussions in the course of the evening. Or....the strike might even be settled by that date."

In any event fellow readers...strike or no strike...the ceremony, the presentations, will take place....with or without the players...the audience packed celebrity theater....and without the customary glamour and gusto that only a Hollywood production can present to the American public.

Listed are the names of candidates up for awards and the category for which each will be awarded his/her Oscar in recognition of excellence during the year 2007. Pick one in each category and play the game with the experts.

BEST FILM

Atonement
Juno
Michael Clayton
No Country For Old Men
There Will Be Blood

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Paul Thomas Anderson (There Will Be Blood)

ACTOR

George Clooney (Michael Clayton)
Daniel Day Lewis (There Will Be Blood)
Johnny Depp (Sweeney Toda)
Tommy Lee Jones (In The Valley Of Elah)
Viggo Mortensen (Eastern Promises)

ACTRESS

Cate Blanchett (Elizabeth: The Golden Age)
Julie Christie (Away From Her)
Marion Cotillard (La Vie en Rose)
Laura Linney (The Savages)
Ellen Page (Juno)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Casey Affleck (Assassination of Jessie James)
Javier Bardem (No Country For Old Men)
Philip Seymour Hoffman (Charles Wilson's War)
Hal Holbrook (Into The Wind)
Tom Wilkinson (Michael Clayton)

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

June—Diablo Cody
Lars and the Real Girl—Nancy Oliver
Michael Clayton—Toney Gilroy
Ratatouille—Bird/Pinkava/Bird/Capobianco

ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

Atonement (Christopher Hampton)
Away From Her (Sarah Polly)
The Diving Bell & The Butterfly (Ronald Harwood)
No Country For Old Men (Joel and Ethan Coen)
There Will Be Blood (Paul Thomas Anderson)

News from Here and There submitted by Jack McGee

Every now and then, to those of you who will be finishing the 8th grade in elementary school....or in middle school....or the fourth year of high school....our question...."Do you know where you are going in life?"....Do you know what you want to be in life or do in life? Have you given thought to what course in high school or college to pursue? If you are finishing high school and going out to face the world, have you asked yourself, "Where do I go from here? We only ask these questions here because you'll be facing a change this coming Fall. A little thinking....a little planning...a little (or maybe) a lot of praying.

In closing....there's an old saying attributed to one of the saints.... "More things are wrought by prayer, than this world dreams of."

A COMMENT ON COLLEGE

So often one hears these words "Who can afford college....Mom and Dad often cry." just a comment.... Have you ever considered one of our New York City colleges where the tuition would appear reasonable by today's standards. Hunter, Brooklyn, CCNY and Lehman. Financial arrangements are often made to accommodate one's income. The word arrangements has a multiplicity of interpretations. BUT, you have to ask. You have to apply before you can get the arrangements put into action.

2008 Father Krewitt Scholarship Application

The Catholic Kolping Society of America awards one \$1,000 scholarship to further the education or training of one Kolping Student who submits the essay most worthy of the scholarship that year in accord with the rules.

2008 Krewitt Scholarship Theme

"What is the one major obstacle to peace in the world, and how can it be overcome?"

Krewitt Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of the Catholic Kolping Society of America
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words.
4. Not be a previous winner.
5. Mail application*, proof of enrollment, and essay in triplicate by February 28, 2008.
Send documents to the address printed on the application.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.

*Application forms are also available from the local Kolping families or from the national office or our web-site at www.Kolping.org. Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of America at 1-877-659-7237 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Father Krewitt Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

Name: _____
Last *First* *Initial*

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street

City *State* *Zip Code*

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Phone: _____ - _____
Month *Date* *Year* *Area Code* *Number*

Name of School

Number and Street

City *State* *Zip Code*

Major/Minor Progress of Study

Year (Check One): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior 2-year program

Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly) *Relationship to Student* *Name of Kolping Family (Branch)*

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail completed application, proof of enrollment, and the essay in triplicate by **February 28, 2008** to:
Catholic Kolping Society of America, c/o PATRICIA FARKAS, 1223 Van Houten Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013

2008

Kolping Ski Trip



Friday,
 March 14th
 through
 Sunday,
 March 16th

Contact and make checks payable to:
 Gerhard Schmitt • 516/868-1654
 272 Centennial Avenue
 Roosevelt, New York 11575

Payment in full due by February 10, 2008.

Destination: Mount Snow

Hotel: Mountaineer Inn, West Dover, VT 05356 • 800-682-4637 • 800-464-5404

Includes: 2 nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Saturday, tax and gratuity. A complimentary wine, cider and cheese reception will be provided Saturday before dinner.

Doubles @ \$145 per person	\$ _____
Triples @ \$130 per person	\$ _____
Single @ \$190 per person	\$ _____
Children (2-12) . . . @ \$75	\$ _____

Lift Passes	<u>1 Day</u>	<u>2 Day</u>	<u>3 Day</u>	\$ _____
Adults:	\$47	\$75	\$110	\$ _____
Juniors (7-12)	\$35	\$70	\$75	\$ _____
Seniors (over 65)	\$35	\$70	\$75	\$ _____

Total Payment due February 10, 2008 \$ _____

When making a payment, **please include the full names of all the people who will be staying in each room** and a telephone number of the contact person for the room.