

## NOTE *the* DATE

### february

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

**23 March Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

### march

**2 Ash Wednesday**  
The first day of Lent

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

**11- Kolping Ski Trip**  
**13** Annual trip to Mount Snow

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

### april

**2-3 KOH Cleanup**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

**9- KOH Cleanup**  
**10** Kolping-on-Hudson

**16 KOH Cleanup**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

**17 Easter Sunday**  
Celebrate Christ's resurrection

**19 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping-on-Concourse

**23- KOH Cleanup**  
**24** Kolping-on-Hudson

**30 KOH Cleanup**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

# February

## JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL *Membership Meeting*

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

The Bylaws of the Catholic Kolping Society New York call for us to have our annual general meeting on Sunday, March 6th. We will review our books and vote on issues and the selection of the Board of Directors.



We invite all of our members to make use of this opportunity to participate more fully in our Society. The meeting will be held at our headquarters on the Upper East Side of Manhattan at 165 East 88th Street.

We will celebrate Mass, conduct the meeting business and enjoy a delicious meal together.

**Please RSVP as early as possible so we can make arrangements.**

**PRICE:** Dinner, dessert and coffee will be \$20 per person and \$10 for children up to age 12.

**RSVP:** Email [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com) or call or text 914-432-2535 with your name and plan to attend.



**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 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 FEBRUARY**

Meghan Allen, Michael Beldotti, Betty Boecklen, Bob Boeschl, Carol Guarino Bongiovanni, Karl Buckel, Ivan Cantu, Zoila Chacha, Lisa Coen, Bernie Dengler, Jerry Fullam, Elizabeth Giordano, Eric Gorski, Bud Gramer, Anne Hemsing, Chris Henriques, Anna Keller, Brad Kelly, Violet Kelly, Joseph Kovar, Elisabeth Lersch, Matthes Lersch, Walter McDonald, Stephanie McGill, Johanna McGreevy, Christopher McGuire, Mary McGuire, George McNamara, Chad Mills, Joseph Mulligan, Laura Mulligan, Killian Murphy, Patricia Murphy, Christine O'Dell, Valerie O'Kelly-Lynch, Carl Pollack, Martin Povilonis, Bernard Preisser, Theresa Rascona, Renee Reichenbach, Ingrid Reslmaier, Redding Salvatori, Edward Schmitt, Kate Seger, Jason Sinks, Edward Specht, Reinhold Stehle, Daryl Stiloski and Gerhard Zoeller.

### **SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Special birthday wishes to **Lisa Coen, Chris Henriques, Bernie Preisser, and Martin Povilonis**

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.

### **THANK YOU!**

**Advent Project:** Michael and Yvonne Beldotti, Albert Sartorius, Ferdinand Zipprich, Peter Carruthers, Katrina Dengler, Dagmar Simons, Lou and Nick Colletti, John and Betty Reitter, Natasha and Peter Bruegger, Peggy and David Dougall, Karen Staub and all who made cash gifts at our St Nikolaus celebration. Father Bretone's parish in Yulan is grateful for the opportunity to secure a color copier which will allow them to spread God's word.

We remember our good friend Paula Vogl and thank Kathy and Mike Weinborg, Martha and Ziggy Shukart, Helga Liebold and Family, Ann and Bob Hemsing, Wilma and Ernst Endrich, and Joan and Ted Dengler for their gifts in her memory.

Thank you Bettina Elstroth for your generous donation to our 2022 projects! Thank you Ron Seelbach and Jim Minarik for your gifts to Kolping as 50 year plus members!

### **KOLPING OCCUPATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL APOSTOLATE (KOVA)**

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.

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 FEBRUARY 2022 INTENTION**

#### **UNIVERSAL INTENTION: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society  
and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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## KOH FOR PARTY RENTALS

Keep Kolping-on-Hudson in mind for parties next year. Our new dining room is both beautiful and versatile.



# NEWS & NOTES

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Family: \$120 • Individual: \$90 • Student: \$40**  
**50-year members: paid up forever!**

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2022. 114 members have already submitted their dues for this year—thank you for your promptness. Your membership cards are coming soon.

Note that if you didn't get 2021 dues paid, you should send that along with your 2022 payment so that your membership in the Society continues. Our very modest dues payments combined with the savings and contributions of generations of members keeps our Catholic Kolping Society New York operating at all three of our locations – Montrose, the Concourse and 88th Street.

Pay your membership dues by April 1st to avoid any late charges. Send your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to: Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th St.,

## LENTEN PROJECT 2022

Do you want to make a difference in the world? Can you find \$1 to share with a Kolping brother or sister? Kolping's Lenten Project this year is again designed to help some of our Kolping brothers and sisters rise from poverty to self-sufficiency by providing them with goats and the training to care for the animals and use them to help feed their family and provide a small income. If each of us in NY Kolping gives \$1, we could provide two families with goats. If each of us gives \$10, we'd be helping 20 families take a step forward. And if we could each give \$1 for every day in Lent, or \$40 each, that would impact 80 families! Kolping International is coordinating this project with Kolping in Kenya. Please send your gift today—see how big of a difference we can make when we come together.

## "I'M NOT GETTING KOLPING EMAILS!"

Every so often we hear this statement and we want to make sure you know what's going on at Kolping. If you're not getting the emails and you'd like to, please send an email to [KolpingNY@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com)).

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

## JOIN OUR LINKEDIN PAGE

As more and more people use this social network, it makes sense for Kolping to have a profile on LinkedIn. We invite all members to CONNECT. LinkedIn is a particularly good tool for job seekers. We strongly 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](mailto:membership@kolpingny.org)

# MORE NEWS & NOTES

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## CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

Our President, Gerhard Schmitt, was interviewed by Monsignor Jim Vlaun on the Catholic Faith Network (formerly Telecare) recently. Monsignor and Gerhard discuss the principles of the Kolping Society, its origins in New York and the projects and offerings that we provide in the present day. It's a very interesting interview and I strongly encourage you to take ten minutes and watch.



Here is the link... Gerhard's interview starts about the 5 minute mark.

<https://vimeopro.com/user98187253/catholic-faith-network-cfn/video/661210391>

Watch and share with your family and friends! For more info on the Catholic Faith Network and links to hours of excellent programming you can visit their website at: <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>

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## KOLPING ON HUDSON UPDATE

The KOH operating crew and full committee both met in January to attend to the numerous issues involved in running our beautiful home on the Hudson River. The good news is that we have a wonderful group of talented individuals bringing their skills and resources to the table—and they're volunteering again for 2022.

Gerhard and Alex Schmitt, Al Vogl and Tracie Truncellito, Jen and Mike Scheuermann, Kathy and Mike Weinborg and Joan and Ted Dengler serve as the steering committee or operating crew. Our KOH committee is filled out with Natasha and Peter Bruegger, Lou Colletti, Arty Kessler, Frank Kurcz, Carol and Dennis Noll, Peter Sedlmaier, Chuck Smith, Mia Steigerwald, Chris Ulrich and John Weigand. An even larger circle of key volunteers keep our retreat beautiful, clean and safe.

Thanks to the generosity of this team, we've been able to keep prices low while facing inevitable cost increases. 2022 will have some cost increases after two years of no change, so you'll spend a little more for a dip in the pool, a meal or a drink, a summer rental and so on. You'll still see a great value for any dollar spent with Kolping.

Improvements in the works right now include new windows for the bar, repairs to some rooves and, as always, painting! We expect to have a few new features in place this year. Watch the bulletin for details.

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## KOLPING MEMBERS CAN SUPPORT CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH

Hello Kolping Society members, my name is Stephen Lovasz, I'm a long-time member and staple at the Kolping on Hudson property.

I am raising money for children's cancer research through the St. Baldrick's Foundation. I started doing this back in 2014 when the daughter of a childhood friend was diagnosed with cancer at age two. My feelings are that kids should be kids, scraping their knees and getting dirty, not in isolation, dealing with cancer treatments. So to get involved I raise money by shaving my head in solidarity with those kids that lose their hair from treatment. I'll grow my hair, I'll shave my head, all I ask is you make a donation to the link below. It's an important cause and I hope you will join me in this fight. Thank you for your time and hopefully your help.

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1088058/2022>

**Note from editor:** Be sure to reference Stephen Lovasz and event #1088058 so that we can see the total impact Steve makes this year

# BOYSCOUT TROOP 36

## JANUARY 2022 UPDATE *Submitted by Bob Hemsing*

December and early January have kept the Scouts very busy with a variety of activities and events.

First, The Troop set up the Nativity at St. Christopher's as they do each year and it looked spectacular!

On the December 8th weekend, the Troop participated in a campout at Alpine in New Jersey where exploration included coming across a castle.

We also had two senior scouts earn the rank of Eagle!!! This is the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America and comes with the completion of two projects that benefit our community, helped by their fellow scouts and parents!

This time around, the first project entailed the creation and construction of a storybook pathway at the Hendrick Hudson Free Public Library on Kings Ferry Road. The project involved the planning and placement of a pathway lined with posts with each showing a stage of a story which children can follow as they make their way around the path. The public unveiling took place at the library in December. The second project involved the construction of a shed for Hendrick Hudson High School for storage of athletic equipment. The project was designed from scratch with the base and shed put together by the scouts with the assistance of some parents. Both projects will serve our community well!!!

Last but certainly not least: WELCOME Girl Scout Troop 5036 Montrose! The paperwork was submitted and the approvals came the next day with their first meeting held on Wednesday January 12th! There will be quite a bit of planning and working together side by side with the boys over the next several months in getting the new troop up and running! The troop consists of six brand new scouts, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster who are working with the Adult Leaders of Troop 36. We will share resources at the Committee level as well.

—Vincent Ciampi



*Nativity set-up at St. Christopher's*



*Alpine campout December 2021*



*Hendrick Hudson Library Project*



*Girl Scouts first meeting January 2022*

# KOLPING GENERAL MEETING 2021 / MINUTES

The **MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York held at 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY on June 6, 2021

Chairman of the Board, John Weigand called the Meeting to order at 12:14pm and the meeting was opened with a prayer. Prior to the formal business of the day, a moment was set aside to express the gratitude of the Catholic Kolping Society of NY to **John Reitter** (upon his retirement from the Board) for his years of tremendous service and guidance to the Board and Kolping.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the March 2020 General Meeting. Additionally, a motion was made and seconded to accept said minutes.

**Elections:** There are three vacancies for Senior Board members and two vacancies for Junior Board members. For the Senior board a slate of the following people were presented: Frank Kurcz, Donna Richardson, and John Weigand (all returning Board members) and there were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded (with no objections) to elect these individuals as Senior Board members. For the Junior Board vacancies, two new individuals were presented as candidates (with no additional nominations from the floor)—Alex Schmitt and Mia Steigerwald. Each took the podium, provided background information on themselves and explained why they would be good board members. Following this, a motion was made and seconded (with no objections) to elect these individuals as Junior Board members.

**Controller's report—by Ted Dengler X**

## **KOH**

- KOH is faring well thus far this year because of a large number of donations and large number of volunteers pitching in.

## **KOC**

- The property is generally in good shape financially and is running at a surplus this year.

## **K88**

- K88 is being financially impacted by the pandemic because of the large decrease in occupancy.
- Accordingly, staff and expenses have been reduced
- Support from the federal relief program (PPP) was sought.

## **Society**

- The Society has the burdens of expenses without related income and, as always, is required to get infusions from other areas within the organization to cover its expenses.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Controller's report.

## **House Reports**

**K88—by Katrina Dengler and Gerhard Schmitt**

- Occupancy reached a low of 12%
- Staff has been laid off and hours reduced
- Society Secretary selflessly gave up her salary
- The restaurant was closed.
- As stated in the financial reports, support from the federal relief program (PPP) was sought.

- Starting to see some positive trends with occupancy improving to 25% and some meals being restored, but there is still a long way to go.
- A women's floor was introduced (changing a men's floor to women occupancy). This is the first time in K88 history.
- The house is in good repair, but always needs tending to, such as upcoming repairs to the ballroom ceiling.
- The long time office manager, Ken Rose, is retiring.

**KOC—by Katrina Dengler**

- Occupancy decline and nonpayment has hurt the KOC financials
- Support from the NYS rental assistance program was sought.
- Some residents contracted COVID and were quarantined
- Protocols followed throughout the House including closing common rooms

**KOH—by Lou Colletti**

- Significant number of volunteer hours put in by members at KOH this year.
- Tracy Truncellito is the new KOH manager and Alfred Vogl is the new bar manager.
- We all appreciate the tremendous job that Heidi has done as manager over the years

**President's Report—by President Gerhard Schmitt**

- Thanks and gratitude were extended to our retiring board member, John Reitter, for his considerable contribution and service to the Board over the years.
- Thanks were also extended to all of the house managers for their contributions to the organization over the past year, including, with special note, Heidi Umland.
- The President asked that members try to attend events at all of the Kolping NY facilities, given that Kolping NY is a multifaceted organization.
- A new marketing committee has been formed for Kolping and already had a lot of great ideas. We expect they will have a great impact on the future.
- Lastly, it was noted that we are currently in dialogue with the DEC to ensure that we remain in compliance with our conservation easement.

**Vice President's Report—None given**

**Corresponding Secretary's report—None given**

**Treasurer's report—by John Reitter**

- Kolping is faring well financially in light of the circumstances and the pandemic.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Endowment report—by Ted Dengler X**

- Ted noted that the purpose of the Fund is to spread the mission of Fr. Kolping.
- The Fund has experienced good performance this year.
- Present initiative underway to evaluate the holdings and determine whether reallocation of assets would make sense.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Endowment report.

**Membership report—by Joan Dengler**

- At present we have:
  - 409 members
  - 65 non-payments
  - 18 new members over the past year and more expected to be initiated on Fathers' Day
- Dues were raised by a modest amount in 2021, as was approved by the Board.
- In 2020 there was a pause on new membership, which was unpaused in 2021.

**International Report—by John Reitter**

- Kolping has approximately 450,000 members worldwide
- John spent 9 years on the International Board and travelled to many countries and witnessed how Kolping helps families in each of these places, including support agriculture, well water, education (traditional academic pursuits and teaching of trades)

**National Report—by Lou Colletti**

- 2021 Convention is postponed to 2022
- The National Lenten Project was to buy goats for the Kolping Family in Kenya. All donations were great appreciated.

**U.N. Report—by John Reitter**

- Kolping has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN, as well as the Commission for Social Development and Commission on the Family.
- The goal is to spread our message to the member states of the UN.

**Radio Report**

- Kolping continues to successfully sponsor Catholic Radio by rebroadcasting "Relevant Radio" on 102.3 KBR in the Peekskill area. The content is very professional and family-oriented.
- Always looking for more volunteers to help with this mission

**KOVA Report—by Gerhard Schmitt**

- Presently, we are working with applicants in the fields of oyster farming, auto transmission repair, and marketing.
- We encourage interested parties to come forward.

**Praeses Report—None given**

(Fr. Bretone was unable to attend the meeting)

**Old Business—None raised**

**New Business—None raised**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed with a prayer at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank J Weigand  
Recording Secretary



# KOLPING SKI TRIP

*Friday-Sunday, March 11-13, 2022*

## Mountaineer Inn at Mount Snow, Vermont

The Kolping Family ski trip is more popular than ever and we've added rooms at a second lodge around the corner from the Mountaineer. Enjoy beautiful views of Mount Snow and Southern VT, skiing, hot tub, socializing with old and new friends. Join us for a super-fun weekend getaway.

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