

KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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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.
- 7-9 Kolping Ski Trip**
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- 17 St. Patrick's Day**
Wear your green!
- 18 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 19 April Bulletin**
Last day to submit material

april

- 5-6 KOH Cleanup**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 12- KOH Cleanup**
- 13 Kolping-on-Hudson**
- 15 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping-on-Concourse
- 19- Easter Weekend**
- 20 No Cleanup at KOH**
- 26 KOH Cleanup**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 27 Easter Egg Hunt**
Kolping-on-Hudson

March

Please Join Us!

Mass, Communion Brunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

All members, friends and their guests are requested to join together on Sunday, March 2, 2014

German Mass at 10:00 am: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC

Coffee Hour following Mass: St. Joseph's Church

Brunch 12 noon: Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street

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

We will be electing new members to our Board of Directors, so we hope you will be joining us on this important day. A wonderful opportunity to participate and interact with all your Kolping Board Members.

Please make your reservations by calling Jan Kessler at 914-462-7649 or emailing jkessny@aol.com. It is important that you RSVP by February 26, 2014 so that we know that you are coming and our staff can be prepared for all the attendees.

KOLPING SKI TRIP

We've had a great response to the annual Kolping Ski Trip this year. The Mountaineer is currently sold out and we have a waiting list. Those who have rooms but haven't ordered lift tickets yet can contact Joan Dengler [joanandted@gmail.com].



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

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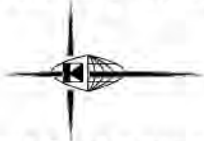
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Milestones & Passages



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

Our deepest sympathies to the family of former member **Maria Vogl**. Maria passed away on February 12th. She and her late husband Alfred were members for many years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

Hildegard Augart, Christian Aviles, Charles Aviles, Jr., Gabrielle Barbara, Leigh Barbelet, Robert Berge, Rosemarie Best, Laura Burke, Karl Buscher, Gabrielle Caruso, Mary Dennis, Aiden Duffy, Stevan Fontana, Manfred Gallwitz, Liam Geoghegan, Matt Geoghegan, Jack Gilhooley, John Gilhooley, Jean Gormley, Kristina Gruno, John Halvey, Jillian Hemsing, Catherine Hickey, Tyler Hierspiel, Eileen Hogan, Kerryann Horan, Louie Janny, James Kelly, Marilyn Kozynoski, Denise Kurcz, Debra Lewis, Elizabeth Lorenzen, Stephen Lovasz, Kristine Mallon, Jaclyn Mandel, Cecelia McGlew, Allison McKay, Joan McNamara, Gloria McSweeney, John McSweeney, Erik Melita, Gertrude Mohapp, Wayne Moraitis, Mark Nieshalla, Steve Ochronek, Elfriede Orłowski, Jorge Paris, Claudio Petriccione, Helmi Pinner, Gail Prager, Stephanie Prager, Scott Ralls, Jenna Richardson, Ruthann Ritter, Albert Sartorius, Jennifer Scheuermann, Michael Scheuermann, Franziska Schmidt, Robert Schmidt, Alex Schmitt, Inge Schmitt, Kevin Shook, Roy Sokol, Karen Staub, Tyler Stiloski, Hendrik Van Asselt, Samantha Van Asselt, Heide Weinborg, Herb Winkelmann, and Ferdinand Zipprich.

SPECIAL MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Stephen Lovasz**.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Ingrid & Reinhold Stehle** for their generous donation to the Advent Project.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Dan McLane** on his graduation from Hunter College. Dan is the son of Lisa Farsang, and grandson of James Minarik.

LENTEN PROJECT

All Lenten donations collected this year will be supporting **Catholic Charities**, as well as **St. Baldrick's Foundation** for childhood cancer research.

One of our members Steve Lovasz has been growing out his hair for almost a year and will be shaving it all off next month for the support of St. Baldricks Foundation—Childhood Cancer Research. Please forward your donations to the attention of Jan Kessler—checks to be made out to Catholic Kolping Society, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MARCH 2014 INTENTIONS

UNIVERSAL: That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

FOR EVANGELIZATION: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

2014 DUES

By now all members should have received their dues letter and calendar for 2014. The good news is that the dues remain the same as last year:

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

Student: \$40

50-year members:
paid up forever!

After April 1: \$5 additional

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

Please make check payable to:
The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society,
Attention: Jan Kessler, Kolping on
Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road,
Montrose, NY 10548 and mark
"Dues" in the left-hand corner.

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Edward Schmitt is a Kolping member, and also the lawyer for Kolping. If you are in need of law services, he comes highly recommended.



KOLPING IS ON FACEBOOK
Members can use this as another way to get the latest updates.

News & Notes

APRIL KOH SPRING CLEANUP

It is really hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner—all of this snow and ice will be thawing soon. So mark our calendars for our first scheduled weekend cleanup at KOH on April 5th and 6th.

Calling for all helping hands—projects for everyone big and small. The dates for KOH cleanup are as follows: April 5th-6th, April 12-13, April 26th & 27th, May 3rd, 4th and 10th. There is always outside and inside cleanup and numerous other jobs for everyone. Bob Hemsing and Heidi Umland will be on hand to coordinate the activities. Lunch will be served for the volunteers. Please call Heidi Umland (KOH Manager) to let her know you are available to assist in getting some of these projects done: 718-805-0552 weekdays, and 914-736-0117 weekends. Stop by when you have free time to lend a hand. Thanking everyone in advance for all your help!

CELEBRATING SPECIAL OCCASIONS AT KOH

It is also time to get your party plans on the calendar—many people are already booking parties, family reunions, birthdays, and picnics and KOH is the perfect place for all those special memories. Please contact Heidi Umland at 718-805-0552 weekdays, and 914-736-0117 weekends as she will be able to confirm dates and pricing for your events.

ANNUAL DUES

Thank you to all those that have submitted their payments for their Kolping annual dues. Reminder that payments are due by April 1st. A late charge of \$5.00 will be incurred after this date. Please make your checks payable Catholic Kolping Society, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548—Attn: Jan Kessler.

GO PAPERLESS!!!

Reminder that the Kolping monthly bulletin can be received via email if you so desire. Many members have decided this works out well for them and it helps to save the trees. Just call or email Jan Kessler (914-462-7649) or jkessny@aol.com if you would like to receive your copy by email.

Please also note that you can visit our website www.kolpingny.org where you can find copies of the monthly bulletins, list of upcoming events and so much other information that you may find helpful.

40TH NATIONAL KOLPING SOCIETY CONVENTION

Chicago Kolping Society is hosting the Convention this year and the dates are Aug. 29–Sept. 1, 2014. Please let us know if you have an interest in being a delegate by contacting Jan Kessler at 914-462-7649 or jkessny@aol.com.

RESERVE THE DATE

On Saturday, May 31st, Father Breton will have a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's Church in Brooklyn followed by a combined Spring Fundraiser for Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries and his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood Party. Please leave the date open...details to come.

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

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

Our International Kolping General Secretary

Submitted by John Reitter. Photos by John Reitter and Christine Preisser.

During the early days of March, our International Kolping General Secretary, **Dr. Marcus Dememle**, came to visit a number of Kolping families in the USA. His whirlwind tour led him to Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago, New York and Los Angeles where he was able to tell us about the wonderful Kolping projects being carried out by Kolping families in Africa and South America and to witness first hand the life of Kolping members in the United States.

Since International Kolping has been granted consultative status with ECOSOC, the United Nations organization responsible for the Commission for Social Development, and since Kolping's good works dovetail so closely with the theme of the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development "Poverty Eradication, Promoting Empowerment of People, Social Integration, Full Employment and Decent Work for All" a trip to the UN was essential. A previously submitted intervention by Kolping International had been accepted by the Commission and was entered into the record.

Our long time representative to the UN, and member of the NGO Committee for Social Development, John Reitter, accompanied Marcus to the Civil Society Forum on one day, and then to the opening session of the Commission on the following day. The Forum's output document, Civil Society Declaration, became the first NGO statement presented to the Commission after the opening formalities were completed.

Marcus felt that the participation of Kolping at the United Nations was important from a world wide perspective. Foreign governments were much more responsive to provide assistance for Kolping's works in their countries when shown European Union and United Nations credentials.

After the long first day at the UN, Marcus also attended the New York Kolping board meeting, gave some interesting insights on needs and accomplishments of the world-wide Kolping families.

He commented that the period of Kolping expansion into different parts of the world was ending and a new focus was being placed on strengthening and improving existing Kolping family structures.

He expressed his delight at meeting all of us and presented the Board with a copy of the Kolping Mosaic depicting the major elements of Blessed Father Adolph Kolping's life. The original is located in the church of Fr. Kolping's baptism.



Marcus standing in front of the UN



Marcus and John shaking hands inside the UN



Fr. Bretone, Bernie Preisser, Marcus and John Reitter with the copy of the Mosaic

Kolping Awarded Radio Station Permit

Submitted by Joan Sartorius

Robert Hemsing, President of the Society, reported that the Federal Communications Commission, Washington D.C. has granted a permit for the building of a Low Power FM Radio Station, to the Catholic Kolping Society of New York. The initial broadcasting area will serve Westchester County with the permit operating from the Kolping-on-Hudson, Montrose, NY location, on the broadcasting frequency of (MHz) 102.3; authorized hours of operation: unlimited.

New York Kolping's "Ad Hoc Committee" has been busy working long hours, days and weeks since before August 2013 on this project to obtain a radio station license. The members of the still expanding committee include Bob Hemsing, Norbert Dengler, Bernard Dengler, Katrina Dengler, Justin Dengler,; engineering, Romeo Cojocar, Theo Dengler, Albert Sartorius, Gerhard Schmitt, Sixto Portilla, John Noonan, Bernie Preisser, and others including some non-member Kolping friends. **However, additional interested members are vitally needed** to meet the varied challenges which must be met by this new evangelistic project of the New York's Kolping family; for example, the project must be formalized within the Society, funding begun, location of studio and transmission tower, broadcasting equipment and apparatus, programming and evangelistic content, copyright and royalty information and much more.

If any member or non-member is interested in any aspect of this undertaking, please contact Katrina Dengler at kdengler67@hotmail.com

Join in and "stay tuned".

A GREAT RECIPE submitted by Jack McGee

1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Talk to God about what is going on in your life. Buy a clock if you have to.
3. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement, "My Purpose is to _____ today. I am thankful for _____".
4. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
5. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan salmon, broccoli, almonds & walnuts.
6. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
7. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a College kid with a maxed-out charge card.
9. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
10. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
11. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
12. You are not so important that you have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
13. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
14. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their Journey is all about.
15. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
16. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
17. Forgive everyone for everything.
18. What other people think of you is none of your business.
19. GOD heals everything—but you have to ask Him.
20. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
21. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch!!!
22. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
23. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements: "I am thankful for _____
Today I accomplished _____."
24. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
25. When you are feeling down, start listing your many blessings. You'll be smiling before you know it.

Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

2014 Topic: *Recently Edward Snowden released many documents regarding electronic surveillance by the United States Government. Even the head of government of a close ally, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Angela Merkel, has supposedly had her cell phone tapped by the United States Government. What is your opinion? Is this policy of surveillance justified? Is it absolutely wrong? Is it justified under certain circumstances?.*

Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York
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. Please, follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar, vocabulary, syntax and orthography will be taken into account.
4. Not be a previous winner.
5. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
6. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014**. Please email materials electronically to **richard.brunhuber@verizon.net**. If you prefer, you can mail the materials to me (Ingrid Reslmaier, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563), and I will scan them and email them to Richard Brunhuber.

Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of New York at 212-369-6647 or 877-659-7237 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius 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: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Major/Minor Program of Study: _____/_____

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

Name of Kolping Member (*Print Clearly*): _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Kolping Family Branch: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Stories of Interest

The Last Battle of World War II “Schloss Itter” submitted by Martin A. Kelly



Itter Castle is a small castle standing on a high knoll in Itter, a village in North Tyrol, 20 km west of Kitzbühel

The once mighty German war machine was in shambles. April 31, 1945 “the leader” was dead; and, without orders from above, military units in what was left of “Das Reich,” were on their own. This was the backdrop of a clash between two German officers in which one would come out a hero; the other, a “Schurke” (villain).

The origin of the dispute went back to June 1940 and the “Fall of France”. The Armistice commission did not want to execute the captured political leaders; but they feared that if they let them free it would allow the British to spirit them away and use them to rally the French forces-in-exile for an invasion.

A sensible solution was to hold the French leaders, as V.I.P.’s, in a resort which turned out to be Schloss Itter, in the Tyrol Alps. The favorable treatment came to an end, however, in May 1, 1945, when the S.S. security commander, Sebastian Wimmer, abandoned his post as protector of the hostages and fled. Earlier in his military career he was accused of butchery.

Law and order had broken down. Hard-nosed, fight-to-the-end, S.S. units were in the area carrying out summary executions on anyone above 16 who displayed a white flag or even the Austrian banner. A motley crew of S.S. wanted to convert the Schloss Itter into ein Festung; and what would be the fate of the French guests with these trigger happy S.S?

Fortunately, a respected Wehrmacht officer Joseph “Sepp” Gangl and his contingent of war-weary soldiers arrived on the scene. Gangl had fought with gallantry from the opening shot in Poland in 1939. The holder of many medals and honors, he could see the futility of further resistance. With his men, some of whom were youths pressed into service, he determined to defend the Schloss and assume the responsibility for V.I.P.’s whose safety Grimm had jeopardized.

The battle broke out in which the S.S. used artillery (88’s + 30MM’s). The fight was somewhat reminiscent of the old wild west attack on the circle of wagon trains of the pioneers by vengeful Indians. Alas, the cavalry was on its way to the rescue. A U.S. armored force lead by Capt. Jack Lee arrived in the nick-of-time to repulse to S.S. and safeguard the French hostages who were safely repatriated.

S.S. officer Wimmer was later arrested and killed himself awaiting trial. Wehrmacht officer Gangl was honored posthumously; he is buried in the local cemetery beneath an imposing monument, and a main highway is named after him. He was a hero, also a martyr. A snipers bullet killed him at the Schloss.

Why Mary’s Request of Jesus at Cana? submitted by Jack McGee

Fr. Joe Roesch, MIC, welcomes your questions. Send them to: Ask a Marian, Editorial, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01263, or email ask@marian.org.

Q. What’s the significance of Mary’s request of Jesus at the wedding feast in Cana?

A. Much could be said about the wedding feast of Cana, but I will limit myself to your question. In actuality, Mary’s request is implied, since all she says to her Son is, “They have no wine” (Jn 2:3).

In those days, a wedding feast would have lasted for days, so to run out of wine in the middle of the feast would have been a terrible embarrassment for the newly married couple at the beginning of their life together. Mary intercedes with her Son through her simple observation of the problem. Her implied request is, “Please do something to help them.” Mary is our spiritual mother to whom Jesus entrusted each of us from the cross. She is always interceding for us as her children. In this case, it seems that she does so even before being asked.

There are different schools of thought on whether her request was the impetus that caused Jesus to change His mind and to begin His public ministry at that point, or whether it was always the Father’s plan that Christ would begin His public ministry then.

I believe the significance of Mary’s request lies in her witness of faith. In a time of need, she turns to her Son and lays the problem before Him in all simplicity. Then, she trusts that He will do something about it.

Mary’s simple statement is a beautiful example of prayer that is made with complete trust and abandonment to the will of God. So, too, her advice to the servers can teach us what to do after we have entrusted our problems to the Lord and abandoned ourselves to His will. “Do whatever He tells you” Jn 2:5).

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE KOLPING HOUSE

165 East 88th Street, New York City



A SPECIAL VISIT BY CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

SATURDAY
MAY 17TH, 2014

The day will begin with mass at 1:30PM.

After mass there will be entertainment, assorted hors d'oeuvres, and drinks available at a reasonable price. Dinner will follow.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan will be a guest speaker. Norbert Dengler & John Reitter will give a brief talk on Father Kolping and the Kolping Society in New York.

Coffee and cake will close out the event.

Members receive a free dinner and free parking.
Non-members are \$10.

We can only accommodate 120 people, so please reserve early. Reservations are required.

Please reserved your spots by contacting Jan Kessler by phone: 914-462-7649 or email: jkessny@aol.com.

Children are welcome.

— Albert Sartorius and the 100th Anniversary Committee



Special request from Lou Colletti—if any member has a photograph from the Kolping National Convention NYC Sept, 5-7, 1959 showing that Times Square Street sign was changed to Kolping during the Convention, could you please let her know by emailing her at lcookie1129@aol.com