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# NOTE the DATE

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- 5- KOH Cleanup
- 6 Kolping-on-Hudson
- 12 KOH Cleanup
- 13 Kolping-on-Hudson
- 20 Easter Sunday

The oldest and most important Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

- 23 May Bulletin Last day to submit material
- 26- KOH Cleanup
  - 27 Kolping-on-Hudson

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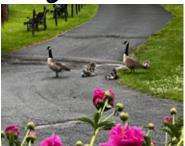
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- 20 Executive Board Meeting Kolping 88th Street
- 25 Memorial Day BBQ Kolping-on-Hudson

**KOLPING-ON-HUDSON** 

Spring Cleanup







We're ready to welcome you at Kolping on Hudson as we do our Spring Clean Up. We will need volunteers to remove furniture from the Dining Room. Outside landscaping can begin—raking leaves, etc. Also we will need volunteers to start in the kitchen. And we will remove benches and other items stored in Assmuth Hall for the off season and prepare the Hall for Mass on Mothers Day. New volunteers should come at 11am, experienced volunteers may begin on their own.

Please RSVP if you can so we can plan accordingly for lunch.

# **HELP WANTED**

KOH is seeking the following:

- Certified lifeguards for the upcoming season
- 1-2 p/t helpers for event setup, breakdown, and other light chores around the property
  - (If interested please contact Tracie Truncellito, kohmanager95@gmail.com for more information)
- Wait staff for weekends and special events. (If interested please contact Kathy Weinborg, kathyweinborg306@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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# 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 APRIL

Linda Ahrens, Gerald Beyrer, James Bradley, Nancy Byrne, Michelle Calhoun, Brian Carey, Joe Carroll, Andrea Cela, Michelle Cervello, Jean Cianci, Sean Coen, Romeo Cojocaru, Luca Matthias Coletti, Colleen Croce, Edward Croce, Steven Crowley, Cleo Cuevas, Debbie Dengler, Katrina Dengler, Kurt Dengler, Veronica Dengler, Nicholas DeVeaugh, Patrick Doherty, Willi Dunz, Maria Ebbri, Alfred Ferony, Sara Franz, Jessica Funnell, Sophie

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# **SPECIAL APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

We send special birthday wishes to **Linda Ahrens, Joe Carroll, Michelle Cervello, Lulu Nieshalla, James Reilly,** and **Betty Reitter.** 

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 Gerhard Zoeller** for your generous gift to Kolping on Hudson in memory of all the members who passed away during 2024.

#### A thank you note from a resident (Bibi Maryam) of our House on 88th Street:

Dear Kally & the administration at kolping, I cannot thank you enough for the warmle, undner & Sense of belinging you have given me . from the moment i arrived , kelping gett like more hjust a place to stay, it felt like home. In the cold winter nights, it provided wounds, on rainy days it offered me shelling but beyond that it Created on Space filled with love, comfort & Community. What makes kelping buly special is how beautifully it conveys the Spirit of Calkolicism, not just in name but in action . i have made Such beautiful memories, not just within thise walls but with the inevolible people from all around the world who have Should this experience. a heartfult thank you to wanda whose kindness have teacher us all, always ready to help with a worm Smile & open heart. Kolping will always hold a very special place in my heart i Can't want to be bakk again . Thank you once again for making it a home, a s-sanctuary & a living testament to the with deepest gratiliste failt & love. Bibi Maryam (Room 310)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Katherine and Walter Weigand are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra, to John Nuzzi. We wish the couple much happiness in the years to come.

# Kolping Classifieds



# THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The German Society of the City of New York welcomes new members.

We hold quarterly members' luncheons including a mini-concert, a delicious lunch, singing, and German conversation with friends old and new. We provide assistance and support with German pension applications/trouble-shooting; proof-of-life forms; referrals to professionals; probate matters (wills, estates, inheritance issues); tenant/landlord advice; liaison with nursing homes, assisted living, home health care, hospital social work departments, German Consulate and more.

Please call **212 360 6022** or email **bfox@germansocietyny.org**.

# **NEWS & NOTES**

# **2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Family: \$155 • Individual: \$120 • Student: \$50

50-year members: paid up forever!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2025. 189 members have already submitted their dues for this year—thank you for your promptness. Your membership cards are on their way to you.

Note that if you didn't get last year's dues paid, you should send that along with this year's 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.

Send your check made out to Catholic Kolping Society to: Joan Dengler, Kolping, 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562

# **KOLPING CONVENTION 2026**

We in New York Kolping are hosting the 2026 biennial National Kolping Convention in September of next year. There are all sorts of volunteer roles we will be looking to fill. The Convention is a two-day meeting of representatives from each of the U.S. Kolping Societies. Approximately 25-30 delegates and officers meet to review progress and determine the future course for our Society. Dozens of friends and family members join in and travel to the host city. We will be hosting and entertaining our fellow Kolping members from all across the country. More details coming in future Bulletins and Emails regarding committee needs.

# MAILING ADDRESS UPDATE FOR KOLPING NATIONAL OFFICE:

Kolping National has a new mailing address: Catholic Kolping Society of America PO BOX 76008 Highland Heights, KY 41076

# PARTY RENTALS AT OUR KOLPING VENUES:

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

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





**KOC Dining Room** 

# **MORE NEWS & NOTES**

# 2025 LENTEN PROJECT

The Lenten Project is underway. Thank you to everyone who has given generously! Remember that National coordinates this so gifts should be sent directly to our National Executive Director Anna Stukenborg.



#### Donations can be made in one of these three ways:

- Mail a check
- Click the link "Donate to The Lenten Project" on our website homepage www.kolping.org
- Scan the QR code to go directly to the online donation form

# **MOTHERS DAY—SUNDAY MAY 11**

# Please plan to join us at Kolping on Hudson for the annual Dinner and Mass in honor of all our Mothers.

The menu will be: Garden salad with Mandarin oranges, red onion, feta cheese, tomato, cucumber, and Craisins with vinaigrette dressing Roast beef, mashed potato, green beans. Dessert will be Chocolate mousse with fresh raspberries and whipped cream.

We will celebrate Mass in our own Assmuth Hall that day and welcome new members to the Society.

There will be a children's meal available—be sure to indicate when reserving if you need this.

After Mass, we will process to the upper shrine and crown the Blessed Mother with a floral wreath.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per member reserved in advance (\$35 for nonmembers who reserve in advance) and \$15 for children ages 5-12. If there are any spots available the day of the event, the walk-in rate is \$5 additional.

And, by the way, "advance" means several days before the meal—so please reserve by Wednesday May 8th at 12 noon.

We expect to sell out, so please plan ahead and let us know you would like to join us.

Email kohmanager95@gmail.com or leave a message at 914 432 2535.



# KOLPING ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

We met at our house on 88th Street in Manhattan for the Annual Membership meeting. The day started with German Mass at St. Joseph's on 87th Street. Thanks go out to the members who could get out early enough to represent the Kolping Society at the Parish which has partnered with us for so many years. Geovanny Ramirez' team (Oni, Elvis, Angel) prepared a wonderful meal of roast pork, chicken, pasta and potatoes. The youth of the Portilla and Reyes families collected tickets and served the meal to our gathered guests.

Chair Tracie Truncellito ran the official business portion of the day. The slate of nominees for the Board was uncontested and the current directors whose terms were expiring agreed to serve again. Annual reports commenced with details on the operations of our three properties, the state of our finances, membership statistics, special funds and an update on the National Kolping Society and International Kolping. The official meeting minutes will follow in a future issue.

We have just one photo from our day. Please share photos that you take at Kolping events. A picture is worth a thousand words and a memory lasts a lifetime. Let's share them.

# **MORE NEWS & NOTES**

# **SERVICE PROJECTS 2025**

FURRY FRIENDS can be made more comfortable with our clean, cast-off towels and bed linens. We'll be collecting these at KOH for the SPCA.

#### WINTER COATS are needed!

As you switch your closet from Winter to Spring, think about passing on coats that you didn't use this year. Bring to KOH on the weekends. We'll deliver them to partners in Westchester who provide them to people in need when the weather turns.

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.

# STEUBEN PARADE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# Who will be Miss German-America 2025, Queen of the 68th German-American Steuben Parade of New York?

Every year we crown a Miss German-America, Steuben Parade Queen along with two Parade Princesses, Junior Princesses and a Junior General. As spokeswoman for the New York Steuben Parade, the Queen and her court will promote the New York Steuben Parade by attending numerous events in the greater NYC area. They are Goodwill Ambassadors for the Parade. Miss German-America and two Princesses will each be awarded a college scholarship.

Applications are due by April 20, 2025 via email to: romco.MGA@gmail.com

Applications available: https://germanparadenyc.org/the-search-is-on-for-miss-german-american-2025/

# 2025 KOLPING NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

We are now taking applications for the 2025 National Scholarship!

#### **Scholarship Candidate Qualifications:**

Candidates must be in or entering: senior year of high school in the Fall of 2025; an accredited college or university; an accredited trade school. Candidates must be active Kolping members or an immediate family member of an active Kolping member.

Immediate family will be defined as spouse, child, grandchild or great-grandchild.

"Active" is defined as a member who is current with their dues for at least two years.

There is no age requirement.

College students who were awarded a scholarship in 2024 will not be eligible until 2026. High school seniors who were awarded a scholarship in 2024 can apply for the college-level scholarship.

Applications must be submitted no later than April 30th, 2025 to qualify for consideration.

For additional details go to our homepage www.kolping.org then click "Click Here to Apply" under the 2025 Scholarship section.

# ARE YOU READY FOR BASEBALL?

Our fellow Kolping Member Karen Staub has once again agreed to generously share 4 Tickets for the Subway Series game on Saturday July 5, 2025 at 4:10pm. The set of tickets will be raffled off with proceeds going to a special fund to preserve and care for our Kolping House on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. The seats are located on the Excelsior level, Third Base side, Section 331. These tickets provide access to Piazza Club, Caesar's Sportsbook and the Hudson Whiskey Club. Drawing will be held on Fathers Day - Sunday June 15th. Raffle Tickets can be purchased from Lou Colletti by email or text: **LCookie1129@aol.com / (914) 275-7481** 

#### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

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

# **OUR HOLY FATHER'S APRIL 2025 INTENTION**

FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

# KOLPING GENERAL MEETING 2025 / MINUTES Submitted by Alex Schmitt

The MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York held at 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY on March 2, 2025

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Father Bretone, Gerhard Schmitt. Katrina Dengler, Tracie Truncellito, John Weigand, Ted Dengler Peter Carruthers. Alex Schmitt. Kevin Bruegger, Chuck Smith, Frank Kurcz, Mia Steigerwald, and Alfred Vogl

Father Bretone began the meeting with a prayer at 12:30 pm

Katrina made a motion to accept the 2024 General Meeting minutes, Lisa Carruthers seconded, motion carried.

Peter Carruthers made a motion to increase family dues to \$145, keep the single dues at \$105 and the student dues at \$40 for 2026, Frank K seconded, motion carried.

John Weigand ran the elections for the board. There were 3 senior board and 2 junior board seats up for election. All current members reran, Peter Carruthers, Al Sartorius, Jr., Chuck Smith, Natasha Borodin, and Alfred Vogl respectively. John asked for new nominations from the members. There were none. As such, Gerhard Schmitt made a motion to elect those running by acclimation and to skip a physical ballot. Motion passed and all those running were elected.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS Given by Ted Dengler

Kolping on Hudson: Transfers from the Discretionary Fund to KOH have been 0 since 2019. In 2024 \$40,000 was transferred from the Preservation fund to KOH to repair the road. There was a small profit at the end of the season. In 2025 more funding from the Preservation Fund will be needed for other capital projects.

Kolping on Concourse: KOC is not the first property to have financial woes. In the past both K88 and KOH have had their issues, but they have turned around and have been generating profits. In 2023 \$127,000 was transferred to KOC and a large donation was received. These were used to fund capital improvements. In 2024 \$338,644 was transferred to KOC to cover projects and other expenses. Despite the help KOC still experienced a deficit by the end of 2024.

**K88:** The house experienced a good net income. It transferred \$58,350 to the General fund and \$339, 644 to KOC. In the end it experienced a modest profit

Society: Income was mostly dues. Since some bills are paid out of the Society, out of expediency, the Society will almost always show a deficit. Luckily, the success of K88 is helping to carry the Society

Gerhard made a motion to accept the financials, Mia seconded, motion carried.

#### **HOUSE REPORTS**

#### K88

### Given by Gerhard & Katrina:

The house is doing really well. It currently has an 86% occupancy. The busiest months are in the summer. Because of COVID the third floor was converted into the women's floor in order to get more guests. It was successful and now there is a waiting list of women. Recently, a non-payer was finally removed. The house continually undergoes renovations. Thanks to Geovanny and his team a lot of the work gets done in house. The dining room got a makeover consisting of a new floor, paint, the existing bar and closet doors were refinished, and a new marble threshold was installed. This year a glassware cabinet above the fridge will be installed. New fire doors were installed in the ballroom. Rooms get renovated between guests. A laundry room with washers, dryers, and vending machines for the tenants is being looked into. Finally, the kitchen needs a new hood. Two estimates are being considered.

#### **KOC**

### Given by Kelly:

She continues to work hard making sure the building complies with old and new NYC local laws as well as capital improvement overseeing projects. In 2024 the roof and boiler projects were completed. A fire inspector evaluated the building and provided a report showing the many necessary changes and upgrades. She and her team immediately went to work to rectify what they could. Additional work will need to be done by others. The laundry room will need a sprinkler system. For drinking water safety, a back-flow preventer was installed and another one will be needed for the laundry room sprinkler system. Luckily, the parapet inspection went well. However, the facade is in major need of repair. Although the elevator is still working it will need a major part replaced in the future. The improvements to the house are being made consistently since Kelly has been hired. Unfortunately, they are costing a great deal of money, but donations and the Society are helping the process. Lastly, Kelly has made additional connections to help fill the rooms, including the Bronx Community Board, Turbo Tenant, and the Aisling Irish Community Center. She asks that we help advertise KOC rooms.

#### KOH

# Given by Tracie:

Thanks to the many volunteers engaged in projects, maintenance, and events a modest profit was realized in 2024. Last year a large portion of the road was repaved; the drop ceiling on the second and third floors of the main house were replaced, sheet rocked, spackled, and painted; the exterior wall by the kitchen was waterproofed; and room renovations began. Clean ups and projects will begin the first week in April. Slated 2025 projects include finishing room renovations, replacing the floor in the Assmuth Hall, and painting the barn. At some point the kitchen hood needs replacing. KOH events are all lined up and many rentals have been booked.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT Given by Gerhard:

This is his last report as President at a General Meeting as next year he cannot run for that position again. He reiterated that KOC will need more funding for future projects and that the house has not been profitable for a long time. In order to just break-even it requires almost 100% occupancy. The KOC house committee and the Board of Directors are working closely with the house to keep things moving in the right direction. Fortunately, an anonymous donor has offered to pay for a lift to closely examine the façade and provide a more accurate estimate. As per K88 those projects will continue to be done in house. He segued into National Convention explaining how

# **KOLPING GENERAL MEETING 2025 / MINUTES** continued

our various American Kolping families are getting smaller, thus leaving less choices for where to hold the biennial conventions. New York will host the next one in 2026. So far, the committee has looked into hotels and created a preliminary agenda. Our membership will need to help out. Finally, he spoke about the KOVA fund asking the audience to please let the Society know if a business they know would benefit from a grant to help offset the cost of training a new hire.

# VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Given by Katrina:

She started by explaining that she does not intend to run for President next year. The members and the Board will need to come forward to volunteer for the positions of President and Vice President. She then thanked all the house managers for running the respective houses. Thanks went to the Board for their time spent running the Society. She explained that Kolping is a Society and not a club. It is there to benefit others and not just its members. Father Kolping was for education, work, family, and religion. We need to invite more families with children. The latest Advent Project would benefit Father Bretone's parish upstate. The upcoming Lenten project will continue to benefit Kolping in Kenya. The National Banner included convenient envelopes for contributions.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT Given by Peter:

New Kolping York maintains investments with 3 asset management firms, Ameriprise, Bank of New York/ Mellon, and Bank of America/Merrill. Overall the holdings have been steadily growing and at about the same rate since 2019, but with a dip of about 14% in 2022. In 2023 they were up about 13% and in 2024 about 11%. Some of the fixed income investments were not doing so well for a while and so some cash was invested into Treasury bills. Peter recommended the Society do some more fund raising to inject money into some of the accounts, such as the KOVA and Scholarship funds.

Gerhard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Katrina seconded, motion carried.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT Given by Joan:

In 2024 9 new members had been inducted. Currently there are 19 applications in process. Members in good standing include 1 Holy Trinity, 4 students, 149 single, 162 family, 38 honorary and exempt. There were about 2 dozen non payers in 2024. After 2 years they get will removed from the roster if they indicate they do not want to remain in the Society.

### **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT** Given by Joan:

The Joseph Sartorius Scholarship contest is going on now. It has been announced in the Bulletin and the essays due April 15. Members, children or grandchildren of members can participate.

### NATIONAL REPORT Given by Lou and Mia:

The new National Executive Director is Anna Stukenborg, who is from Cincinnati Kolping. Anna has been working with Lisa Brinkmann on the digital library. The National Scholarship is on the website at this time. The Lenten Project will continue with Kenya, supporting the goats, vertical gardens, and water tanks. You can donate online at the National Website. The 2024 National Convention was held in Missouri and coordinated by National, including our own Natasha and Mia, who is now the National Vice President. The next National Convention will be held in New York on September 11 through September 13, 2026. That will be the week-end after the Oktoberfest. Activities will be held at K88 and at KOH. The last time it was held in New York was in 2016.

# **UN REPORT** Given by Frank K:

Commission for Social Development met during the month of February. The Second World Social Summit will be taking place in Doha, Qatar this November. The summit aims to address the persistent gaps in social development, recommit to the goals outlined in the 1996 Copenhagen Declaration and Program of Action, and accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Committee on the Family met in February regarding family cohesion thru family travel and family meals. Special guests were Lydia Bastianich and Bruce Poon Tip.

#### RADIO REPORT

**Given by Katrina:** The antenna needs new spot since the passing of Walter McDonald. It would need to be near the Somers area. Please let the Society know of any possible locations.

### **NEW BUSINESS** Given by Karen:

She is donating Subway Series tickets. Game day is July 5th at 4:10 pm in section 331. Drawing to take place on Father's Day. Proceeds to benefit KOC.

The Ski trip is next week at Killington in Vermont

KOH clean ups will begin April 5-6

# PRAESES REPORT Given by Father Bretone:

Father Bretone has been our Praeses for 26 years and we thanked him for his dedication. He stepped down from the National Praeses position and intends to stay with the New York family a little while longer. He is still very busy as the administrator in the parish in Yulan. In the Society he will be assisted by priests local to the Montrose area. He thanked the Society for the gift of the Advent Project. He will still need to fundraise for the replacement of the church roof.

Gerhard made a motion to adjourn with a prayer, Lisa seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

#### INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE SUBMITTED BY A MEMBER

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatsoever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no 'brief candle' to me; it is a sort of splendid torch which I've got a hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." -George Bernard Shaw, winner of the 1925 Nobel Prize in Literature

# KOLPING SKI TRIP TO KILLINGTON A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER!

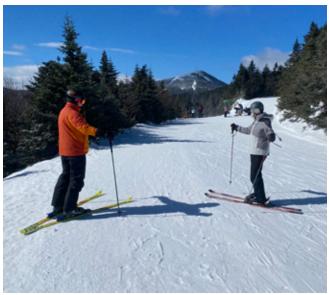
Our annual Kolping Ski Trip was another fantastic success—this time at the incredible Mt. Killington! It was amazing to reunite with friends and hit the slopes together for a fun-filled winter getaway.

Ski enthusiasts of all ages joined in, making the weekend truly special. From exhilarating runs on the mountain to shopping adventures, a joyful birthday celebration (happy birthday again, Jen!), and a delightful group dinner, every moment was filled with laughter and great company. We put our puzzle-solving skills to the test, played an exciting poker tournament, and shared plenty of unforgettable memories.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us! We can't wait to see even more of you next year for another amazing adventure on the snow!







# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Our fellow Kolping Member **Bob Kelleher** served as an Aide to the Grand Marshal for this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Peekskill. Erin go bragh!



**Bob Kelleher was born in Peekskill** Hospital on August 9, 1946 to Marguerite and Thomas Kelleher. He spend his childhood years growing up in Verplanck, NY, where he still resides.

He has one sister, Ellen Creeden, and three brothers—Tom, Jill and Bill. His extended family is made up of 11 nieces and nephews, with whom he finds time to maintain close contact.

Bob is a graduate of Hendrick Hudson High School. While there, he was a member of the football, wrestling and baseball teams.

That love of sport continues to this day. "Coach K," as many call him, spent over 40 years coaching the Town of Cortland Colts youth football team. Almost anywhere Bob goes, he frequently gets to recollect the gridiron days with former players.

Bob enjoys traveling and trips to new and interesting places. He continues to be an active golfer in the senior leagues and visits challenging golf courses—Oak Hill, Hudson National, Ballybunion (Ireland), Old Head (Ireland), and many others. He loves to chase his golf ball around the local Westchester/Putnam/Rockland courses and he can be found golfing at any one of them regularly in the spring, summer and fall.

Bob worked as a Local 501 and a Local 3 Electrician for 40 years in New York City and Westchester County.

In his spare time, he became involved with the Verplanck Fire House. He is a Life Member and Trustee of Peekskill Elks Lodge, where he is a hard worker. He is a Member of the **Kolping Society** and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Whenever there is a job to be done, no one has to ask Bob for his help—he'll be one of the first to ask, "How can I help?" Bob is a part of a cadre of volunteers that just looks to 'get the job done.'

Bob exemplifies the belief that a successful life gains meaning through service to others. He provides inspiration as an example of service to his community. Through his service, Bob is emblematic what it is to be an American who loves his fellow citizens







# NEW YORK CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY 2025 Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Essay

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED - 1ST AWARD: \$2,000 / 2ND AWARD: \$1,000

# **ADOLPH KOLPING** — Thought leader and visionary

Adolph Kolping was born more than 200 years ago. His ideas were modern at the time and they are still relevant today. The misery and the social consequences of the early stages of industrialization were reasons for Kolping to take initiative and to devote his life to the people living on the margins of society.

# How would you apply this to today's world and how could young people in 2025 follow in Father Kolping's footsteps?

# **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 more than 1,000 words. Please follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar and vocabulary will be taken into account.
- 4. Please double space all lines in your essay.
- 5. Submit essay on a separate page (separate pdf if emailing) WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
- 6. Not be a previous winner or applicant.
- 7. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
- 8. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by midnight SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025. Please email materials electronically to kolpingny@gmail.com or U.S. mail to Joan Dengler, 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562.

Relationship to Student: