

KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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may

- 4 KOH Cleanup & Kentucky Derby Party**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 5 KOH Cleanup**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 12 Mother's Day Mass & Dinner**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 14 Executive Board Meeting**
Kolping-88th Street
- 16 June Bulletin**
Last day to submit material
- 27 Memorial Day BBQ**
Kolping-on-Hudson

june

- 1 Outdoor Movie Night**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 16 Father's Day Mass & Dinner**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 23 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping-on-Hudson

july

- 4 Annual Summer Barbecue**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 20 Tropical Night**
KOH Dinner and Dance

may



Mother's Day May 12, 2013

Mother's Day marks the official opening of the 2013 Summer Season at Kolping-on-Hudson. We extend a heartfelt invitation to all our members and friends to celebrate this special day with us.

The cost for dinner is \$18 and \$9 for children, for a non-member it's \$20.

The Mass at 3:30PM is being said for Christine Endrich Vogl and Rose Barbara Henry.

We have new members joining us for dinner and Mass on Mother's Day. Please introduce yourself to them and make them feel at home.

For reservations, or for more information, please call Heidi Umland, KOH Manager, at 718-805-0552 (weekdays) and 914-736-0117 (weekends).



JOE SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are ready to award \$250 to a member's child or grandchild (the award will be presented on Father's Day). All you have to do is send Muriel Fullam a letter about the child. He or she should be in grade school and be committed to doing good deeds in school, at home, or in the community. We give this award in memory of Joe Sartorius who was dedicated to working with children and always made sure they had fun things to do when they came to Kolping. **Please send your letter to Muriel Fullam, 2 Cherry Court, Peekskill, NY 10566**



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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 Muriel Fullam (914-582-8379) or email MurielFullam@msn.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 MAY:

Paul Augart, Helmut Augart, Mary Breining, Albert Buchholz, Martin Buckel, Therese Cojocar, Robert Coletti, Sr., Donald Connolly, Theresa Connolly, Elizabeth Cretara, Timothy Cudahy, William Davis, Emily Dengler, Norbert Dengler, Norbert Dengler, Jr., Monica Duffy, John Farsang, Janet Finnegan, Brian Flood, Keith Franz, Matthew Funnell, Stefan Gallwitz, Elizabeth Geoghegan, Lisa Giaquinto, Eric Glomann, Matthew Gorzelany, Linda Gramer, Jaclyn Hastings, Marc Hiltley, Richard Hiltley, Bill Horan, Barbara Johnson, Jack Kid, Christine Krumpholz, Doris Lechner, Dennis Leili, Michael Longworth, Victoria Longworth, Thomas Lorenzen, Scott Manner, Eileen Marx, John McGlew, Jr., Gerry McGovern, John McGreevy, John McSweeney, Magdalena Melamed, Eleanor Mullins, William Murray, Kyla Lee Noll, Barbara Oelerking, Fatima O'Mara, George Parra, Melissa Phelan, Joseph Pinner, Marion Povilonis, Martin Povilonis, Jr., Michael Prager, Andrea Ralls, Peter Severin, Andrew Tunkel, Vincent Tunkel, Gary Umland, Joanne Vargo, Walter Weigand, Kelly Weinborg, Christine Weltner, and Mary Caitlin Williams.

SPECIAL MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to **John McGreevy**.

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 Muriel Fullam at MurielFullam@msn.com.



LENTEN PROJECT: THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity we raised a total of \$2,255 for the Lenten project. The Catholic Kolping Society will add to that figure and we will send a total of \$3,000 to the Pastors of two Parishes in hard-hit areas. They will disperse the funds to their neediest parishioners. The first check was given out on April 13th, at Fr. Bretone's Annual Barn Dance in Brooklyn. The check was given to the Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church in Howard Beach. Our member, board member and cowboy John Ritter made a wonderful speech and presented the check.

Thank you to Al & Linda Feron, Willi & Marlene Bitterman, Gerald & Maureen Beyer, Frances Shulte, William Grimm, Al & Joan Sartorius, John & Betty Reitter, Norbert & Marilyn Denger (who lost a home themselves due to Hurricane Sandy), Michael & Nancy Byrne, Mary McKeon, Sixto & Cecilia Portilla, Peter & Judith Mersits, Walter & Katherine Weigand, John & Johanna McGreevy, Barbara Grimm, Tim & Alida Carey, Al & Joycelyn Preisser, Catholic Kolping of Buffalo, Larry Buck, Bill & Irene Leili, James Minarik, Heidi Bruegger, James & Cathy Reilly, Margaret Cirincione, Bernie & Christine Preisser, Emerich & Barbara Janny, Don & Dagmar Simons, John & June Noonan, Jerry & Muriel Fullam and Anna Fitzgerald. You all made these wonderful gifts possible.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM LOUIE JANNY

Dear Kolping Club, Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support for us. Love, Louie, Erika and Michael Janny

A very special **THANK YOU** to **Margarete Kiec**. She once again has sent a very generous donation to Kolping NY. Margarete and her husband, William, who passed away, joined Kolping in 1959. Margarete has very fond memories of Kolping.

Also a very big thank you to the **Harry S. Truman Lodge, No# 1066** for their \$1,000 contribution to Kolping. Their letter states "our Foundation leans toward helping the younger generation, and your (KOH) generosity of providing facilities for the Boy Scout Troops more than meets that criterion, as well as the courtesies you extend to our Lodge at our annual August picnic."

Classified Ads

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.

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Members can use this as another way to get the latest updates.

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 10 am. 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).

Joseph Sartorius Essay Contest

WINNER: DESMOND CLARKIN O'LEARY

[Son of Kolping member Regina Clarkin O'Leary]

The 2013 Theme: *In European countries such as France and Germany, which are only nominally Christian, there is a religion which is vibrantly expanding—Islam. This rapid growth of Islam has caused a good deal of xenophobia and religious discrimination in Europe. There is a great fear that Europe will lose its religious and cultural heritage. In the New York City area there has been a significant rise in the Muslim population. What is your opinion with regard to the increased Muslim presence in the United States. Will it damage or destroy our religious and cultural heritage? Will it enrich our country's future as was the case when Catholics first arrived in the United States in great numbers in the nineteenth century? Let us not forget how the first German and Irish Catholics were persecuted, even killed, when they first arrived in the U.S.*

When Shahid Khan, a Pakistani-born Muslim purchased the Jacksonville Jaguars, an American football team in December 2011, many people commented on his purchase because he was the first Muslim to own a professional football team. Football is the most popular sport in America. Owning a NFL team has always been considered a status symbol for American billionaires.

At 16, when he came to America as a student, he started working as a dishwasher in a restaurant making a \$1.20 an hour. He graduated from the University of Illinois and took a job that interested him after graduation. He worked as a mechanical and industrial engineer where he then made his fortune by patenting bumpers for Toyota pickups. He is now worth over \$2.5 billion. His purchase of the Jaguars was estimated to have been \$760 million. The NFL owners unanimously approved the purchase.

This man is one of many Muslims who look to enrich the United States culture through positive actions. Owning a football team is one very public way that shows he's been accepted into the larger American culture. Muslims can make our culture better because they bring different philosophies from the other side of the world.

The presence of Muslims in our culture will not damage or destroy our cultural heritage because many Muslims are looking to infuse their beliefs into the melting pot that is America.

Muslims believe in daily worship, charitable giving and fasting during the month of Ramadan. These three tenets of the Islamic faith could improve American culture, which has become more secular from the time that Catholics first arrived in this country in the 19th century. In fact, Catholicism shares similar beliefs with Islam. For example, Catholics have a 40-day period of fasting known as Lent, which is similar to Ramadan. Catholics are encouraged to tithe 10 percent of their income to their congregations as stewards, similar to the Muslim directive to be charitable givers. And finally, Catholics can attend Mass daily while Muslims are encouraged to pray five times a day, facing Mecca, their spiritual home. All these traditions that Muslims practice are capable of enriching American culture.

Judging a book by its cover shows ignorance. Every Muslim that walks down the street is not a terrorist looking to create harm in this county, but may be somebody that can make a positive change in society like the Irish and Germans did when they immigrated to this county in previous centuries. Our culture is diverse and represents the best of what different nationalities offer because we've welcomed others. As the world gets more and more connected through technology it's vital for us to welcome other religious traditions that we can learn and all benefit from.

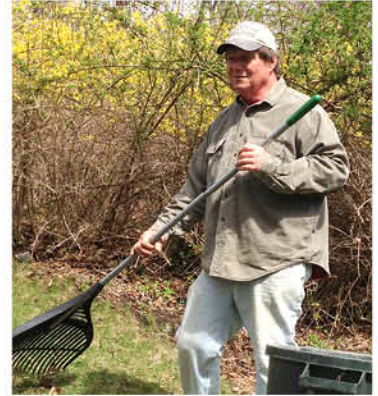
I attended a Montessori School from the time I was three years old until I was 6. One of my teachers was a woman from Egypt who wore her headdress and taught me how to hold a pencil and write. She was one of the kindest and most considerate teachers I ever had. When I think of 'Madam Ida' I can say that knowing her has enriched my life. I would like other people to have a similar experience of their life being better because they know someone from another faith tradition.

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Clean Up submitted by Muriel Fullam

The hunt went well. There were dozens and dozens of eggs. They were all found quickly and we had a big bunch of very happy children. Thank you to Cecilia Portilla for setting this whole thing up, getting the eggs, filling them and then hiding them. I know her three children, Thérèse, Gerard and Joseph were smiling and happily opening candy wrappers.

Our first two weekends of cleanup also went really well, we got a lot done. Thank you to Kathy & Mike Weinberg, Marlene Bitterman, Carl & Marianne Pollack, Cecila & Sixto Portilla, Ted & Joan Dengler, Katrina Dengler, Robert & Fran McCarthy, Kim Parra and her sister Linda, Annemarie Urban and Gerda Steinke, Gerry Ladenhauf, Peter Carruthers, Miriam Herman, Maria Blessing, Linda Ahrens, Beverly Ahrens Cantu and her daughter, Anneli Cantu; Heidi Bruegger, Casey & Christine Weltner, Walter McDonald, Nick Colletti, Johan Jung, Bob & Ann Hemsing, Heidi Umland, Doris Petsche, Jerry Fullam, Roger Lounsbury, Maggie Melamed, Howard Jaeger, Michael & Nancy Byrne, Mercia Kenna, Jeff Bernert, Joe Szoldatis, Steven Szoldatis, George Gonda, James Reilly, Troop 36 Montrose Boy Scouts, Cathy Reilly, Patti Cudahy, Joan & Ted Dengler, Ed Stinson, Bob Kelleher, Emily Specht, Julia Specht, Ed Specht, The Leech Family, Gerhard Schmitt and Ernst Endrich. If I left your name out, I am sorry. Let me know and it will be included in June's bulletin.

During the week, I know some of the members of Bavarian Club Edelweiss are coming to KOH to clean and garden. Thank you in advance to Helmut Kraft, and to our members, as well as Bavarian Club Edelweiss members Gloria McSweeney and Dave & Peggy Dougall for their work.



May 2013 Dinner Schedule

Saturday, May 4
Kentucky Derby Party
 Doors open at 4:00pm
 Race time approx. 6:30pm
 We welcome any food,
 snack or dessert donations

Sunday, May 5
*No dinner planned at this time -
 call for information*

Saturday, May 11
*No dinner planned at this time -
 call for information*

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day Dinner
1st Seating is 12:30pm / 2nd Seating is 2:00pm
 Roast Beef and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
 Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Dessert and Coffee

Saturday, May 18
*No dinner planned at this time -
 call for information*

Sunday, May 19
*No dinner planned at this time -
 call for information*

Saturday, May 25
 Meatloaf and Gravy, Potatoes, Vegetable,
 Dessert and Coffee

Sunday, May 26
 Gulasch, Noodles, Tossed Salad,
 Dessert and Coffee

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day BBQ
 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Bratwursts,
 Assorted Salads, Dessert and Coffee

Menu subject to change based on availability and number of reservations.

Call Heidi for reservations at 914-736-0117

2013 Kolping Ski Trip

photos: John Noonan, Joan Dengler, & Terri Ostroff



General Meeting Minutes submitted by Katrina Dengler

GENERAL MEETING: KOLPING 88TH ST., MARCH 3, 2013

Chairman of the Board, **Gerhard Schmitt**, opened the meeting at 1:45pm

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from the 2012 General Meeting which was published in the May 2012 bulletin made by J. Reitter, 2nd by E. Dengler.

President's Report: Bob Hemsing: Thanks to all the members who are the ones who ARE the society and who make the society a family. Kolping is doing well financially this year and doing well in our mission in providing housing. We continue to do Fr. Kolping's work at Kolping on 88th Street by providing short term housing for interns staying in NYC. In the Bronx, Kolping on the Concourse provides longer term housing for both men and women. The Joe Sartorius Essay Scholarship has opened for the year. The topic is: What is your opinion in regard to the increased Muslim presence in the United States? This year, the Board decided to close the share accounts, which were funds from members loaned to Kolping in times of fiscal need. The Discretionary Fund, consisting of funds from profits from the houses, was put into an investment fund to earn higher interest until needed for major repairs and projects.

Elections: There are 3 spots for the Senior Board and 2 for the Junior Board. They each said a few things about themselves:

Peter Carruthers: Junior Board: Has been married to Lisa Dengler for 23 years. They became members since moving back from Chicago 6 years ago. Peter has helped on a few Kolping projects, in the kitchen and has been a judge for the Auto Show for two years. Peter is in the finance business and would like to continue to help out.

John Noonan: As John was not able to attend, Al Sartorius spoke on his behalf; John is a member for 50+ years, a former and current board member and current Corresponding Secretary.

Ann Horan Hemsing: Is a member for 33 years, a current board member, previous President and Vice President.

Hans Lechner: Hans joined the junior board last term and was instrumental in getting a band for the Steuben Day Parade Dinner.

Richard Brunhuber: Long time board member and volunteered today to do readings at the German Mass.

Norbert Dengler proposed to close the nominations and to vote as a group. All voted in favor.

Controller's Report: Ted Dengler: The bottom line of the finance statements is good and we are in the black.

KOH: In order to keep Kolping on Hudson running, it needed to be subsidized by \$40,000 from the Preservation fund and another \$110,000 from the Discretionary Fund. One main expense in 2012 was for major repairs to the pool.

KOC: Good news—it is in the black this year. It received \$14,000 in donations from the Share

Accounts. Ernst Endrich took over the management last year and is off to good start and we hope he continues doing well.

K88: The financials for Kolping on 88th Street also includes support for the Society Offices. Some major expenses in 2012 were boiler replacement and bathroom renovations.

Society: The Society runs Kolping, NY and has significant expenses, mainly being the accounting expenses and insurance.

Question from N. Dengler regarding where the expenses and income from the National Office, which had been the Joe Sartorius Room and before that a pool room, are reported. They are included in the K88 report and the major expenses were incurred in previous years. **Motion made and accepted to accept the comptroller report: J. Reitter/E. Specht**

Treasurer's Report: J. Reitter: The Treasurer's job is to look at the assets and liabilities of the Society to make sure the cash makes it into the bank accounts. 2012 was a good year and the invested funds increased. The Preservation Fund, which is a restricted fund created with funds received from NY State for Kolping on Hudson land use, returned 12%.

Endowment Fund Report: Bernard Dengler: 2012 was a good year and the fund returned 11%. This year we received donations from the Share accounts that were closed and donated to Kolping. The purpose of the Endowment fund is to publicize the society and as a restricted fund, can only be spent for spreading the news of Kolping, so your donations will be put to good use. Remember the fund for your donations. **Motion to accept by: W. Weigand, 2nd by A. Sartorius.**

House Reports:

K88: Ernst Endrich: While renovating the 2nd bathroom, rotted lead pipes were found that were as old as the house (99 years) and were replaced by black pipes. The electric was updated and brought up to current code. One older resident is in the hospital and legally we must keep the room open for him for 3 months without payment. 20% of the guests are from Germany.

Kolping on the Concourse: E. Endrich/B. Preisner: KOC is mostly full. The bathrooms were remodeled in the previous year and they are working well. The assistant manager is doing well. A generous donation was received from a 20 year resident who passed away and left money to the KOC in her will. The parapet wall will need to be replaced in the future, which will be a major expense.

Kolping on Hudson: Bob Hemsing: The main houses buildings are 150 years old and funds are needed for major repairs and renovations. The Discretionary Fund is a very fitting use for repairs and renovations as KOH is used by most members. The septic systems have been replaced and currently we are working on bar renovations, kitchen wall repair due to ground water seepage and the Ladies' room is being renovated. Spring clean-up is coming up starting the weekend after Easter.

Discussion from the members: In the 1950's Kolping would celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day at the house by having mass celebrated at the house. Suggestion made: have a social hour once a month for the residents, starting with a mass or prayer.

National Board Report: B. Preisner: At the San Francisco convention, Brooklyn Kolping asked for suggestions to keep the society active. Bernie and John Reitter suggested having more family events, especially aimed at children to bring children to Kolping. Philadelphia has a large Oktoberfest by the Sea event on the Jersey Shore. It is a large, fun event that runs for the weekend and NY members are encouraged to visit.

Membership Report / Secretary Report: Muriel Fullam: We have 530 members, consisting of 208 couples, 124 singles. 51% of members have paid. In 2012 we added 82 new members, the most of Kolping USA and won the membership trophy at the 2012 San Francisco Convention! 2013 looks like another good year, as we have 11 new families that have done through the interview process and 11 more waiting. This year our Lenten Project is for Hurricane Sandy victims in the NY area. We have received \$985 so far, more than half way to our goal of \$1500. Buffalo Kolping has sent in a \$100 donation for Sandy Lenten Project—thank you Buffalo! We raised \$395 for our Advent Project for Sr. Florita's Sunday School projects in Queens and the board voted to send \$800 to Sr. Florita. Upcoming events are the Kolping Clean-up, Easter egg hunt, Kentucky Derby, Movie Night and a new Halloween Party.

UN Report: J. Reitter: We are represented at the UN as a Non-Government Organization (NGO) to promote Catholic Social teachings. John and now also Donna Richardson represents International Kolping to bring Kolping and Catholic ideals to the UN. We are part of the Family Committee, as from the family, as the most basic social unit, all else flows. Kolping has joined the Commission on Social Development, promoting the power of the people and establishing minimum social protection standards.

Praeses Report: Fr. Bretone was not able to make it as he is performing a Baptism for his family. Fr. Bretone's Barn Dance in Brooklyn is coming up. Prayers are asked for Pope Emeritus Benedict.

NEW BUSINESS: Norbert Dengler: KOVA, the Kolping Occupation Vocational Apostolate, suffered a tremendous loss when Daniel Dengler, as the main force behind KOVA, left the area to become a Brother in the Dominican Order. The purpose of KOVA is to provide support and training, such as internships for Kolping members for a trade or vocation. If anyone is interested in joining the KOVA committee, please contact Muriel.

The meeting closed with a prayer and the Kolping song.

It may be the last day of cleanup at KOH, but it's also...

 3RD ANNUAL KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

KENTUCKY DERBY

—MAY 4, 2013  DOORS OPEN 4PM—

RACE TIME (APPROX.) 6:30PM

Party

So, after cleanup, don your best derby hat
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Raffles and Prizes for
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Muriel Fullam: murielfullam@msn.com | 914-736-2340

Stories of Interest

Charles A. Schieren submitted by Martin A. Kelly



Few people would believe that the borough of Brooklyn was a city; as a matter of fact, the 3rd largest in the United States of 1860. Even more interesting is that one of its last mayors was an energetic German-American named Charles Adolph Schieren.

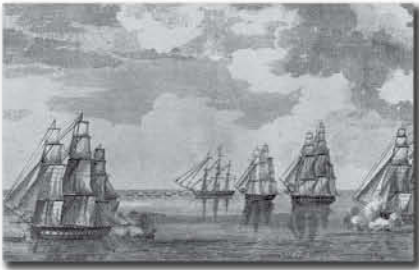
He was born in Neuss, near Dusseldorf, Germany, in 1842. With political upheaval of 1848 his father decided to emigrate to America where he opened a tobacco shop in Brooklyn. It was a family run business; but, Charles decided to strike out on his own. He took a job with the Pasquay Leather Belting Co; and, in 1868, he founded his own leather belting plant.

The introduction of high speed dynamos and motor proved the existing type belts too fragile to withstand their stresses. Schieren designed several belts which served to meet the new demands of these electric driven devices. With several patents to his credit, he became an international authority on belting.

Schieren was a very public spirited man and identified himself with several important reform movements in Brooklyn. He was elected mayor in 1893; and, during his 1 year term, he brought the city out of bankruptcy. He also, revised the city charter to ease its merger into the city of New York (1898). He aided in the planning of the Williamsburg Bridge and the widening of the Erie Canal. He helped found the Institute of Arts and Sciences and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. He also served as trustee of many banks and insurance companies. His reputation reached the highest levels of government; and, the president appointed him to lead the Urban Relief Fund (1900) and serve as a board member of the Red Cross.

He died at the age of 73 (1915) surrounded by his family members. His wife would follow him within 24 hours ending their 50 year blissful union.

The War of 1812 Submitted by Jack McGee



On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war on Great Britain. President James Madison charged the British with violating the nation's sovereignty by restricting American trade with Europe and by removing seamen from American merchant ships and forcing them to serve in the Royal Navy.

In addition to maritime grievances, a desire among frontier settlers to force the British out of Canada and end their support of Indians in the Old Northwest fueled the War of 1812. Many Americans, including expansionist "War Hawks" in Congress, alleged that the British supplied arms to Indians and incited them to raid settlements on the frontier.

At the outset of the war, President Madison approved a plan for a three-pronged invasion of Canada. The westernmost prong, commanded by Brigadier General. William Hull, would jump off from Fort Detroit; the central one under Major General Stephen Van Rensselaer of the New York militia would cross over the Niagara River; and the easternmost

one under Major General Henry Dearborn would move up Lake Champlain toward Montreal, Hull quickly lost heart and retreated back to Fort Detroit, which he surrendered without a fight in August 1812. The, other two attempted incursions into Canada also failed.

While the U.S. Army's land campaigns were proving disastrous, surprising early victories at sea helped sustain American morale. An untested U.S. Navy fared seemingly impossible odds against a Royal Navy that ruled the world's seas. In August, just two months into the war, the powerful frigate USS Constitution stunned Britain by defeating HMS Guerriere, and in December added to its score with a victory over HMS Java, Thus was born the legend of "Old Ironsides," a nickname USS Constitution acquired during its battle with HMS Guerriere.

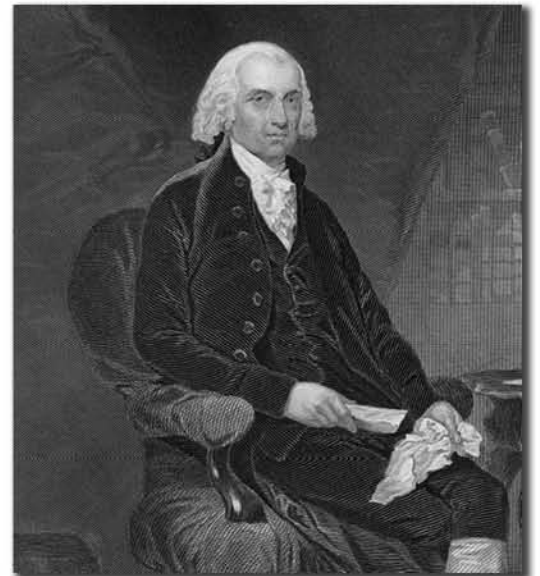
The war, however, would continue for another two years. Sometimes called "the forgotten conflict," the War of 1812 is notable for the stunning successes of "Old Ironsides" and for such episodes as the burning of the White House in August 1814, the defense of Fort McHenry the following month (inspiring Francis Scott Key's "The Star-Spangled Banner"), and Andrew Jackson's lopsided victory over the British at New Orleans in January 1815. Although the young republic barely escaped defeat, disunion, and bankruptcy, it survived the conflict and in the crucible of war forged a national identity.

BIT OF HUMOR

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

When do you know you are getting older?

1. At breakfast you hear "crack", "snap", and "pop" and it's not from your cereal
2. You can't finish a conversation because you don't remember what you were talking about.
3. Your children begin looking middle-aged.



President James Madison signed a declaration of war against Great Britain on June 18, 1812. The War of 1812, known to its critics as "Mr. Madison's war," was fought to a stalemate, but when it ended in 1815 the nation took pride from having stood up to the mighty British Empire.

What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

Check your tickets carefully for performance times this month. Each evening changes. Tickets from \$20. 212-362-6000

Rigoletto May 1

Götterdämmerung May 2, 11 (matinee)

Giulio Cesare May 3, 7, 10

Dialogues des Carmelites May 4 (matinee), 9, 11

Das Rheingold May 4

Die Walküre May 6

Siegfried May 8

American Ballet Theatre Opening Night Gala May 13

Onegin May 14, 15 (matinee), 15, 16, 17, 18 (matinee), 18, 20

The Met Orchestra at Carnegie Hall May 19

Don Quixote May 24, 25 (matinee), 25, 27, 28, 29 (matinee), 29, 30

Alexei Ratmansky Premiere May 31

The Metropolitan Opera on Radio (WQXR Radio)

Saturday afternoons on 105.9 FM.

May 4 **Dialogues des Carmelites** (11:30 pm)

May 11 **Götterdämmerung** (11 am)

CARNEGIE HALL

Vienna: Window to Modernity—With Renee Fleming This evening's program presents a journey through Vienna's fin de siècle. It takes us through the bourgeois stability of Brahms, as contrasted with the eroticism of Wagner and the decadent madness of Strauss's Ophelia, towards the compelling apocalyptic visions of Schoenberg, Webern, and Wellesz, with Karl Weigl resonating with the outer glow of Vienna's younger composers and Eric Zeisl offering the next generation's impression of the city's nihilistic aesthetic.

May 5, 2013, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Hans-Dieter Bauer: Piano Concert Hans-Dieter Bauer is one of the most famous concert pianist worldwide. His name is engraved on the jubilee grand piano (500.000th) at the Museum of Steinway & Sons in New York. He was born 1937 in Berlin and only 5 years old when he gave his first concert in Berlin. Concerts in Europe, Russia, South America and China followed to great success. This will be his first concert in the United States. He lives in Coburg, Bavaria.

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THE ACADEMY—A NEW STYLE OF TEACHING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

by Domenick Rafter

For many outside observers, seeing a school change its name is usually a sign of trouble. or an abandonment of tradition and history. Schools share their names with the churches they are affiliated with and often carry the name of a saint or a Christian feast or event that is important to parishioners.

But as many Catholic elementary schools in the borough open their doors under a new name or the title "Academy," the Diocese of Brooklyn wants you to know the traditions and focuses of Catholic education will not change, and the church hopes they will improve.

A number of schools have become academies, which is often done when parish schools merge. That was the case when St. Stanislaus School in Ozone Park closed and merged with nearby Nativity. The two schools became Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, located in the former Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary school building. The old St. Stanislaus school was sold by the diocese and is being developed as a public school.

Tom Chadzutko, superintendent of schools at the Diocese of Brooklyn, said the "academy" model goes back a long time and is a way to bring in expertise among parishioners.

"The academies are run by a two-tier government structure," Chadzutko explained. "There is the parish leadership and a board of directors. The idea is to engage the lay leadership in the running of the school."

Under the model, there is a parish council made up of lay people with various skills and areas of expertise that they can bring to the running of the schools. For example, a parishioner with professional experience in marketing or public relations may sit on the council and run the school's marketing and public relations campaigns. Another council member with professional experience in finance or banking would assist in the finances of the school.

Maria Cuomo, principal of Notre Dame Catholic Academy, located at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Ridgewood, said the academy model has worked well for her school.

"It's been extremely helpful," she said. Across the borough, St. Clare School in Rosedale announced in November that it will be transitioning into an academy next year.

"We're very excited," said Principal Mary Basile. "It'll be more of a collaborative. Parishioners in the community will build the school's status."

"We've been working on it for a while," Basile explained. "The members of the Board of Directors will have their own expertise in different areas, used to find alternative ways to fund the school and different programs."

Other schools that have made the move include Howard Beach's Our Lady of Grace and St. Anastasia's School in Little Neck, which transitioned into Ave Maria Catholic Academy and Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy, respectively.

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