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### NOTE the DATE

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- 21 July Bulletin Last day to submit material
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### iuly

- 4 Fourth of July BBQ Kolping-on-Hudson
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3-4 Murder Mystery Weekend Kolping-on-Hudson

### september

- 1 Oktoberfest Kolping-on-Hudson
- 17 Full Board Meeting Kolping 88th Street
- 21 Steuben Day Parade and After-Party Kolping 88th Street
- 29 Schlachtfest/ **Harvest Celebration** Kolping-on-Hudson

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCHFON & MASS

# Fathers Day

We will celebrate together and honor all of our Dads with Mass and a meal at KOH on Sunday. June 16th

#### THE MENU WILL INCLUDE:

Hand-carved fresh ham w/gravy, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, dessert, coffee & tea. Reserve your spots today.

> \$30 members \$35 non members \$15 for children ages 5-12 Under 5 - no charge

If there are any spots available the day of the event, the walk-in rate is \$5 additional.

Reservations required by Tuesday June 11th.

The first seating is at 12 noon, and the second seating is 2:30 pm. Father's Day Mass will be held afterwards up in Assmuth Hall.

#### PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

Email: KOHManager95@gmail.com Or call and leave details 201-264-7406

Let us know the number in your party and your preference of seating. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.



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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.

We're saddened to share the news that **Bob Hemsing** has passed away. Bob served the Catholic Kolping Society of New York in so many roles over all the decades of his life. In addition to fulfilling the duties of President of our Society for many years, Bob was particularly dedicated to Kolping on Hudson. He worked tirelessly to care for the physical space and to build the membership so that the Society would continue into the future. Bob worked hard, contributed greatly and was always kind. It is difficult to imagine Kolping without him but we will continue to move forward, to grow and to adapt as he would have wanted. Please join us in praying for Bob and all his loved ones at this sad time. See following page for more.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Sepp Boeschl** who passed away on May 15th. Sepp's parents joined the Catholic Kolping Society decades ago and they and their children spent many happy hours with friends. The Boeschl family worked very hard to keep our Montrose residence in great condition. Sepp's brother Bob and his wife Donna continue that family tradition and are valued members of the Society to this day. Please remember Sepp and his family and friends in your prayers.

#### **FROM OBITUARY**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Josef "Sepp" Eric Boeschl, a man known for his generosity and kindness. Josef died at the San Antonio, TX home he shared with his long-time companion, Idalva Salessi, who brought him much happiness and who lovingly and compassionately cared for him in his final weeks.

Josef was born on March 6, 1966 and grew up in Yonkers, NY. He was surrounded by lifelong friends and worked as a wonderfully skilled carpenter. He will be remembered for his selfless concern for others, including his sister, Linda, whom he visited regularly to bring her her favorite foods, and his mother and father, whom he cared for faithfully in their final years.

Josef was predeceased by his parents, Josef and Therese Boeschl. His memory is lovingly carried forward by his brother Robert (Donna) and Robert's children, Robert Josef (Jessica), Chynna, Gunnar (Danyela), Josef (Rebecca). He is also survived by his sister Erica and Erica's children, Brielle Sensi (Brian), and Nicholas, and by his sister, Linda.

A brief prayer and inurnment service will take place on Thursday, June 6 at 10:30AM in the chapel at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley, NY. A memorial gathering will be held that afternoon at Travelers Rest restaurant in Ossining, New York. We welcome family and friends to join us any time between noon and 4:00PM.



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JUNE

Al Ahrens, John Barbelet, Deborah Barry, Patricia Bradley, Matthew Buckley, Kathleen Burke, Camile Yvonne Cantu, Tony Cianci, Margaret Cirincione, Robert Coletti, Jr., Brian Considine, Joey Considine, Marie Considine, Mitch Considine, Karin Corcoran, Jimmy Crowley, Lauren Crowley, Nicholas Dengler, Ted Dengler X, Rob DeVeaugh, Lourdes Donato,

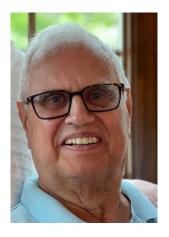
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#### **SPECIAL JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

Special birthday wishes to **Tony Cianci, Marge Cirincione, Diane Franzoso, Thomas Kogler, Jackie Maas, Tara Martin,** and **Gail Monks.** 

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.

# IN MEMORIAM



#### **BOB HEMSING**

#### FROM THE FUNERAL HOME:

Robert Albert Hemsing, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, passed away on May 8, 2024, in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. He was born on April 16, 1942, in the Bronx, NY, to Paul and Edith (Seelbach) Hemsing.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Genevieve (Walsh) Hemsing, and his brother Paul Hemsing. He is survived by his loving wife Ann Therese (Powers) Hemsing.

Robert will be dearly missed by his children Kathleen Fucheck (Gregory) and Robert Hemsing (Anne), as well as his step-children William Horan (Felice), and Amy Geoghegan (Matthew). He leaves behind a legacy of love and guidance to his grandchildren: Margaret, Gregory Jr., and Thomas Fucheck; Allison, Jillian, and Robert Hemsing; Julian and Simone Horan; and John, Edward, and Keri Geoghegan. In addition to his immediate family, Robert is survived by his brother-in-law John Walsh (Judy) and several nieces, and nephews.

Robert was the owner and operator of Dooley Electric Co. out of Brooklyn, NY, where he dedicated himself to providing quality service to his community. He also served as a Trustee and Parish Council President of St. Christopher & St. Patrick's Church, demonstrating his deep commitment to his faith and community. Furthermore, he was a Past President of the Kolping Society, where his leadership and dedication made a lasting impact.

Robert loved to travel with his family, and vacations to Europe, Hawaii, Australia, Egypt, Alaska and the many holidays at Disney World are precious memories that will be treasured forever. Above all was spending time with family and friends in his beloved beach home in Montauk that Robert so cherished. He was an incredibly loving, and kind husband, father and grandfather and enormously generous to his family, friends and the entire community.







#### FROM ANITA BUCHHOLZ:



Bob Hemsing at 21 years old chopping down trees in Montrose.

In 1963, I took my first trip to Kolping-on-Hudson and in the front of the main house, three young men were chopping down a tree. I took a picture of them, Bob Hemsing, Peter Ross and Otto Biller. Little did I know this would lead to a 60- year friendship with Bob, plus a life-long friendship with Peter and Otto until their passing. That's the way Kolping is. Everyone becomes part of the Kolping Family.

I met my husband, Albert, that year and since I did the bookkeeping for his iron works business, I volunteered to work at the Kolping office in Manhattan when Rudy Schick retired. Bob Hemsing was a major force in the Kolping Society, becoming President a few times and leading this Society through many tough times. He was such a good leader because of his calm demeanor. He also had his own business, an electrical contracting company with over 100 employees, and I was lucky to work for him there for 21 years, and enjoyed every minute of it. I'm amazed how he handled it all. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Ann; his son, Bobby and his family, his daughter, Kathleen and the Fucheck family, Ann's daughter, Amy and her family, and William, Ann's son and his family who live in California, I believe. He will be missed by just about everyone who knew him, he was a kind, generous, considerate man. He always had a heart problem and left us too soon at 82 years of age, but we were lucky to know him at all.

# 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 Consutate and more.

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



## **NEWS & NOTES**

#### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Family: \$155 • Individual: \$120 • Student: \$45 • 50-year members: paid up forever!

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2024.** 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 of our locations—Montrose, the Concourse and 88th Street.

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

#### LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS AT THE KOH POOL

If you or a family member is certified (or able to get certified), consider working at our beautiful pool overlooking the Hudson River. Contract Tracie Truncellito if you can do this: **kohmanager95@gmail.com** 

#### **SERVICE PROJECTS 2024**

**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.

**JUNE FOOD DRIVE—Let's fill up the box for our our Vets.** All food collected will go the the VA Hospital Food Pantry here in Montrose. Please bring something to share with a veteran. Donations can be placed in the labeled crate in the main house.

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.

#### 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.

#### K-88 AND KOLPING-ON-HUDSON FOR PARTY RENTALS

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





### **OUR HOLY FATHER'S JUNE 2024 INTENTION**

#### FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

### Kolping-On-Hudson

# POOL IS OPENI

Make a plan to come by for a swim and some peaceful lounging by the Hudson River.

# Saturday: 11am-7pm Sunday: 11am-5pm

### Expanded hours later in June

Kolping Member Daily Rate $-13$ years a	nd older <b>\$10.00</b>
Non-Member Daily Rate $-13$ years and	older\$13.00
Children 5 -12yrs	\$7.00
Children 4 and under	Free
Season Pass — Member	\$475.00
Season Pass — Non-Member	\$575.00
	*LIMITED SUPPLY. Requires KNY Member Sponsor

~ For Members Only ~

10-day pass - individual: \$75 | 10-day pass - family: \$200

### **SUBWAY SERIES RAFFLE**

### Get your ticket now!

Thanks to our member, Karen Staub, we have 4 Mets versus Yankees Subway Series Tickets available to one lucky winner.



The seats are located in Excelsior level behind 3rd Base at CitiField. This area provides access to Piazza Club, Caesar's Sportsbook and the Hudson Club.

#### The game will be Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7:10pm.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each. You can purchase raffle tickets at any of our three Kolping Houses or contact Lou Colletti: lcookie1129@aol.com | (914) 275-7481.

The beneficiary of this year's raffle is our beautiful facility—Kolping on Concourse. Please share this announcement with your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers. The raffle is open to all.

The Raffle Drawing will be Father's Day (June 16) at Kolping on Hudson. Winners will be notified immediately by the organizers.

# MOTHER'S DAY AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

The Mother's Day Luncheon and Mass was enjoyed by all thanks to the efforts of the many people involved. Tracie Truncellito organized all the team and welcomed our members and guests. Jen Scheuermann and Kathy Weinborg prepared a menu and shopped and prepped the week before. On Saturday, supported by Mia Steigerwald and Ala Lovasz, the chefs set things up for the Sunday team.

Gerhard & Alex Schmitt, Natasha Borodin, Katrina Dengler, Sharon & John Weigand and Teddy Dengler put the final touches and set up plates of delicious roast beef, potatoes and veggies for our guests followed by Black Forest Cake. Kevin Bruegger led the service team to deliver to our diners. We thank Olivia and Emily McGrath, Matthew Lersch FNAME Gilhooley, and FNAME Conticello. Ted Dengler kept the pots and pans and utensils clean and ready for use. Alfred Vogel and Steve McGrath kept everyone hydrated. Special thanks go out to Lillian Hiltsley and Dorothy Glomann for the beautiful floral displays.

Our Praeses, Father Richard Bretone, celebrated Mass with us and Dorothy and Chris Santospirito were inducted as the newest members of our Society.

Don Simons was unable to join us in person but he rallied a great team for Music Ministry. Anthony Rozario, Larry Kunz and Don's granddaughter, Kristina Micklesen, provided song and guitar and flute music to round out our praise and thanksgiving.

Thank you Katrina Dengler for making sure everything ran smoothly with Mass and the ceremony.

Finally, we processed to the garden of the Blessed Mother and crowned her with flowers on this day celebrating Mothers.

























# CELEBRATING WITH KOLPING SOCIETY OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS

On April 27, 2024 The Kolping Society of Brooklyn and Queens celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The festivities began with a mass at the absolutely beautiful St. Matthias RC Church on Catalpa Avenue. Musical inspiration from the vocalist and organist was very much enjoyed. Afterwards we proceeded to the Gottscheer Hall for an anniversary program; a delicious dinner of salad, chicken soup, roasted loin of pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, gravy, mixed vegetables, and dessert; and terrific music by The Adlers Band. The program began with Bill Conte, their President, welcoming the guests. Robert Holden, a member of the NYC Council, took time out of his busy schedule to present a citation for the occasion. A commemorative plague was presented by Lisa Brinkmann, our National President and President of the San Francisco Family. She also presented the good news to Pat Gerage, the Treasurer, that she has been selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Several letters of congratulations to the Society were read to us by Sonia Juran Kulezca. Congratulatory messages were also presented in person, including by our own President, Gerhard Schmitt. We also heard stories from members reminiscing about the wonderful times they had during the many events the Society held. And it was with great fondness they recalled their "Camp Kolping" out in Ronkonkama. Marilyn Heller, the granddaughter of Kolping members, told a few stories, some of which recanted how Brooklyn Kolping aided people in Germany during and after World War II by sending care packages with all manner of things including sewing needles. She ended with a story about the Kolping Jugend. The young people collected toys, clothing, and even a silk parachute to send to the St. Josefspfelger Mulfingen orphanage run by nuns. The nuns were able to sew dresses for the girls making their First Holy Communion from the silk parachute. Beautiful examples of "the needs of the times will teach us what to do". Finally, you can't have a Kolping function without raffles. Prizes of cash and gift certificates to the Gottscheer Hall and to the Manor in Forest Hills were awarded to the lucky winners.

Consider checking out Brooklyn Kolping's website, kolping.org/brooklyn, to see what the Kolping Family right next door is up to and who is who. They also have a presence on Facebook and Instagram, Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn, where you can see more pictures.











# 44TH NATIONAL KOLPING CONVENTION

Are you planning on attending the 44th National Convention? If not, consider supporting us with an ad donation. See order form on following page.

The Kolping conventions are always a great time and wonderful opportunity to see members and friends from the other Kolping families. Kolping representatives from across the country meet to elect officers, vote on projects (like the scholarship program) and discuss best practices to support the individual families. And, of course, we try to have some fun while at it.

Unlike in prior years, the National Kolping will be hosting this year's event in St. Charles, Missouri, close to St. Louis, the location of the first Kolping society in the U.S. We are hoping to have a good turnout, so start making plans today. If you are not able to attend, our convention program is an excellent way to show your support.

Whether you place a full-page ad on behalf of your family, a quarter-page business card or a few lines with your names, your contributions will be seen and appreciated by members nationwide.

To submit an ad, you can refer to the latest version of the Banner or go to the Kolping website at www.kolping.org

If you have questions, feel free to email the Kolping convention committee at kolpingus@gmail.com

### St. Charles, Missouri • September 6-8, 2024

The National Kolping Society is excited to host the 44th National Kolping Convention in St. Charles, Missouri's first State capital. This location was chosen to honor our first Kolping family, founded in St. Louis in 1856. Unlike former conventions, this one is hosted by our National Kolping Society and is only possible due to the work of Kolping members around the country.

We are fortunate to have booked the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, with room rates of \$170/night, with a 2-night minimum stay (taxes not included.). This venue is located approximately 10 miles from the St. Louis airport, a quick 15 minute drive. Registration cost will be \$200/person and \$100/ family member under 16 years of age.

Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, Missouri by AUGUST 1, 2024 through the hotel website or by phone: Hilton Reservations, 800-774-1500. Use code "92Q" to get the group rate.



Below is a brief overview of the schedule of events:

#### Friday, September 6th

• Board Meeting and Welcome Reception in the evening

#### Saturday, September 7th

- · Mass at hotel
- Delegate meeting and presentations (all day)
- Evening dinner and awards banquet

#### Sunday, September 8th

- Mass
- Riverboat lunch cruise on the Mississippi River
- For those wishing to spend more time, this is near the Arch and Busch Brewery

Since this is a National Kolping event, we are encouraging members and Kolping families to consider taking out an ad in our program booklet. It's a wonderful souvenir and memory. Participating at the convention—as a delegate or non-delegate—helps us ensure the vitality of our Kolping organizations. It is a time to (re)make acquaintances, share ideas and plan future programs, and, of course, have fun!

If you have any questions, feel free to email kolpingus@gmail.com

We hope you can make it!



# 44th National Kolping Convention

### **Program ADs**

One way we all can support the 44<sup>th</sup> National Kolping Convention is by purchasing an ad in our Convention Program booklet. It's a wonderful way to acknowledge the importance of Kolping in your life, as well as to show the spirit of Kolping in the USA. We have many options for ads and donations and hope one will fit your budget.

All ads and payments will be accepted **until July 1, 2024** to be included in the program. Program size will be 5 % X 8 %.

Full-page color ad: \$175  Full-page black and white ad: \$150  Half-page black and white ad: \$75  Quarter-page black and white ad: \$50  Eighth-page black and white ad: \$35  2-line Patron ad: \$20  1-line Supporter ad: \$10	
Contact name:	
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Company name:	
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Comments:	
Ad for Patron/Supporter Section (personal message/memorial):	
Enclose a business card or camera ready artwork to: kolpingus@gmail.com	
Ad space is limited, so please respond quickly. We appreciate your support. Should you have questions, please contact	

Mail checks and order forms with your ad to:

Kolping Society of America, c/o 311 Greene Street, Mill Valley, CA 94941

# JOSEPH SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

We're pleased to announce that from a group of extremely well-written essays, the top two have been selected. Kudos go to **Sebastien Hernandez** and **Julianne Santospirito**. The awards will be made at our Father's Day gathering at Kolping on Hudson. Seb's entry is reprinted here. Julianne's will be printed next month. Thanks and praise go out to all of our entrants!

**THEME:** "Let's show Christian living in ever more practical ways and the present will be better and the future brighter." —Father Adolph Kolping

How do you think that young people today could demonstrate Christian living with an aim towards making the world better today and tomorrow?

#### SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY SUBMITTED BY SEBASTIEN HERNANDEZ:

#### Discipline

Demonstration of Christian living starts at home. In order for today's youth to make the world a better place for both today and tomorrow, their focus should be on themselves to practice discipline in daily life. Becoming the best friend, spouse, and parent all starts with it; the small decision to everyday do the thing we committed to do. This is what makes a strong family and community.

We are taught from an early age in CCD that our bodies are a temple. We are also taught that in order to truly love someone, we must first be able to love ourselves. Discipline is the strongest form of self-love. Ignoring your own immediate wants for a greater return in the future reveals a commitment to your future happiness. Especially on days when you are tired, weariness becomes the easiest way to allow your commitment to falter. Your future self depends on you to keep the goals and promises you made yesterday.

Personal and professional growth is crucially dependent on discipline. It fosters self control, focus, and commitment. The man who has developed self-control is not going to engage in excessive drinking. The father who has developed focus is going to be able to understand how he can provide for the needs of his children. The husband who developed commitment is going to remain loyal to his wife and ensure he is a true partner.

Discipline is also instrumental in overcoming obstacles and challenges and acquiring the necessary skills to succeed in one's endeavors. Therefore, it plays a pivotal role in leading a productive, successful, and fulfilling life. Practicing it involves developing habits and routines that help individuals stay focused and committed to their goals. Young people can set goals and work towards achieving them through good decision-making, prioritizing responsibilities, and building positive habits.

There is no better example of Christian discipline than Jesus being tempted in the desert by Satan. Three times he was encouraged to take the easy way out but stood firm to his resolve and discipline. He did not lose sight of what he wanted to achieve.

Knowing your goal, prioritizing it, and avoiding unnecessary distractions are important toward developing discipline. In today's world it can be easy to become distracted from our goals by things like social media and video games. Our friends may want to go out for the night, but if the goal is to save up for a car, then I may offer a cheaper way like hosting a game night at home. Small decisions every day to do the things we committed to do, in exclusion of what we want to do will gradually build the necessary discipline.

To conclude, if today's youth learn to love themselves enough to prioritize their goals for the future, it will also develop other important qualities. Qualities like self-control, focus, and commitment. Each of those will make a better friend, parent and spouse which strengthens both families and communities. Looking internally and making sure that choices are responsible allows you to be the one who helps others when they are in need. Becoming the best version of yourself honors the sacrifice that others have made in order for you to thrive and then be in a position to help others. I believe this is the way for young people to build a better today and tomorrow.