

# KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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## NOTE *the* DATE

### july

**4 Fourth of July BBQ**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

**5 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

**25 August Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

**26 Clam Bake**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

### august

**2 Murder Mystery**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

**31 Oktoberfest**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

### september

**16 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

**20 Steuben Day Parade  
and After-Party**  
Kolping 88th Street

**TBD Fall Fest**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

### october

**11 Close Out Dinner**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

# JULY

## Join Us This Summer!

**KOLPING ON HUDSON IS THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER  
WITH FOUR GREAT SPECIAL EVENTS**



### Fourth of July BBQ | July 4

Food will be served from 1:00– 4:00 pm  
Reservations required

*See flyer in this bulletin for more information.*



### Clam Bake | July 26

3 pm - 7 pm  
Cash bar / DJ / No walk-ins

*See flyer in this bulletin for more information.*



### Murder Mystery | Aug 2

It has come to our attention that the Kolping House might be HAUNTED! The crew of Spirit Sweepers will be conducting a live paranormal investigation..



### Oktoberfest | Aug 31

Chance Booth • Raffles • BBQ  
Bar will be open all day, serving authentic German beer.  
Live Music Featuring Die Spitzbuam!

*See flyer in this bulletin for more information.*

For more information and to reserve your spot at any of these events, please contact:  
[kohmanager95@gmail.com](mailto:kohmanager95@gmail.com) or call 914-432-2535



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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.*

Please continue to keep **Gail and Mattie Gleason** in your prayers as he battles a serious health challenge. Gail is our beloved bookkeeper at the Kolping House on 88th Street.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JULY**

Kathleen Allen, Irene Benvenuto, Chris Beyrer, Ada Brauweiler, Richard Brunhuber, Peter Buchholz, Christopher Buckley, Beverly Cantu, Chris Coletti, Bart Considine, Joe Considine, Bonnie Dengler, Ralph Dengler, Siobhan Dennehy, Lauren Doherty, Catherine Ferrero, Robert Maurice Hemsing, Alex Hernandez, Lisa Kepler, Margarete Kiec, Rudolf Kogler, Matthew Kurcz, Gerald Ladenhauf, Conor LaRocque, Genevieve Longworth, Roger R. Lounsbury, Eva Lupica, Kirsten Maas, Paul Mahoney, Kevin Manner, Liz Marques, Kristina Mickelsen, Melissa Morley, Richard Morley, Chris Morris, Michael Murphy, Kelly Noll, Susan O'Reilly, Linda Purdy-Ohland, Evelyn Petriccione, Marianne Pollack, Sixto Portilla, Catherine Portilla, Gary Raniolo, Sabour Raouf, Andrew Joseph Reitter, John Reitter, Jr., John Reitter, Sr., Donna Richardson, Charles Ruppman, Katarina Elise Sartorius Grunwald, Valentine Sartorius, Jennifer Schiminski, Carina Schmitt, Delia Schmitt, Gerhard Schmitt, Stefan Schmitt, Lisa Severin, Dagmar Simons, Radiance Steigerwald, Ursula Stiloski, Jozsef Szoldatits, Kristen Szoldatits, Steven Szoldatits, Claire Tandy, Alfred Vogl, Sarina Reddy Ward, Stephanie Weber, and Frank Weigand.

### **SPECIAL JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

We send special birthday wishes to **Kathleen Allen, Ada Brauweiler, Liz Marques, Charlie Ruppman** and **Frank Weigand**.

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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to MARGE CIRINCIONE!**

Marge Cirincione celebrated her 95th Birthday on June 25th! Marge has been a part of the Kolping Society for a lifetime as her parents brought her to events and celebrations over the years. Some of us had the privilege to serve on the Board of Directors when Marge was a trustee and many more of us have enjoyed a greeting and a chat at our luncheons and picnics. Happy Birthday Marge!



Thank you **Wilma Endrich** for your generous gift to Kolping on Hudson.  
Thank you to **Louie Remigio and Christopher Ulrich** for your gifts this past month.




Thank you **Karen Staub** for Subway Series tickets. Congratulations to **Dorothy Santospirito** whose name was drawn at KOH on Father's Day. Go Mets! Go Yankees! Go NY!

## **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**.

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



*KOH Dining Room*



*K-88 Ballroom*



*KOC Dining Room*

## 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. Thank you to the members who have already submitted their dues for this year. Your membership cards are on their way to you.

If you didn't get last year's dues paid, 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 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

New York Kolping is hosting the biennial National Kolping Convention in September 2026. There are all sorts of volunteer roles we will be looking to fill. 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.

### SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS AT KOH

There are many beautiful, God-given areas at KOH to sit and reflect on praise and thanksgiving, so if we're not in the Stations of the Cross, we might be closer to the River. Vespers are generally around 6 or 7pm, so you can plan to come join us Sunday evenings! Watch your email for an announcement of specific time.

### 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.

**If you have an idea for a service project for our Society, please share with us.**

### PARTY RENTALS AT OUR KOLPING VENUES:

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

Our KOH dining room is beautiful and versatile. The K-88 ballroom and KOC dining room are spacious, elegant and very affordable!

## OUR HOLY FATHER'S JULY 2025 INTENTION

**FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT:** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



# JOSEPH SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIPS 2025

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## The Joseph Sartorius Scholarship results were announced!

1 - Jack Gilhooley \$2,000

2 - Will Reitter \$1,000

Runners Up: \$500 each **Max Reitter • Kelly Krupa • Gretchen Stromberg**

We were very pleased that several of the recipients were able to join us at Mass on Father's Day. Gretchen Stromberg and her Mom, Sandra, traveled down from Vermont to celebrate the day with grandparents David and Peggy Dougall. Max and Will Reitter were part of a large table—11 people!—from John and Betty Reitter's family enjoying the day at KOH. Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck as you move forward.

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## JACK'S ESSAY:

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

When I first learned about Adolph Kolping, I didn't expect to relate to someone who lived more than 200 years ago. He was a Catholic priest in 19th-century Germany, living in a time of factories, poverty, and huge change. But the more I read, the more I saw how relevant his mission still is, especially today. Kolping didn't just talk about helping people, he took real action. He created housing, education, and communities for struggling and underrepresented workers. His mission was to restore dignity and give people the tools to build a better life. That speaks directly to me—not only because I volunteer at a local food pantry, but also because I want to study business and use it to create real solutions that help people. Kolping's legacy reminds me that business and service don't have to be separate, they can work together to change lives.

I started volunteering at the local food pantry while in the Scouts. And during the pandemic in 2020, I noticed the car line waiting to get in the pantry kept growing and growing. When I volunteer, I help organize donations, pack food bags, and assist families who rely on the pantry to get by. At first, it felt simple, just helping and it made me feel better. But over time, I noticed the impact I created. I've seen people come in quietly, almost ashamed, and leave feeling a little more hopeful because someone treated them with respect or was just nice to them. I've seen parents breathe a sigh of relief when they realize there's enough for their kids to eat that week. And I've realized that behind every item that is handed out there is a human story, just like the people Kolping helped.

Kolping understood that people need more than just charity. They need an opportunity. He believed in helping people learn skills, find jobs, and become self-sufficient. That's where I see the connection to business. To me, business isn't just about making money, it's about solving problems, creating opportunities, and lifting people up. I want to study business not just to be successful, but to make a difference. Whether that means starting a social enterprise, building a nonprofit, or helping small businesses grow in under-resourced communities, I want to use what I learn to empower others.

We live in a world FULL of challenges—rising prices, housing insecurity, unemployment and sometimes, it just feels overwhelming. But Kolping's life reminds me that young people can start something meaningful. He didn't wait for someone else to fix things; he acted. He created the Kolping Society, a global network that still supports education, housing, and job training. We see that in our chapter of the Kolping Society and how much it does for others. Something I never really thought of while spending summers at KOH my whole life. I hope to one day create a business or organization that has that same lasting effect, something that doesn't just give help in the short term but gives people the tools to help themselves.

Even now, volunteering at the food pantry has opened my eyes to the way systems work and sometimes don't work. I've seen how many families fall through the cracks, even though they're working hard. I've started thinking about how businesses, nonprofits, and communities could work together to make sure resources get where they're needed most. It's pushed me to want to learn more. Business school will give me the knowledge, but my experience serving others is giving me the ambition.

Young people today are in a rare position. We have technology, access to so many ideas, and tools that Kolping never could have imagined. But we also face huge challenges. It's easy to feel like we can't make a difference and give up. But Kolping's example proves otherwise. We don't need to be perfect or powerful to start making changes. We just need to care and do something.

In conclusion, Adolph Kolping saw a broken world and chose to respond with courage, compassion, and creativity. As someone who volunteers at a food pantry and dreams of using business to help others, I see his legacy as inspiring. He reminds me that it's possible to combine service with strategy, and kindness with innovation. If he could create lasting change with so little, imagine what we can do today with education, determination, and heart.

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In honor of, and inspired by, Jack's essay—will you consider bringing a food item to KOH for the ongoing food drive? Easy and popular items include canned tuna, lentils, breakfast cereal. **You can make a difference too.**



# FATHER'S DAY AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Many thanks go out to our Praeses, Father Richard Breton, who spends several hours driving from his parish upstate to our Assmuth Hall in Montrose for Mass on special occasions. Don Simons and Larry Kunz provided music and Linda Purdy-Ohland served as Lector.

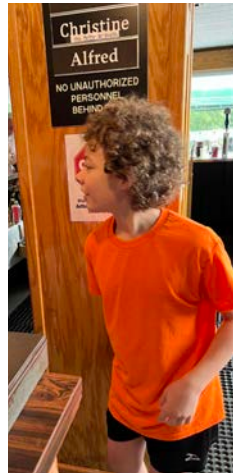
Immediately after our celebration of the Eucharist, the Kolping Initiation ceremony was held and we welcomed new members. Mario and Debi DiSisto who live in nearby Peekskill were sponsored by Bob Kelleher. Gerry and Vanessa DeMarmels, who have two lovely daughters, travel a bit further to join us from their home in New Jersey. Frank and Laura Weigand sponsored their membership.

Kathy Weinborg and her team of helpers made sure we had a delicious lunch. In addition to the traditional Kolping Fathers Day fresh ham, this year diners were offered an option for chicken Marsala. Appropriate sides of mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, broccoli rounded out the meal. Dessert was an outstanding Black Forest cake—Schwarzwald Torte. Mike Weinborg, Ted Dengler and Gerhard Schmitt helped keep things moving in the kitchen so our servers—Dylan Retallick, Angie Conticello, Massimo Conticello, Emily McGrath, Olivia McGrath and Felix could be sure to get hot meals to all the tables.

Alfred had the bar stocked and Stephen McGrath kept the glasses full. Tracie organized everything and with the help of Christine McGrath fielded reservations and checked in guests. Natasha Borodin sold raffle tickets. Thank you to all the volunteers who keep things running so smoothly and make sure our retreat on the Hudson River is in tiptop shape.









# TWO SPECIAL DEDICATIONS

## Remembering our good friends Ernst Endrich and Bob Hemsing



Any Kolping member who has been around for a few years has a favorite “Ernst story” to share. We were blessed to memorialize the KOH pool in honor of Ernst Endrich on Father’s Day.

Ernst Endrich joined the Society over 50 years ago—back in 1971. From day one, he was one of those people who could be counted on to pitch in when work needed to be done. He always had great stories and strong opinions which combined with his winning smile and outrageous sense of humor.

We think that Ernst (ably assisted by his lovely wife Wilma) is the only member who has served as House Manager for all three of our houses—88th Street, Concourse and KOH. Ernst served many years on the Board of Directors guiding our Society to move forward and embrace the new while simultaneously treasuring our important traditions. When we lost our longtime K88 manager, Mary Minarik, Ernst jumped into the role bringing his experience managing buildings. He used this time to hire new staff and groom them for leadership roles. He computerized operations (which may sound mundane now, but was a big deal in the ‘90s).

Ernst loved to have fun and so many of us have memories of good times together. Ernst loved the pool at KOH and served as Pool Manager—a thankless job—for many years. He participated in the Ski Trips into his 80s. Having learned to ski at age 3, that felt as natural to him as walking.

When you next enjoy the Pool at KOH, or really anything at Kolping, please say a prayer or lift a virtual toast to our good friend Ernst Endrich. He is dearly missed and fondly remembered.



On Sunday, June 22nd, we welcomed Father George Oonnyynny and Father Rijo Kurian from St. Christopher and St. Patrick parish of Verplanck and Buchanan. They joined us to bless the tower viewer memorial to Bob Hemsing. This permanently mounted binocular viewer provides farther and clearer views of the Hudson River and the palisades across the river from KOH. We thank Ann Hemsing, Kathy and Greg Fuchek and their family and Anne and Bobby Hemsing Jr. and their family for the gift making this possible. It will remind us that Bob was a visionary in our Society—he dreamed big, set new goals and led us to achieve those goals in his time as President and long afterwards.





 **Kolping-on-Hudson**

**FOURTH OF JULY**

★ **BBQ** ★

**on Friday, July 4th!**

Rain date Saturday, July 5th

**Food will be served from 1pm-4pm**

★  
Bratwurst, Leberkase, Ribs,  
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Corn on the Cob,  
Assorted Salads and Sides, Dessert, Coffee



**HORSESHOES!**  
**CORNHOLE!**

**\$30 Members**  
**\$35 Non-members**  
**\$15 for 12 and under**  
**Under 5 is free**



**Reservations are required — please reserve by Tuesday, July 1st to avoid late fees and to help our Kitchen volunteers purchase the right amount of food.**

**Later reservations and “day of” pricing will be \$5 higher.**

**Email: [kohmanager95@gmail.com](mailto:kohmanager95@gmail.com) or call: 914-736-0117.**

**If you are joining the BBQ you can purchase a special \$5.00 pool entry and the pool will be open until 8:00 PM.**

# Clam Bake

Saturday, July 26, 2025  
3pm - 7pm

Pool Open  
all day  
**\$5**

## MENU

*Clams (steamed and on the half shell), Clam Chowder,  
Marinated Steak, Corn, Potatoes, Assorted Sides,  
Hot Dogs, Dessert and Coffee  
While Supplies Last!*

Cash  
Bar  
available

DJ

**\$65**

21 years and older  
Includes: Keg, Soda, Water  
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**\$25**

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Soda, Water

**\$5**

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under

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Please contact [kohmanager95@gmail.com](mailto:kohmanager95@gmail.com) or 914-736-0117  
for details and how to buy tickets. Only 250 tickets available.

Tickets can be purchased at KOH on weekends — Saturday and Sunday.

2025

# Oktoberfest

## Kolping-on-Hudson

95 Montrose Point Road  
Montrose, NY | 914-736-0117



**Sunday, August 31**  
noon until sundown

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

*Admission \$10 per person / \$8 for members / Children under 12 free*

*Free Admission for First Responders and Military Personnel—  
Active, Retired and Veterans—must show current valid Photo ID*

**Chance Booth • Raffles • BBQ**

**Bar will be open all day, serving authentic German beer.**

**Live Music Featuring Die Spitzbuam!**

**Children's Games • Pool open all day (\$5) • Plenty of parking**

*Service Animals Only - No Pets Allowed*

*Cash Only - No ATM on Premises*