

# KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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## note the date

### october

**8-9 Fr. Bretone's Annual Retreat**  
Barryville, NY

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

**18 Executive Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

**19 November Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

**30 KOH Rental Season Ends**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

### november

**6 Communion Brunch**  
Kolping-on-Concourse

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

### december

**4 Mass & St. Nikolaus Party**  
Kolping 88th Street

**25 Christmas**  
Celebrate the birth of Jesus

# OCTOBER

## Kolping-On-Hudson Close Out Dinner

7:00pm • Saturday, October 15, 2016

Join us for our final event at Kolping-on-Hudson in 2016. Our in-house chefs Kathy Weinborg and Jennifer Scheuermann will be cooking a delicious dinner for our end of the summer closeout party.

The menu includes shrimp cocktail, prime rib, baked potato, fresh garden vegetable, dessert & coffee. Price is \$50 per person which includes dinner (served at 7:00pm) and open bar (from 7 pm to midnight).

Reservations are required for this—maximum capacity is 60 people. Please contact Lou Colletti for reservations at [lcookie1129@aol.com](mailto:lcookie1129@aol.com) or **914.275.7481**.

## COMMUNION BRUNCH AT KOLPING-ON-CONCOURSE

Sunday, November 6th at 11:15 am

Our Kolping on Concourse Communion Luncheon will be held to honor the memory of **Michael Bongiovanni**, **Daniel McLane** (grandson of James Minarik), **Marion Ulrich** and all deceased Kolping Members

Mass will begin at 11:15 am at St. Philip Neri Church located at 3025 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468 (718-733-3200)

A luncheon will follow immediately after mass at Kolping on Concourse.

The menu includes Chicken Cutlets, Baked Potatoes, Asparagus, Salad, dessert & coffee.

The cost is \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child. Call or email Jan Kessler for reservations: 914.462.7649 or [jkessny@aol.com](mailto:jkessny@aol.com)

## SAVE THE DATE!

**KOLPING SKI TRIP**  
**Mount Snow, Vermont**  
**March 10-12, 2017**

More details in the November Bulletin



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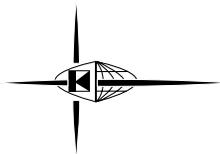
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# Milestones & Passages



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

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the Gomez family. Members Beth & Bill Heyd and Laurie & Robert Weisz' father **Edward Gomez** passed away in Florida on August 31st.

Thoughts and prayers are for a speedy recovery for both **Wilfriede Roessler** and **Charles Ruppman** who are both recovering from recent health issues.

Please pray for the rehabilitation of Martin Kelly's dear wife, **Violet Nelida Kelly**.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN OCTOBER:

Evelyn Ahrens, Sal Americo, Brian Bellett, Danny Bengel, Father Richard Bretone, Heide Bruegger, Kevin Peter Bruegger, Monica Buckel, Anneli Nicole Cantu, Peter Carruthers, Lisa Caruso, Ginny Costa, James Crowley, Norma Curtin, Anna Dengler, Anton Dengler, Christina Dengler, Debra Dengler, Marilyn Dengler, Carol Dowgiallo, Fiona Doyle, Dario Ebbri, Linda Ferony, Alex Fonseca, Alfred Froebrich, Robert Gioia, Ruairi Gribbon, Keifer Grossmann, Kristine Grossmann, Beth Heyd, Nancy Jackson, William Jacobson, Kathryn Kayler, Lynn Keller, Martin Kelly, Art Kessler, Dorothea Kreitner, Christine Krupa, Joseph Krupa, George Kummer, Frank Kurcz, Rosemarie Lambot, Paul Lorenzen, Cristin Manner, Emily Manner, Ludwig Manz, Lisa Margiotta, Ed Marussich, Mary Marussich, Kayla McCarthy, MaryAnn McCusker, Gustave Menocal, Liam Minnich, Rick Nania, Dennis Noll, John Noonan, Tom Noonan, Lindsay Ostroff, Kim Parra, John Pollack, Chris Preisser, Christian Rauch, Sylvia Reitter, Hector Rios, Horst Schmitt, Elizabeth Tretter, and Gloria Zale.

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

### DONATIONS

Thank you so much to the following members that have sent donations for the Kolping Catholic School Scholarship Fund: Barbara Grimm, Jim Minarik, Albert & Anita Buchholz, Tim & Alida Carey, Ronald Seelbach, Al & Linda Ferony, Rosemarie Bartzick, Walter & Katherine Weigand, William Grimm, Ferdinand Zipprich, Frances Schulte, Norbert & Marilyn Dengler, Bob & Ann Hemsing, and Rosemarie Lambot.

### MILESTONE DATE *Submitted by Lou Colletti*

The Catholic Kolping Society of New York turns 128 years on October 14, 2016.

### KOH WURST RUN *Submitted by Maria Stang*

On Sept 24th the KOH gang went on a journey bright and early with their motorcycles to the Catskills to bring back some wurst and other goodies for KOH. Thanks for the "wurst run" to members Michael and Jennifer Schuermann, Jim Stang, Alfred Vogl, Tracie Richardson, and Dennis Noll.



### KOH FOUNTAIN *Submitted by Lou Colletti*

Richie Povolonis has been maintaining our beautiful pond for many years and does a great job. This summer the pond had a great amount of algae bloom, so to remedy this, Heidi purchased a fountain. Richie & his team were able to have it installed for Oktoberfest. It adds another level of peace & serenity to our beautiful property. Especially for events at night it adds luminous tranquility. All season the following people have helped Richie in one way or another: Peter & Thomas Bruegger, Bob Colletti, Nick Colletti, Jr., Peggy Dougall, Andy Marussich & Joe Szoldatits. We are very blessed to have such great volunteers.

# 2016 DUES

A friendly reminder to all those that have not yet paid their dues. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548

**Att: Jan Kessler, Secretary**

Family: \$105

Individual: \$90

Student: \$45

50-year members: paid up forever!

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

## PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER POSITION

*Submitted by Gerhard Schmitt & Lou Colletti*

**Primary:** Bookkeeping

**Secondary:** Office Duties/House Manager Back-Up

The position requires two days a week at Kolping House 88th Street. Bookkeeping duties one day & one day office duties/House Manager backup. Kolping on the Concourse is one day per month. If you are interested about learning more about this position, please contact: Katrina Dengler (kdengler67@hotmail.com).

## GERMAN STUDENT INTERNSHIP

Gloria Sauter is a student at the University of Applied Sciences in Kehl, Germany. In connection with her studies in Public Administration, she would like to do an internship abroad to gain working experiences, improve language skills and get to the know the country and its culture. She is fluent in English and advanced in Spanish and Latin.

As from July 15, 2016 until September 14, 2017, Ms. Sauter is undergoing a compulsory training period to qualify as a civil servant for middle management positions. Part of this training are practical internships in German local government administrations and foreign local government authorities, e.g. in the USA. During the trainee's stay in the USA, she is fully paid by her employer and expected to get an insight into and knowledge of the US-American service unit.

Gloria Sauter: [gloria@hjsauter.de](mailto:gloria@hjsauter.de).

# News & Notes

## **BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS OKTOBERFEST**

Sunday, October 9, 2016. Holy Rosary Church Auditorium, 170 Bradhurst Avenue, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Admission \$10 (children 18 and under are free). Doors open at 1:00 pm. Band starts at 2:00 pm. Music by Bernie's Orchestra. Schuhplattler and folk dances performed by the Bavarian Club Edelweiss. German and American food, beer, wine and soda available for purchase. Follow us on Facebook: Bavarian Club Edelweiss, Westchester, NY. [bavarianclubedelweiss@yahoo.com](mailto:bavarianclubedelweiss@yahoo.com). For reservations call: 845-869-2771.

## **STAINED GLASS WINDOW FOR PURCHASE AT KOH**

One stained glass window remains at Kolping-on-Hudson available for purchase at \$1,500. The window is already framed and a name could be etched. Some members may want a name in memory of a loved one or just have your family name. The window is available to be seen at KOH. If interested, please contact Heidi Umland or Rich Povolonis (914-736-0117).

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

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

## **KOH HONEY HARVEST** *Submitted by Andy Marussich*

On Saturday September 17, members of the Bee Committee, Albert, Joe, Frank, and Rich, along with photographer Andy Marussich worked on extracting the honey.



## **OUR HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER 2016 INTENTIONS**

**UNIVERSAL: JOURNALISTS**—That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

**EVANGELIZATION: WORLD MISSION DAY**—That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

# Stories of Interest

## Summer Vacation 2016 submitted by Peggy Dougall

Can you imagine our surprise when looking for a hotel near Salzburg that we found a Kolping House?

My husband and the 2 grandchildren stayed in the car as I went in to inquire about lodging that night. Bingo! They had a family suite with 2 rooms (very modern and immaculate), a shared bathroom with shower with Frühstück (breakfast) all for 91 Euros. I spoke German and they answered in English. I excitedly told them about NY Kolping on the Hudson, 88th St. and Kolping on the Concourse.



In addition they gave each of us a Tennengau Card which gave us discounts to the Saltwelt (salt mine), the Kelten Museum. Unfortunately we couldn't use the Keltenblitz or Toboggan ride or SommerRodelbahn due to a rain storm which was passing through that day.

In Hallein just down the street from Kolping the children found the best toy store that they had ever been to. It carried Legos and Playmobile. Behind the Kolping House was the Silent Night Museum, Home of Franz Gruber. Joseph Mohr's guitar that was used to perform at Christmas in 1818 was there on display.

My husband, Dave and I wanted to show our 2 grandchildren some of Salzburg, so when they watch the movie "Sound of Music" they would remember their trip.

So whenever you go to Europe check Kolping out. Back in 2001 when hubby and I went to Vilnius Lithuania we had found a Kolping house there too!

([www.kolpinghaus-hallein.at](http://www.kolpinghaus-hallein.at))

## "The Soldier with Tears in His Eyes" submitted by Martin A. Kelly

World War I (1914-18) was the horror of the Twentieth Century. Fourteen million combatants dead and a further 20 million wounded. Four empires were destroyed and even the victor's was badly damaged.

Judged a sideshow to the great conflagrations on the Western and Eastern Fronts, the conflict in the Alpine Mountains, separating Italy and Austria (the Dolomites), is remembered as one of the cruelest.

At the outset of the war, Italy was one of the Central Powers along with Germany, Austria, and Turkey; but, she changed sides to the enemy, the Allies: England, France, and Russia.

Why Italy switched is debatable. Most likely, the British convinced them that since Italy had a border with Austria, she stood to gain more being on a victorious Allied side, mainly, South Tyrol and Trieste.

In this war, the implements of battle were released in arctic weather; cyclonic winds and frigid landscapes. Slippery ravines

and avalanches, along with unsanitary conditions made this front a living hell.

Morale was low and desertion rampant. Combatants, however, staged unofficial truces in which they "crossed the line" and swapped rations. But the next day it was business as usual—"kill or be killed."

One hideous operation, the Italian siege of "Castelletto", a promontory which commanded the valleys below for miles. Determined to open a gap, the Italians dug a shaft at its base and packed it with 20 tons of TNT and detonated it.

The deadlock was broken; the Russians capitulated and freed crack German troops to bolster the Austrians. In a combined effort, they sent the Italians reeling toward the Umbria (Tiber) area.

The British rushed reinforcements and another stalemate was created. This was the setting for the ill-fated romance between an American ambulance driver and a British Army nurse in Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*.

Because of the nature of the terrain and perverse weather, many bodies and parts have been recovered only with great difficulty. In 1936, the remains of more than 5,000 unknown dead were enshrined in "Pasubio Ossuary."

Yet more are shrouded beneath the landscape. Like in 2012, almost a century later, the cadavers of two Austrian soldiers were located in a glacier, quickly frozen at their post. An examination of the face of one showed what appeared to be tears in the corners of his eyes.

Source: Brian Mockenhaupt. "Blood in the Clouds." *Smithsonian*. June 2016.



A cross marks the Austrian line in the Pasubio mountains, a relic of their 1916 "Punishment Expedition." (Stefan Chow)

# STEUBEN DAY PARADE submitted by Lou Colletti

Photos by Lou Colletti, Robert Cangiano, and Jen Scheuermann

## KOLPING PARADE COMMITTEE: Gerhard Schmitt, Donna Richardson, Lou Colletti & Jerry Ladenhauf.

On Saturday, September 17, 2016 our Kolping members, family & friends gathered to proudly march up 5th Avenue. About 40 of us met on 68th Street. The weather was perfect. Kolping thanks each & everyone of you for marching! However there was a difference this year. It was the official birthday General Von Steuben, September 17, 1730. Which made the day much more special. Kolping NY hosted the National Kolping Convention on Labor Day weekend, so after that, marching up 5th Avenue was such an honor and privilege. We all had on our orange & black sashes and German flags in hand. A special thanks to our American & Kolping flag holders Ted Denger X and Gerhard Schmitt. And thanks to our younger Kolping members Teddy Dengler & Brian Weigand for handing out flyers to those viewing the Parade. Over 100 attended the party at Kolping House. Thanks to our chef, Kathy Weinborg, and House Manager, Giovanni & all his staff who made the day great!

Pre-parade Plum Cake Preparation!



# *SCHLACHTFEST AT KOH* submitted by Jan Kessler

Over 80 people enjoyed a really beautiful day at KOH which included a 5 course meal starting with delicious appetizers. We thank Kathy Weinborg, Jennifer Ahrens and Stephen Brunner for preparing the spectacular dinner. Not sure where else you could get such a selection of items all in one meal. Sauerbraten Sliders, Potato Pancakes w/applesauce, Brats in a Blanket, Daikon Radish Treats, Jagermeister glazed chicken and bacon bites, Flammkuchen flatbread, butternut squash shooters, pumpkin squash ravioli w/ sweet brown butter sauce, schweinshaxe w/ potato dumplings & home braised charcut and black forest brownies. All the servers were busy bringing out more and more food and each item was more delicious than the next. We are always pleased when our members bring their family and friends to enjoy a great dinner at Kolping on Hudson.



# *41st National Kolping Convention* submitted by Chritine Preisser

The National Kolping Convention began with great enthusiasm on Friday Sept. 2, 2016 with a “meet and greet” party at the Hofbrauhaus on Third Ave. in Manhattan. Only a short walking distance from the Marriott East Side Hotel, which was the headquarters for the Convention, delegates and friends found lots of music, food, beverages, and German *gemutlichkeit*, a very impressive start to a gathering that was declared “over the top” by those visiting from across the country.

Saturday began with Mass at the hotel, and then a tour of lower Manhattan by bus. Even those, like myself, who have lived and worked in New York for most of our lives found many interesting new pieces of information from our very well informed tour guide and driver. The group left the bus for a short walk around the park that is now a part of the 9/11 memorial. Chinatown, the high line elevated park that once was part of an above ground railroad line, the meat packing district, and Little Italy were included. We had a short rest and then at 4pm until 11pm we were whisked up the Hudson River by bus to Kolping on Hudson in Montrose NY. As the bus drove down the access road we were greeted by enthusiastic welcomes from young and old in the KOH group all of whom wore orange tee shirts and had made signs welcoming every individual Kolping family who were in attendance. A picnic supper with German food, was served overlooking the Hudson with many beverages and then coffee, dessert, dancing and much music followed with a presentation of the “Distinguished Service Awards”.

Sunday began with a march to St. Patrick’s Cathedral accompanied by a piper, and Mass celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the NY Archdiocese. Cardinal Dolan wanted to especially point out the Kolping delegation who marched into the Cathedral with the Kolping Family Flags proudly in front. The Cardinal gave a short description of the life and work of Blessed Fr. Kolping and after Mass invited us all up to the main altar for greetings and pictures.

A wonderful brunch followed at the 88th Street Kolping House. The meal was catered by “Exquisite Affairs” a delightfully imaginative group from KOH. Several NY members took the opportunity to show our guests from out of town around the century old house and gave them a chance to see our outstanding archival collection of photographs and the newly renovated and beautifully lighted stained glass window above the front doors.

At this point I must say a few words about the weather, which was very, worrisome. Predictions of heavy winds, rain and rough seas had been forecast by many weather people. Fr. Kolping must really have been watching over us, because the days were beautiful, and at night the sunsets over the Hudson and in NY Harbor were totally awesome! The last event was our magnificent cruise on the “Hornblower” around The Statue of Liberty, under the Brooklyn Bridge, admiring all the while New York’s ever changing and incredible skyline. Accompanied by beautifully clear skies, an abundance of winking stars and a perfectly placed moon, we sailed on calm seas and enjoyed a delightful buffet dinner and terrific melodies from our DJ. This event provided us with a wonderfully breathtaking ending to our convention.

Monday morning began with Mass and many fond farewells to our visiting Kolping brothers and sisters who came and experienced our remarkable city. We of course pledged to attend the 42nd. Convention which will be hosted in 2018 by our special Philadelphia Kolping family in their amazing city.

## FROM THE NY KOLPING PRESIDENT / Through faith, courage and communication we can build stronger families

New York Kolping hosted the 41st National Convention in New York over Labor Day weekend, and what a great time we had! Families from LA, San Francisco, Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia and Brooklyn gathered in NY to discuss the issues facing the National US Kolping Society.

We have a new National President—congratulations to Lisa Brinkmann from San Francisco! And to our own Lou Colletti on becoming Trustee and our own Fr. Breton as our new national Praeses. Thanks to Bernie for serving as President for all these years and Fr. Michel as National Praeses. Our Vice President is Walter Amrein and Treasurer is Ted Wilke.

The NY convention committee worked for over a year, planning and organizing this 3 day event! A big thank you to all those who dedicated so many hours to ensuring a fun event while also fostering communication between our Kolping families. A special thanks goes to Lou Colletti as Vice-Chairman, Peter Carruthers as both head of registration and Treasurer, and Gerhard Schmitt as Boat Cruise organizer and general all around go to person!

From the Meet and Greet at the Bierhaus, to the fair well Dinner Cruise around Manhattan, New Yorkers had the chance to meet their Kolping counterparts from across the US and build stronger communications and a stronger Kolping family! I made new friends, caught up with the old friends, and congratulated the Distinguished Service award recipients from around the country.

Speaking of Distinguished Service Award winners – a big congratulations to Cristel Scheuermann, Michael Scheuermann and Jennifer Scheuermann on their award!! This family has served Kolping so many years and summers at KOH! Most especially: Crystal as the eagle eyed pool entrance guard, Mike as cook and all around helper, and Jen as cook and webmaster.

I hope all were able to participate and I hope to see you all at the next convention, in Philadelphia in two years!

—Katrina Dengler

# Convention Photos—KOH BBQ

Photos submitted by Katrina Dengler, Muriel Fullam, Jan Kessler, John Noonan, and Al Sartorius, Jr.



# *Convention Photos—HofBräu & Hornblower*



# *Convention Photos—St. Patrick's Cathedral*

