

July 2017

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Note from the Editor

Wow – Schützenfest is almost here! There are so many new and exciting events surrounding the Schützenfest, and it seems to be getting bigger and better every year (See pp. 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 & 10 for more details). We would like to thank the army of volunteers that it takes to put on this festival, and it is so wonderful to see so many of our new members getting involved! A special thanks goes out to Jim Stukenborg, who has taken on the monumental task of chairing our premier festival for the last three years, and of course his wife, Anna Stukenborg, as well as Jim Slouffman, who is chairing the Sponsorship Committee. Let the games begin!

Treu Kolping, Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President – Trey Seibel, 513-616-4265

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Sick Committee – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

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Business Office – 513-851-7951 then press 1

Clubhouse – 513-851-7951 then press 5

Hall – 513-851-7951 then press 4

July Events

July 7, 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting

July 11, 11:30 A.M.

Seniors Meeting

July 16, 11:00 A.M.

Schützenfest Mass,
Old St. Mary's Church

July 16, 2:00 P.M.

Genealogy Group

July 21, 22, 23

Schützenfest

August Events

August 4, 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting

August 8, 11:30 A.M.

Seniors Meeting

August 11, 7:00 P.M.

Captain's Meeting,
Schützen Club

August 18, 6:00 P.M.

Appreciation Party

August 20, 2:00 P.M.

Genealogy Group

Bartenders Needed for Funeral Luncheons

Unfortunately, we seem to be having more and more after-funeral service luncheons at Kolping, and we are in need of bartenders for these events. Bartenders are paid \$10/hour, and the normal duration of the event is four hours. We would like to have a pool of bartenders, so to speak, from which to choose, so if you are interested, please contact **Trey Seibel** at 513-616-4265 or **Jim Schnieder** at 513-941-7504.



Congratulations to all our members celebrating birthdays in the month of July!



First Name	Last Name	Birthday	First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Linda	Irlbacher	Jul 2	Mischell	Wolfram	Jul 16
Michael	Meyer	Jul 2	Carl	Wurzelbacher	Jul 16
Alfred	Redder	Jul 2	Dan	Fischer	Jul 17
Therese	Stricker	Jul 4	Michael	Schmidt	Jul 17
Joseph	Wolterman	Jul 4	Sylvia	Nadler	Jul 18
Ralph	Hite	Jul 5	Sharon	Riley	Jul 18
Aaron	Manter	Jul 5	Monica	DeFranco	Jul 19
Elaine	Wilke	Jul 5	Ann	Gerbus	Jul 19
Raymond	Miller	Jul 6	Ralph	Ostendorf	Jul 19
Mike	Bodkin	Jul 7	Anna	Stukenborg	Jul 19
Fred	Zegarski	Jul 7	Heinz	Kalkhoff	Jul 20
Frank	Albers	Jul 8	Michael	McCarthy	Jul 20
Rebecca	Hollis	Jul 8	Chuck	Merk	Jul 20
Joseph	Hollmann	Jul 8	Eric	Von den Benken	Jul 20
Vincent P.	Meyer	Jul 8	Manfred	Schnetzer	Jul 21
Tom	Resing	Jul 9	Helen	Mueller	Jul 22
Ken	Rieder	Jul 9	Theresa	Beiter	Jul 23
Heinz	Kuhl	Jul 10	Dottie	Nissen	Jul 24
Charles	Neuhaus	Jul 10	Chien	Vu	Jul 25
Wayne	Ramsey	Jul 10	Heddy	Freese	Jul 26
Neil	Geoppinger	Jul 12	Clem	Sunderman	Jul 26
Richard	Valentino	Jul 12	Joan	Kuderer	Jul 27
Regina	Wolterman	Jul 14	Reinhold	Schwegmann	Jul 27
Linda	Knizner	Jul 16	Harry	Schwietering	Jul 27

Father David Hiller Fund Scholarship Recipients

We would like to congratulate the following recipients of the Father David Hiller Fund 2017 Scholarship:

Michael Beiter, son of Daryl and Theresa Beiter, who will be attending LaSalle High School
and

Charles Salemme, son of Mike and Tracy Salemme, who will be attending St. Xavier High School

Each year, the scholarships are offered to two incoming high school students of active Kolping members who have been members for at least three years. We hope that these scholarships will help ease the financial burden of attending a Catholic high school.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Ahrnsen
Father David Hiller Fund Chairman

Schnitzel / Goulash Dinners for Schützenfest

We had an awesome team to make 280 pounds of Spätzle for the Schützenfest this year.

Thanks to:

Irene Whalen, Sylvia Smith, Elaine Wilke, Nancy Pelzel, Nancy Ellensohn, Janet Kuhl, Heinz Kuhl, Werner Wilke, Doris Wilke, Helene Schrand, Carol Yoder.

Special thanks to Doris who got the team together and made lunch!

John and Linda Knizner

Kolping Genealogy

Are any Kolping members interested in learning more about tracing your German roots? Our fledgling **Genealogy Group** has scheduled the next twelve months to encourage Kolping members to attend, learn from each other, and pick up new research skills based on your needs.

We also announce a new website and resources posted on our Kolping website:

<http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy.html>

We meet on Sundays at 2:00 pm for an hour or so in the Clubhouse. The first part of each meeting focuses on a particular genealogy theme or topic. The rest of the time is spent one-on-one working with each other on capturing our information and expanding our skill sets. Bring a notepad and your research, a laptop if you have one. Our July topic is **Getting Started** with basic forms, worksheets and other aides. These new resources have been placed in the Basic Forms folder (green) on the bottom of our webpage for your convenience. We will review each sheet briefly on **July 16**. Our sessions are not just limited to Kolping members; bring a friend.

Other future topics may include DNA research, scanning photos, and other topics you may suggest to benefit your own research and that of others.

Dr. Tom Montgomery, montgota@fuse.net,
montgota@miamioh.edu, 513-969-5383

Der Deutsche Buben Verein Report

Thanks to the continued support of the Kolping Society, Cincinnati Catering, the Fathead Davis Band and our guests, the Buben Summer Picnic raised and donated more than \$2300.00 to the Father David Hiller Fund.

To date, the members and guests of Der Deutsche Buben Verein have raised over \$127,000 for a variety of charities, including more than \$50,000 for the Father David Hiller Fund.

We appreciate your support and participation!

We are hosting this year's first public performance of the Downtown Oktoberfest band from the Allgäu region of Bavaria:

Musikverein Ruderatshofen 2017

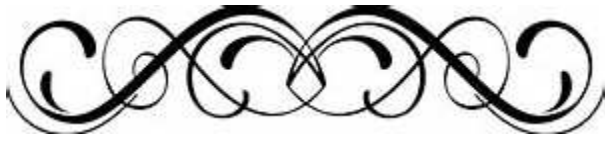


**Saturday, September 9th at
Clovernook Country Club
2035 West Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239**

**No Admission Charge, Special German menu and
German Biers
5PM ~ 11PM Band will perform from 6 - 10
Cash and Credit Cards accepted ~ pay as you go
Reservations required**

For Reservations contact

**Bethani Ritter at: 513.521.0333
or britter@clovernookcc.com**



Deaths

Chris Janszen, Kolping member for 54 years and wife of 59-year member Bill Janszen, passed away on June 2, 2017 at the age of 77. Chris and Bill were Schützenfest King and Queen in 1984-1985 and Chris's father, Henry Rauhen, was King in 1931-1932 and also in 1935-1936, with Chris's mother, Christina Tieves, as the Queen. We extend our sympathies to Bill, their children Billy, Steve, and Tim Janszen, and Theresa Bamberger and their families.

Betty Amrein, Kolping member for 19 years and wife of former Kolping President Walt Amrein for 35 years, left this world on June 10, 2017 at the age of 77. Betty was a past National Trustee of the Catholic Kolping Society. Condolences to Walt and his four children and their families.

Hank Gerbus, Kolping member for 39 years and husband of Roma Gerbus for 67 years, passed away on June 26, 2017 at the age of 88. Hank was active with the Tuesday Workers and the Building & Grounds Committee, a past member of the Board of Directors, a tireless volunteer at Schützenfest, and of course, the "Owner of Kolping". (See Kolping history book, pp. 532-535.) We extend our condolences to Roma and their children, Mike, Dan & Julie Gerbus, Mary Matson, Patty Ryan and Amy Branigan and their families.

Elisabeth "Elli" Holstein, Kolping member for nearly 50 years and wife of the late Theodor Holstein, also a longtime Kolping member, died on June 26, 2017 at the age of 87. We extend our sympathies to her children Andrew and Ralph Holstein, Marietta Southwood, and Elizabeth Adams and their families.

May their souls rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Sports Club News

We are on a little break right now. We are running a camp on Wednesday for all ages, and will be going to Children's Hospital on July 10 to deliver the toys and gift cards. We're looking forward to a great Schützenfest!
Walt Dewar

NOTICE

Upon the death of a MEMBER, please call the President of the Kolping Society or one of the Bereavement Committee members. In order that the membership can be aware that a member has died, the family of the decedent should be willing to place in the Death Notice that the decedent is a member of the Kolping Society and at what time Kolping members should assemble for prayers. (This should be mutually agreed upon by the family and the Kolping representatives.)

The members of the Bereavement Committee are:

- Christa Olding, 513-385-1476
- Marilee Uhlhorn, 513-661-0414
- Helene Schrand, 513-741-9780
- Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019

Sick & Shut-Ins

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Gerd & Agnes Oevermeyer | Sis & Gene Meister |
| Charlie Zix | Otger Kappen |
| Charlie & Marlene Lintz | Ted Segbers |
| Bill Lunnemann | Christa Drees |
| Rudy Pohlabein | Agnes Schlake |
| Jim Brown | Vince Meyer |
| Jim Kemper | |

Also please say prayers for Kate Callahan, granddaughter of Mike and Manette Callahan and daughter of Ben Callahan; and Mark Poole, son of Betty Poole.

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks. Send a card, stop to visit or give them a call. It is always nice to hear from friends when you are not feeling well.

Kolping Seniors

**SENIORS MEETING ON JULY 11 -
COME JOIN US!**

We had a special guest at our June meeting – Martha Engler came with several members of her family to allow us to celebrate her 100th birthday with her. To my knowledge, that is the first time we had a 100-year-old member at our meeting! HOW CAN WE TOP THAT?

Christa Olding

Schützenfest Past Kings & Queens Tribute Column

We have a wonderful new way for past Schützenfest Kings & Queens to be recognized at this year's 151st Anniversary of Schützenfest in Cincinnati! We started construction on a set of portable 3 ft. by 10 ft. Schützenfest Kings & Queens Tribute Columns. On these specially made columns, we will attach signs that pay tribute to the Kings and Queens with their names, years of reign and a **black-and-white photo of the couple when they were King and Queen**, which has just been added. The column will be displayed near the fest entrance on Friday and Saturday, and then moved to the Shooting Area during the traditional King Shooting event for all to see on Sunday. What better way to pay homage to your many contributions to Kolping and our German-American community during your reign as King & Queen and to showcase our Schützenfest legacy?

There are two ways you can become part of this very special tribute. The first is to buy a tribute sign for one year at the annual cost of \$100. If you would like to make a longer commitment, we have a discounted rate of \$300 for 5 years' worth of annual tribute signs. If your parents or other relatives who were King & Queen have passed, you can continue their legacy through providing a tribute column sign in their memory as well. The deadline for these tributes is **July 12, 2017**, so act quickly! Fill out the information below and send to the address indicated.

Past King & Queen's Full-Names

Years of Reign _____

Contact Name _____

Email _____

Check One - 1 Year for \$100.00 _____ or 5 Years for \$300.00 _____

*Please send checks payable to the Cincinnati Kolping Society and send to:
Nancy Pelzel, 2017 Schützenfest
Sponsorship Committee,
5780 Opengate Ct. Cincinnati, OH 45247

***For more information call Jim Slouffman at
513-324-0570**



Schützen Club News

Schützen Club has finished another great shooting season with a great party. Special thanks to the Tuesday Workers for cleaning and setting up the pavilion.

The Captain's Meeting is scheduled for August 11th (second Friday) in the Clubhouse at 7:00pm. Included at the meeting are team sign-up and a review of the rules. The new president, Steve Lawson, will be introduced.

Help with the gate is still needed. Please contact me if you or your team can cover 3 hours on Friday or Saturday. Running the gate is Schützen Club's responsibility. Please help support the club.

Final scores were: High Individuals Wendell Hull, Dave Vondenbenken, Bill Lunnemann, Al Drees, Bob Fehrenbach, Tom Hopkins, Paul Ahrnsen, and Roger Adams. High Individual was Paul Anhofer and High Team was Trautmann.

If you have any Shooting Club questions, contact the president at :
mmoore82028@cinci.rr.com.

Mickey Moore

Thank you!

The 2017 Father's Day and Anniversary Mass and Brunch was a huge success due to the many helping hands who assisted us! We had a lot of volunteers who helped prepare and serve the food, along with the strong and willing volunteers for the hall and pavilion set-up. Without all of you, this event could not have happened! We do hope you enjoyed the day and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Special Thanks to Ted Wilke and Russ Hessler for their extraordinary amount of help for the event.

Elaine Wilke & Barb Hessler

Father David Hiller Fund July Report

The Endowment Fund received some donations for memorials, a golden wedding, and the net receipts from the Deutsche Buben Verein-sponsored summer picnic. We extend our condolences to the families who lost a loved one and thank everyone for thinking of the fund for various occasions.

Chris Janszen Memorial

Irene & Mike Hasenfrazt, Erika & Alfred Redder, John Krallman, Bev & Vince Meyer, Anneliese Schulten, Barb & Ernie Macke.

Henry Althoff Memorial

Doris & Bill Gottenbusch, Gerry Kreutzjans, Angela & Rudy Pohlabein, Anneliese & Werner Schulten, Barb & Ernie Macke, Bev & Vince Meyer, Jackie & Tom Tegenkamp, Clara & George Ostendorf, Sylvia & Dan Smith Family, Mrs. Alberta Seibel, Mary Etta & Erich Schulte, Roma & Hank Gerbus, Mary Jo & Bob Gravelt, Mary Beth & Don Reupert, Janet Irland & Lorraine Giglio, Janet & Dilip Tripathy, Dottie & Carl Nissen, Helen Schrand, Buben Verein c/o M. Brakers, Joyce & Jim Brown, Irene & Pat Whalen, Marcella & Erwin Kohlmorgen, Marian & Gary Koester, Terri & Dennis Seibert, Magda & Ben Geers. Janet & Heinz Kuhl, Erika & Alfred Redder, Mary & Ted Tegenkamp, Chris & Ronald Fay, Mrs. Susan McAfoose, Rita & Tom Musbach, Joyce Sheppard, John Krallman, Pat & Keith Hanley, Celeste & Otto Hermes, Traci & Charles Klosterman, Mary Ann & Charles Finn, Christine & Steve Weigel, Shirely & Carl Franke, Carolyn Althoff Smith, Elisabeth & Clem Ricke, Katie & Ken Rehm, Mary Allgeier, Pat Hauser, Gerhard Deddens.

Betty Amrein Memorial

Clara & George Ostendorf, Irene & Mike Hasenfrazt, Barb & Ernie Macke, Doris & Werner Wilke.

Judy & Jim Schnieder Golden Wedding

Betty & Mark Kunnen, Lee & Jack Schnieder, Rebecca & Ray Wyrwas.

Der Deutsche Buben Verein Summer Picnic

Buben Verein c/o M. Brakers

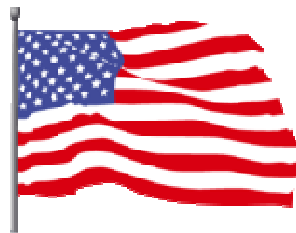
Helen Zix Memorial

Barb & Ernie Macke

Harry Talkers Memorial

Barb & Ernie Macke

Ted Tegenkamp, Treasurer
513-941-6439



VISITORS FROM GERMANY SUNDAY - JULY 16, 2017 3:00 p.m. to DARK

A group of 48 people will be visiting the Cincinnati area on July 14th thru 16th, 2017. The Kolping Sangerchor has agreed to host a Sunday afternoon picnic to welcome the group to Kolping. This group is from Freren, Germany and surrounding towns. If you would like to join the group, a Sunday afternoon picnic is planned to welcome the visitors to Kolping.

If you would like to join the Sangerchor in welcoming the group please contact Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019 so that enough food is available.

Your entrance fee is a covered dish. Meat will be provided. Please bring enough food for 6 to 8 people. It is suggested that if your last name begins with the letters:

A - G, please bring a vegetable dish

H - M, please bring a salad

N - S, please bring a dessert

***T - Z, please bring an appetizer
(come early)***

Drinks will be available to purchase

We are very lucky to have entertainment by Heiner, "die Kolsche Quetsch", a wonderful accordion and harmonica player who has entertained all over Germany, especially Cologne, Belgium, Holland and Austria.

Kolping's Schützenfest Mass at Old St. Mary's Church

Sunday, July 16th, 2017

11 am

Come and celebrate German Mass at
Old St. Mary's Church in Over-the-Rhine,
just a few streets from the original Kolping House!

Let us celebrate this important event and support our Society by attending Mass together!

Wear your German Tracht and arrive early!

Join us for some Gemütlichkeit in OSM's Rathskeller after Mass!



Old St. Mary's Church

Over-the-Rhine / Cincinnati, Ohio

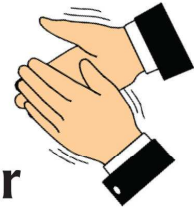
123 E. Thirteenth St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202

For additional information contact Karin Kraeling

karinkraeling@gmail.com



Appreciation Party



**To all our Volunteers over the year
Friday August 18, 2017**

Whisky Sours and Manhattans

6:00 - 7:00

Beer provided by: The Soccer Club

Dinner 7:00

****Reservations are required****

Please reserve your spot by August 12

**Call John or Linda Knizner, 513-563-8928 or
email lknizner11@fuse.net**

All hard workers don't forget to make reservations

***Chairpersons of events PLEASE call your
workers to remind them to get their reservations in***



Schützenfest 2017

As the 151st Anniversary of Cincinnati's first Schützenfest is just around the corner on July 21 – 23, I want to update you with highlights of our exciting plans to celebrate another significant milestone!

Highlights

Here are some of the many highlights of our upcoming celebration:

- **FC Cincinnati & Kolping Sports Club Partnering Again on Schützenfest Soccer Skills Event** – I am very excited to announce that the FC Cincinnati Soccer Club is supporting us again in 2017 with a skills event on Friday night!
- **Team Fastrax® Skydivers performing for Friday's Opening Ceremonies** – It is very exciting to highlight that TeamFastrax® will do a skydiving performance as part of our Opening Ceremonies on Friday. Here is a YouTube video of a sample of their outstanding work: www.youtube.com/watch?v=91C3YBEG32Q
- **Signature Food Expansion – Homemade Potato Pancakes** – I am very happy to announce our new Homemade Potato Pancakes this year! John & Linda Knizner did a wonderful job developing the new and VERY VERY tasty recipe!
- **GACL Club Team-Shooting Competition Expansion** – Our fun team-shooting competition is expanding this year, as teams will join us from Ann Arbor (MI), Columbus, Eau Claire (WI), and Pittsburgh!
- **New Festival Hats** – In addition to selling a few remaining 150th Anniversary items, we will be selling some very nice and fun festival hats this year!
- **New Soccer Blow-up Game** – The Kolping Sports Club is bringing in a new, and we believe, will be very popular blow-up game that will test people's skills of all ages at kicking a ball through holes in the blow-up game.
- **No Softball Tournament Schützenfest Weekend in 2017** – We will not have a softball tournament during Schützenfest weekend. This will help with overall traffic flow and improve our festival parking.
- **Honorary Schützenmeisterin – Catherine Bodak, Fox 19 Weatherperson** – Catherine is a relatively new face to Cincinnati but has become very popular in a short time. She is on Fox 19 weekday mornings and sometimes weekends. Catherine is very excited about Schützenfest and we look forward to working with her to make this a great experience for her and Kolping!

Entertainment Highlights

Given last year's great success, we once again have an ALL GERMAN Musik lineup on two (2) entertainment stages. I am very excited to highlight our entertainers for this year. In addition to our fantastic local talents, lead by the Alp'nZaub'n and Vereins Musikanten bands, as well as the Germania Jagdhorn Bläsergruppe, and our Enzian and Donauschwaben Tanz Gruppen, it is exciting to highlight:

- **Grammy Nominated Alex Meixner Band** – Alex (who you might see from time-to-time in a national Hormel Pepperoni commercial) and his band are back with us again this year on Friday night!
- **Autobahn Musik Band (Herbert Albinus)** – It is exciting to have Herbie back with us, this time with his full band! Herbert is very well known in the Cincinnati area, having grown up in Hamilton and played throughout Cincinnati. After many years in Vegas and a brief stint back home, Herbert now performs every week at the Disney World Epcot Center in Orlando. You can also enjoy him closer to home, as he often headlines at the Columbus Hofbräuhaus.
- **Mädel Jäger Band** – Building on the popularity of the band's performance at Stube Nacht, I am very excited to announce they will be performing at Schützenfest this year. They're a fresh, young, and entertaining new group!

The Mädel Jäger Band is also leading our festival parades on Sunday! Our Sunday festivities are the highlight of Schützenfest and it is great to once again have a band playing and leading our parades with some traditional musik!

- **Heiner Schwendemann, "Die Kölsche Quetsch"** – Heiner is a fantastik "alleinunterhalter" entertainer from Cologne, Germany who will be back with us for all three days again in 2017!

Tip Jar Cause – St. Joseph Home in Sharonville

I am very proud to announce that the Schützenfest Planning Committee chose the St. Joseph Home (www.stjosephhome.org) in Sharonville as the charity that will receive our Tip Jars proceeds this year!

Schützenfest Grand Raffle Plans

We once again will have our uncapped 50/50 "**Schützenfest Grand Raffle**"! The minimum 1st place payout is \$3,000 but we want it to be much larger. 2nd Place is worth \$500 and 3rd Place \$250. We truly appreciate your support of this very important raffle and have great hopes for greater success at the 151st Anniversary. Last year's Grand Raffle winner was fellow Kolping member Maria Von den Benken and Gary Gerdes won in 2015!

Please be on the lookout in your mail shortly after July 4th, as we are once again sending the formal Grand Raffle packet and tickets to all Kolping members. **Kolping has been a wonderful supporter of this critically important raffle and we appreciate and need your support again in 2017!**

Sunday Festivities Times

IMPORTANT: Our traditional Shooting for King and Crowning festivities will start one (1) hour earlier again this year on Sunday. That is, the Opening Parade will start at 2:00 P.M. and the Crowning Parade at 5:00 P.M. Please pass the word on to your friends and family. There are no plans to change our festival hours (Fri 6-12, Sat 4-12, Sun 1-9).

Treu Kolping,

Jim Stukenborg
2017Schützenfest Chairperson

Schützenfest Yard Signs & Date Stickers – Please Pick Yours Up

Unfortunately, there were delays in receiving our 2017 Yard Signs and Date Stickers. They will be available for pickup in the Klubhaus starting on Friday, July 7. The 7th is also our next General Meeting night, so feel free to pick up your Signs or Stickers and stay around for the meeting.

As a reminder, we asked everyone to save their re-usable plastic yard signs after Schützenfest last year. For those that still have yard signs, the necessary stickers will be there for pickup.

Yard Signs are a very critical piece to helping promote Schützenfest!!!

Schützenfest Parade Dress Guidelines

General Kolping Membership -

As Schützenfest is our window, actually door, to the community, it only makes good sense to show us off in the best light. We would like all parade participants to be appropriately dressed. A collared white shirt and khaki slacks for the Schützen, Tracht or Sunday casual for other participants. Alcohol will again not be permitted in the procession.

We look forward to a large percentage of the former kings and queens participating in the parade. If mobility is a problem, please let us know so we can try to make arrangements.

- Bob Geoppinger

Schützenfest Shooting for King Dress Guidelines

Shooting Participants -

Building on the "Parade Dress Guidelines" above, all Shooting for King participants must be appropriately dressed per the same parade participants' requirements. Since some participants may be coming from a work position on the grounds, some leeway may be permitted, but the new King and Queen must be in proper attire for the Coronation ceremony.

We are excited as always for our Shooting for King event and this 151st Anniversary of Schützenfest in Cincinnati!

- Bob Geoppinger

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE KING CANDIDATES
FROM: THE KOLPING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUBJECT: KING AND QUEEN RESPONSIBILITIES
DATE: June 29, 2017

Since 1925, we at Kolping have been part of a great tradition – the crowning of our Schützen König and Königin.

Our Schützenfest is the longest running German festival in the United States and we are blessed to have so many dedicated members step up and give freely of their time and talents to represent our Kolping Society as our Schützen König and Königin.

As with many long running traditions, there are always myths, misunderstanding and misconceptions. The following is a brief outline of the duties and expectations of the Schützen König and Königin. This memo is not to be construed as all encompassing, only as a reference for those interested in shooting for King.

The first and foremost responsibility is to represent Kolping; you are the Goodwill Ambassadors for the Society. You are expected to attend as many Kolping events as possible. Additionally, you should attend the other German societies' events to represent and promote Kolping and our annual events.

The second responsibility is to assemble your court. The court will have a maximum of 40 couples, 4 of which are required: the Kolping president, the past König and Königin and the junior king's and queen's parents. The remaining 36 couples should be comprised of your friends and family, with the majority being Kolping members. The selection of your court should not be taken lightly; these are the couples that will help you throughout the year. The court dues are set by the Board and were \$200.00 per couple (\$150.00 for the court fees & \$50.00 for the King's Ball) for 2016 – 2017. (Since the King's Ball fees will be going up for 2017 – 2018, the court dues will increase by the same amount. The Board will approve these fees at the July 31st Board meeting.) The court fees (\$6,000.00) are your funds to be used for the court parties (food, alcohol, wine, champagne, music, bartenders' fees, court pins and decorations). All other purchases (King's medals, Trachten, dresses, hats, hotel rooms, etc.....) come from your personal funds. Recent Königs have spent as little as \$0.00 to a high of \$5,000.00 over and above the court fees, and it is entirely up to your discretion.

The third responsibility is to host and plan the following events: Chairman's Party, Get Acquainted Party, Champagne Party, Parade Rehearsal, King's Party, and Queen's Party. At the King's Ball, you are the guest of the Society, but you are responsible for promoting the Ball and decorating the Hall. Additionally, you will host a cocktail party in the Clubhouse for your court, invited guests, as well as visitors from Detroit, prior to the Grand Parade.

Your year as König and Königin will involve some hard work, but it will also be a rewarding and fun year as you celebrate your reign with the Kolping Society and your friends. If you have any questions, you can call upon the King Fraternity for advice and support.

TREU KOLPING,

KOLPING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cincinnati Kolping will be highlighting some of its Schützenfest sponsors in this and subsequent issues of the *Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin* in the E-mail version of the newsletter. Our first one is Rhinestahl Corporation, the Fest Meister Sponsor. Rhinestahl began as a small tool shop in 1967, and has grown into a global supplier of some of the most complex tooling equipment in the world.



For a half century, this has been our focus. And no one is more focused than Rhinestahl. We are determined to solve your most challenging problems – in ways no one else will – whether it’s in the area of tooling, manufacturing, or innovation. For every situation you face, we’ll work closely with you to provide a solution. Not just any solution. The better solution. Better because it might be more economical. Or more effective. Or more timely. The better solution because it’s exactly what you need, exactly when you need it. And we’ll back it up with world-class service and support. All focused on making sure we deliver an experience that exceeds your demanding expectations. All the time. Every time. We are your best source for the better solution.



Kolping Connection: Rhinestahl Corporation was founded by Heinz Dieter Moeller, a longtime Kolping member, and is now headed by his son, Dieter Moeller.

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