

## June 2020

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### *Note from the Editor*

As our state is slowly opening back up, we are beginning to see a few Kolping events coming back on our calendar. There will be a general meeting on June 5, with all of the social distancing rules in place. You will see that bar stools and several tables have been removed from the Club House to accommodate these rules. We also will be having a Members' Family Picnic on July 18<sup>th</sup>, our normal Schützenfest weekend. (See note below right.)

By all means, if you still do not feel safe coming out, it is best that you stay at home. We want everyone to be safe and healthy. God bless you all!

Nancy Pelzel

### Important Phone Numbers

President – Ted Hoerstmann, 513-404-3139

Vice President – Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

Membership (New Members) – Rita Musbach, 513-793-1148

Membership (Current) – Karen Wienkamp, 513-922-2677

Sick Committee – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

#### Sub Group Presidents:

Sängerchor – Dale Sunderhaus, 513-604-6074

Schützen Club – Steve Lawson, 513-578-7873

Seniors – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

Sports Club – Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

Young Families – Paul Ahrnsen, 513-542-8554

The Journeymen Group – Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

House & Grounds – Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877

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Clubhouse Rentals – 513-851-7951 then press 1

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Clubhouse – 513-851-7951 then press 5

Hall – 513-851-7951 then press 4

### June Events

<del>June 5, 7:30 P.M.</del>	<del>General Meeting</del>
<del>June 9, 11:30 A.M.</del>	<del>Seniors Meeting</del>
<del>June 19, 7:00 P.M.</del>	<del>Schützen End Party</del>
<del>June 21, 2:00 P.M.</del>	<del>Genealogy Meeting</del>
<del>June 21, 11:00 A.M.</del>	<del>Father's Day/ Anniversary Mass</del>

### July Events

July 11	3v3 Soccer Tourn.
<del>July 14, 11:30 A.M.</del>	<del>Seniors Meeting</del>
<del>July 17, 18, 19</del>	<del>Schützenfest</del>
July 18	Members' Family Picnic
July 19, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting

All events crossed out above have been cancelled. There is no general meeting in July.

### Mark Your Calendars!! Kolping Members' Family Picnic in honor of the Schützenfest Tradition Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 From 4pm to 10pm

In order to comply with  
COVID-19 Guidelines  
Admission tickets will be  
REQUIRED and LIMITED.  
Reservation information will be sent out  
via Email and in the July *Bulletin*.



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday	First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Rick	Stille	Jun 1	Joanne	Hull	Jun 16
Richard	Strecker	Jun 1	Laura	Adelmann	Jun 17
Sonja	Wilson	Jun 1	Jennifer	Strecker	Jun 17
Margaret	Eismann	Jun 3	Eric	Schank	Jun 19
Virginia	Clayton	Jun 4	Mary	Gerbus	Jun 20
Carolyn	Althoff	Jun 5	M.M	Jamison	Jun 21
Virginia	Hughes	Jun 6	Rita	Kunk	Jun 21
Celeste	Hermes	Jun 7	Franz	Wilke	Jun 21
Andrew	Nuckols	Jun 8	Ruth	Schindler	Jun 22
Guenther	Stark	Jun 8	James	Schraivogel	Jun 22
Marcella	Kohlmorgen	Jun 9	Ron	Von Den Benken	Jun 23
Evelyn J.	Krimmer	Jun 9	Kay	Reynolds	Jun 24
Anne	Conrad	Jun 10	Albert	Welage	Jun 24
Theodore	Hoerstmann	Jun 10	Michael C.	Callahan	Jun 25
Holly	Scholz	Jun 10	Thomas A.	Montgomery	Jun 25
Rachel	Hoffman	Jun 11	Diane	Glover	Jun 26
Darrell	Bingham	Jun 12	Monica	Hessler	Jun 26
Ray	Freudiger	Jun 12	Jack	Hoeting	Jun 27
Joseph	Meister	Jun 12	Mark	Schroer	Jun 28
Bob	Brown	Jun 13	Nancy	Ellensohn	Jun 30
David	Tasset	Jun 13	Bernard	Naegele	Jun 30

### Note from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

Today is Memorial Day, but traditional ceremonies and parades are cancelled due to COVID-19. I find myself thinking about all that our Kolping family has lost. First it was the Fish Fries, even after the drive-thru effort; Mass and ceremonies for the feast of St. Joseph and wedding anniversaries; Seniors monthly meetings, spring sports programs, all regular meetings; then our annual *Schützenfest*; even the national convention in September. Memorial Day brings a lot of things to mind this year, not just the many people who died during the nation's wars. Above all, I find myself thinking and praying for the victims of COVID-19. Consider the thirty-eight million who have lost their jobs, kids who are closed out of schools, graduation ceremonies cancelled, and families disrupted. More than 100,000 Americans lost their lives already. There will be more. Recall also the more than one and a half million who have been infected in countries around the world where there are vastly limited medical services. Very, very sad, especially because the end is not yet in sight.

Where is God in all of this? We have no answer. All we can do is hold steady in our faith and work to serve those in need. Plagues and pandemics were the occasions that gave rise to growth in prayer and faith in the history of God's people. Many saints found their calling as they served those who were victims. I find myself inspired by the witness of those in the medical professions who are serving the victims of COVID-19 at risk to themselves. I feel saddened because elderly victims are quarantined and separated from their families and from the sacraments. Yet, in all this suffering and sacrifice God is truly present, calling all of us to grow in our faith.

We must keep our hearts open to how the Lord is calling us all, as members of the Kolping family, to live our faith today. Let us pray for one another every day.

Fr. Dan Kroger, May 25, 2020

## Note from our President & Vice President

Dear Kolping Family,

In the past months we have all been challenged in so many ways, financially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. We want to say thank you to our first responders and to all of our members who have gone the extra mile to serve others during these difficult months. Your love for each other has not gone unnoticed.

As we set into summer, and a little more freedom, we are seeing more activity around Kolping! The Ball Park has opened for Youth Baseball, the Tuesday Workers are busy beautifying the grounds and making repairs, and the German Singing is once again heard in the Picnic Grove! We will be resuming regularly scheduled Board Meetings and General Meetings starting in June, observing social distancing, of course.

Kolping Center is looking a little different, as we have been making changes to be compliant with the new COVID-19 Guidelines. There are fewer tables and chairs and we are installing protective barriers up at the bars to keep all of us as safe as possible.

We are very excited to announce that we will be having a Kolping Members' Family Picnic in honor of Shützenfest on Saturday July, 18<sup>th</sup>. So mark it on your calendars and we hope to see you there!

God bless you all, stay safe and healthy, and please let us know if you need anything!

Ted Hoerstmann and Anna Stukenborg

## Kolping Genealogy

Preserving our family genealogies depends on us. No Kolping Genealogy on June 21st. Just like your kids and grandkids, it is time for "home schooling". Bored at home, but have an internet connection? Might be a good time to schedule a look at this list over the weeks we are home following our governor's and county health officials' guidelines.

- **Beginners:** choosing a computer program or live on the internet? Check out these reviews. Part of your decision is if you want to use your Smartphone or tablet and share files with other

## Kolping Genealogy (cont'd.)

- family members or create websites. Many programs have paired DNA links built into the program now. You need to study!

<https://www.toptenreviews.com/best-genealogy-software>

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/online-tree-vs-genealogy-software/>

<https://berksgenes.org/helptips-software.html>

<https://hobbyhelp.com/genealogy/best-genealogy-software/>

<https://www.gensoftreviews.com/>

- Online (Online Tree Sites) I keep accounts with cousins using **Ancestry** online.
- Computer (Desktop Genealogy Software)? I use **Rootsweb 7** (waiting for version 8 soon) on my Dell laptop as a central repository as it "talks" to (syncs with) Ancestry and Family Search. I also have Family Tree Maker 2019 and My Heritage.
- **Advanced folks:** Why don't you check out the latest on DNA (here's an update since our last meeting topic in February)?

<https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-dna-test/>

<https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-dna-testing-kits>

<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3317567/best-dna-kits.html>

<https://www.cnet.com/health/best-dna-test-in-2020-23andme-ancestrydna-tested-and-more-compared/>

I have done many tests, Ancestry DNA, 23&Me, MyHeritage DNA, and Family Tree DNA. Results are all the same basically. Working on a collaborative search for missing Irish cousins (ouch, sorry) using Ancestry DNA and its ThruLines research.

Hope to see you in July.

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



## Deaths

**Karl Walter**, husband of Margaret Helmer Walter and Kolping member for 43 years, passed away on November 24, 2019 at the age of 84. We apologize for not posting this sooner, but we had not been informed of his death until earlier this month. Karl had been a member of the Pigeon Club. We extend our sympathies to Margaret and her family.

**Helmut Leder**, husband of Judy Rohrig Leder and Kolping member for 61 years, passed away on May 8, 2020 at the age of 86. Helmut had been a member of the Kolping Soccer Team in the fifties and he had also been a member of the Shooting Club. Our prayers go out to Judy and their children, Mike, Bob, and Eric Leder, and Jill Cook.

**Martha Burwell**, mother of Kolping member Mike Burwell, passed away on April 30, 2020 at the age of 93. We send our condolences to Mike and his family.

**Kathleen "Billie" Luther Williams**, mother of Kolping member Kevin Luther, passed away on May 26, 2020 at the age of 100 years. We extend our sympathies to Kevin and his family.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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## Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Members,

Some donations from a couple of months ago were just picked up from Kolping and we will have those next month. The FDHF trustees have approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Friar's Club in memory of Fr. Bruno and his many years of faithful service to Kolping. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,  
Paul A. Ahrnsen  
FDHF Chairman

## 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

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## Sick & Shut-Ins

Regina Albers	Bill Lunnemann, Sr.
Margaret Gerdes	Hubert Mohs
Maria Von den Benken	Herm Koehling
Vince Meyer	Ben Albers
Alberta Seibel	Vera Schon
Richard Isfort	Cathy Thiemann
Tom Resing	Linda Irlbacher
Harry Schwietering	Dianne Schwietering

Also please say prayers for Kate Callahan, granddaughter of Mike and Manette Callahan and daughter of Ben Callahan, as well as all members of the Kolping family who are in need of prayers.

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks. Send a card or give them a call. It is always nice to hear from friends when you are not feeling well. Please pray for all members to be safe from the corona virus.

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## Kolping Seniors

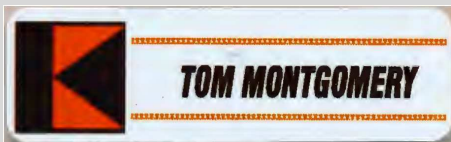
I hope you are all well. Until we learn to live with this virus, we won't be able to get together. To pass time, make some phone calls and check on your friends and neighbors; keep each other in prayer and enjoy the outdoors if you are able. WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS.

Christa Olding  
513-385-1476

## Kolping Name Badges

We all miss our Kolping meetings and events – always a time for cheer and happiness! Some of us will need to re-learn names after the lockdown is lifted. You may order custom name badges to wear at Kolping events. The cost for these is minimal and is coordinated by member Tom Montgomery, representing the Society. He will just need your first and last name, email, phone and funds. Tom can be reached at 513-969-5383 or [montgota@fuse.net](mailto:montgota@fuse.net). You can send him a check (515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014) or just wait until the badges arrive and Kolping is re-opened to pay and pick up your name badge.

Front will be the same for all name badges as follows.



Please specify **Magnet** or **Pins** (two on the back) and exactly how you want your name to appear on the badge. We need to order ten at a time.

Back-Magnetic to fit any article of clothing, but beware, it is NOT for those with Pacemakers; \$4.75 each.



Back – two pins can be used to fit to any soft article of clothing; \$4.00 each.



The name badges can be picked up at any general meeting, event or mailed back to you (at an extra cost). They are \$4.75 (magnetic) or \$4.00 (pins) each, with cash or a check made payable to Tom Montgomery (not written to the Kolping Society), 515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014.



## Schützen Club News

There will be no Schützen End Party and we plan on starting next year's shooting in September. We will have the Captains' meeting on August 21. I will be emailing all Captains with information about next year's dues.

Respectfully,

Steve Lawson, President  
[slawson@mthealthy.org](mailto:slawson@mthealthy.org)



## Sports Club News

As you may have heard, there was this virus that hit the world and cancelled everything, including spring soccer ☹️. We are currently holding virtual tryouts for fall soccer. Everyone is eager to get back on the fields. As you may know, on May 21, Governor DeWine released the Responsible RestartOhio guidelines and we are staying on top of the guidelines that change daily, so that we can get back to soccer safely.

That being said, as of right now, our 3v3 Live Tournament is still on for July 11<sup>th</sup>. If you know of any interested teams, have them register at: <https://3v3live.com/tourneys/>.

As always, we wish everyone the best and stay safe!

Walt Dewar,  
Kolping SC President  
Kolping SC Tournament Director  
[walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com)  
513-312-8551

## Wedding Anniversary Celebrants



*Since we will not be able to celebrate as a Kolping Family, we would still like to send our sincere congratulations to the following Kolping Couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year! Blessing to all of you for many more years together!*

### 65 YEARS

*Jerry & Johanna Stegman*

*Married May 2, 1955 at Blessed Sacrament Church*

*They have eight children, 38 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.*

### 60 YEARS

*Jerry & Betty Meyer*

*Married on November 5, 1960 at St. Margaret Mary Church*

*They have six children, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.*

*Vince & Bev Meyer*

*Married on November 24, 1960 at St. Lawrence Church*

*They have four children, twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.*

*(with the 7th arriving in September)*

### 55 YEARS

*Manfred & Janice Ellers*

*Married May 8, 1965 at Corpus Christi Church*

*They have three children and four grandchildren.*

*Theo & Christel Leuker*

*Married on September 22, 1965 in Soest, Germany*

*They have two children and eight grandchildren.*

*Werner & Doris Wilke*

*Married on May 8, 1965 at St. John Dry Ridge Church*

*They have two children and two grandchildren.*

## *Wedding Anniversary Celebrants (cont'd.)*

### **50 YEARS**

*Michael & Manette Callahan*

*Married on January 17, 1970 at St. Ignatius Church in Cleveland, OH  
They have four children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.*

### **35 YEARS**

*Jim & Cathy McDonald*

*Married on June 14, 1985 at St. Antoninus Church  
They have four children and six grandchildren.*

### **30 YEARS**

*Paul & Amy Ahnson*

*Married on June 2, 1990 at Old St. Mary's Church  
They have five children.*

*Chris & Betty Schnetzer*

*Married February 10, 1990 at Old St. Mary's Church  
They have three children.*

### **25 YEARS**

*John & Christine Kemper*

*Married on August 26, 1995 at Our Lady of Visitation Church  
They have four children.*



# Kolping History Corner

## The Cincinnati Kolping House on Republic Street

by Nancy Pelzel

Excerpts from "Making a Difference: A History of the Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati"

After establishing the Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati in 1924 and subsequently leasing property along the Little Miami River for a Kolping Camp, the members turned their attention to purchasing a Kolping House for the Society. In April of 1929, the Kolping Society's law firm started inquiring about the purchase of a former police station and bath house on Republic Street in Over-the-Rhine. Through the tireless efforts of the law firm and Father Ripperger, the Kolping Praeses, the house was officially purchased at the end of January, 1930. After extensive renovations, the Cincinnati Kolping House was formally dedicated on August 3, 1930, at which time a great celebration and open house was held. In the words of one of the members in an article in the *Kolping Banner* in September 1930, "In the annals of the history of the Cincinnati Kolping Society, the third of August, 1930 will forever shine with golden letters. It brought the realization of the most ardent wish of the Cincinnati Kolping family, the opening and inauguration of our own home, our newly renovated Kolping House." The house included a fest hall, kitchen, dining hall, club room and 28 bedrooms, offering a place to sleep for 38 people.

The opening of the Kolping House brought new life into the Society and it became the center of activity for all the members. Many of the men boarded there when they first came from Germany until a point in time when they could get on their feet and get a place of their own.

Each year, there would be several Communion Sundays; there were religious and educational lectures, family evenings, dance events, excursions and theater evenings. The Kolping Ladies Auxiliary was founded on August 9, 1930, and the women immediately started raising funds with numerous card parties and dance events. They were also instrumental in giving a woman's touch to the Kolping House, with curtains, table cloths, etc., and they helped out in whatever way they could.

The Kolping House was the pride and joy of Cincinnati Kolping and it continued to be the center of activity for the members until the membership rolls grew too large for the house to accommodate events for the members. A proposal to sell the Kolping House on Republic Street was made to the members in February of 1958. The house had served them well since 1930, but the neighborhood had deteriorated and had become unsafe. The house was sold and officially transferred on May 29, 1958. An era had passed. Then in July of 1958, construction began on a new club house at Kolping Grove on Winton Road, which was completed by the members and dedicated on January 15, 1959.

The building that housed the Cincinnati Kolping Society for so many years still exists today at 1523 Republic Street in the newly refurbished Over-the-Rhine district of Cincinnati. The building was renovated in 2016, and there are now four condos on the upper two floors and a business on the first floor. The Kolping motto, "Gott segne das ehrbare Handwerk" (God bless our honorable work) still shows above the front door.



*Left, the main hall of the Kolping House in the 1930s.*

Photo courtesy of Rosalie Schroeder

*Right, the main hall in August of 2016.*







*Left, the Kolping House before renovations.*

Photo courtesy of Katrina Dengler from New York Kolping.

*Right, the Kolping House after major renovations in 1930.*



*Left, photo of the front door of the Kolping House from the 1930s with Paul Brinkpeter, Frank Diekmann, George Niemann & an unidentified person.*

*Right, photo of 1523 Republic Street taken in October 2014. Gottfried Schlembach, John Tensing, & Henry Althoff, all former boarders, are standing in the doorway.*



# 2020 Calendar of Events

<p><b>JANUARY</b>    NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY  11 King's Party  17 Schützen Nacht  25 Stube Nacht</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b>    3 Board Meeting  7 General Meeting  8 Celebration Dance  21 Schützen Nacht  23 Schlachtfest  28 Fish Fry (Society)</p> <p><b>MARCH</b>        2 Board Meeting  6 Fish Fry (Sports Club)  6 General Meeting  13 Fish Fry (Schützen Club)  20 Fish Fry (Fr. David Hiller Fund)  20 Schützen Nacht  21 King's Ball  27 Fish Fry (Young Families)  29 St. Joseph's Day Mass  30 Board Meeting (April)</p> <p><b>APRIL</b>         <del>3</del> Fish Fry (Endowment)  3 General Meeting  17 Schützen Nacht  19 Awards Banquet  24 Sängerkhor Sängerkfest  25 Sängerkhor Sängerkfest  26 Sängerkhor Sängerkfest  27 Board Meeting (May)</p> <p><b>MAY</b>            <del>1</del> General Meeting  15 Schützen Nacht  22 Kolping Memorial Tournament  23 Kolping Memorial Tournament  24 Kolping Memorial Tournament</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b>            1 Board Meeting  5 General Meeting  <del>19 Schützen End Party</del>  21 Father's Day/Anniversary Mass  29 Board Meeting (July)</p> <p><b>JULY</b>            NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY  11 3v3 Soccer Tournament  <del>17, 18, 19 Schützenfest</del>  18 Kolping Members' Family Picnic</p> <p><b>AUGUST</b>        3 Board Meeting  7 General Meeting  21 Captains Meeting – Schützen Club  21 Appreciation Party  31 Board Meeting (September)</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER</b>   NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT.  11, 12, 13 Kolping Nat'l. Convention  11, 12, 13 Fill the Net Tournament  18 Schützen Nacht  28 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p><b>OCTOBER</b>      2 General Meeting  16 Schützen Nacht</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b>    1 Memorial Mass/Goettafest  2 Board Meeting  6 General Meeting/Elections  6 &amp; 7 Harvest Fest  20 Schützen Nacht  29 Weihnachts Konzert  30 Board Meeting (Dec)</p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b>    6 Christmas Party  13 Children's Christmas Party  18 Schützen Nacht</p>
<p><b>MEETINGS:</b></p> <p><b>Board of Directors</b>    Monday prior to the first Friday of the month – 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>General Membership</b>   First Friday – 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Senior Citizens</b>        Second Tuesday – 11:30 am</p> <p><b>Schützen Club</b>         Third Friday – 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Genealogy Group</b>      Third Sunday – 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Sängerkhor</b>            Every Tuesday – 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Sports Club</b>            Fourth Wednesday – 8:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</b></p> <p>We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, led by the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, promote the development of the individual and the family by fostering a sense of belonging and friendship through our holistic programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities.</p>