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Note from the Editor

As mentioned by the Kolping President on page 3, there is a very important vote coming up at the **September 12th Special General Meeting**. We will be voting on whether to keep our current Bylaws, at least for the time being, or to change to completely rewritten Bylaws. In order to educate yourselves on what changes are being proposed and how they may affect you, please go to the main page of Cincinnati Kolping's website, where you can click on four different links: *Current Bylaws Red-Lined* (This takes our current Bylaws and highlights all of the proposed changes), *International Kolping Constitution*, *Current Bylaws*, and *Proposed Bylaws Rev 6/25*. Let your voices be heard on **September 12th!!**

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Sick Committee — Open

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Bourbon Club — Neil Geoppinger, 513-638-0339
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September Events

September 10, 11:30 A.M. Seniors Meeting
September 12, 7:30 P.M. Special General Mtg.
September 15, 6:30 P.M. Initiation Meeting
September 19, 7:00 P.M. Schützen Club
September 19-21 1931 Invitational
Soccer Tournament
September 21, 2:00 P.M. Genealogy Meeting
September 24, 5:30 P.M. Groovin' in the Grove
September 26, 7:00 P.M. Bourbon Club

October Events

October 3, 7:30 P.M. General Meeting
October 8, 11:30 P.M. Seniors Meeting
October 17, 7:00 P.M. Schützen Club
October 19, 2:00 P.M. Genealogy Meeting
October 24, 7:00 P.M. Bourbon Club
October 26, 11:00 A.M. Memorial Mass/
Goettafest

Join Us in September for our Next Initiation Meeting

The Kolping Cincinnati Membership Committee will be hosting another Initiation Meeting on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 P.M. in the Kolping Klubhaus.

It isn't too late to invite friends and family to become a member of Kolping Cincinnati. If you know someone who might be interested in membership, please have them contact us at membership@kolpingcincinnati.com.



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Sandra	Schmits	Sep 1
Richard	Krauthoefer	Sep 2
Thomas	Ricke	Sep 2
Henry	Ricke	Sep 3
Gary	Burket	Sep 4
Kent	Ernsting	Sep 5
Xuan-Thuy	Vu	Sep 5
Norwin	Adarve	Sep 6
Teri	Hoerstmann	Sep 6
Theodore	Hoerstmann, Jr.	Sep 6
Thomas	Kuechly	Sep 8
Joseph	Thompson	Sep 8
Jennifer	Mueller	Sep 10
Martin	Puffenberger	Sep 10
James	Thiemann	Sep 11
Jessica	Schmurr	Sep 12
Kurt	Blum	Sep 13
Susan	Carr	Sep 13
Mark	Fehring	Sep 13
Michael	Arents	Sep 15
Christopher	Como	Sep 16
Wilhelm	Kossenjans	Sep 16
Dieter	Moeller	Sep 17

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Greg	Kreutzjans	Sep 18
Amy	Ahrnsen	Sep 19
Rudy	Drees	Sep 19
Joe	Lambert	Sep 19
Trey	Seibel	Sep 20
Michael	Burwell	Sep 21
Julia	Neumann	Sep 21
Ann	Schlinkert	Sep 22
Melissa	Stegman	Sep 22
Eric	Sterwerf	Sep 22
Beth	Hoffman	Sep 23
Mary	Umphrey	Sep 23
Gunnar	Pohlman	Sep 24
Dale	Geiser	Sep 26
Justin	Bischof	Sep 27
Paul	Boehm	Sep 27
Benjamin	Hoffmann	Sep 27
Laurie	Freese	Sep 28
Bradley	Mueller	Sep 28
Mike	Salemme	Sep 29
Adam	Bosse	Sep 30
Jerry	Meyer	Sep 30
James	Shockley	Sep 30

Groovin' in the Grove – September 24th

Mark your calendars and join us for another fantastic evening at Groovin' in the Grove! Our own Kolping volunteers are firing up the grill to serve brats, metts, and sausages hot off the grill.

Dinner Special: Sausage & chips for just \$5 – with all proceeds directly supporting the Kolping Society. Come for the great live music, cold beer, and friendly atmosphere! Stay for the laughter and good company. Bring your family, invite your friends, and make it a relaxing midweek night out!

Wednesday, September 24th
Food starts around 6 PM
We'll see you at the Grove!

A Letter from the President

Dear Kolping Members,

On Friday, September 12th at 7:30 PM, we will gather to vote on an important proposed revision to our Bylaws. This is not just another business item; it is a critical step in shaping the future of our Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for each member to participate in this process. Whether you vote in favor or against, your voice matters. The strength of our Society comes from its members being active, engaged, and committed to guiding our path forward.

Your Board has spent many months working together on this comprehensive update, which they approved unanimously. These proposed changes are designed to:

- Strengthen financial oversight and operational accountability
- Modernize our governance structure with written and published policies and procedures
- Revise our Board structure by updating term limits and extending terms from 2 to 3 years, ensuring both continuity and leadership renewal
- Reaffirm our mission and better align our activities with the vision of Blessed Fr. Kolping

This revision is about more than rules; it is about how we govern, how we lead, and how we continue to fulfill our mission for future generations. If you want to read up on the proposed Bylaws, you can find the document on our Cincinnati Kolping Society Web page or here via this link:

[https://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Bylaws/Proposed bylaws 2025 Rev 6-25.pdf](https://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Bylaws/Proposed%20bylaws%202025%20Rev%206-25.pdf)

The future of our Society depends on the commitment and involvement of all voting members. I urge you to attend the meeting on September 12th at 7:30 PM and make your voice heard.

Thank you for your dedication to Kolping and to each other. Together, we can continue to build a stronger foundation for the next century of our Society.

Sincerely,
John Mueller, President
Cincinnati Kolping Society

Thinking About Serving on the Kolping Board?

With Board Elections approaching this November, we invite all members to consider taking on a leadership role within the Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society. Your talent, ideas, and commitment are vital to helping our Society grow and thrive.

The number of positions open will depend on the outcome of the Bylaws revision vote on September 12th:

- If the Bylaws revision is approved, we will elect 3 Directors to the Board, with the other officer roles shifting according to the new structure.
- If the revision does not pass, we will need to elect a President, Vice President, and 5 Directors under the current Bylaws.

This year marks an important crossroads for our Society, and strong, committed leaders will make all the difference as we move forward.

To guide the nomination process, a Nominating Committee has been formed, consisting of Paul Wienkamp, Phil Neumann, and Ron Von den Benken. Any member interested in being considered for a Board position should contact one of these committee members or reach out to a current Board member.

Nominations must be submitted no later than the October 2025 General Meeting. The ballot will close at the end of that meeting, and elections will take place at the November General Meeting.

We encourage you to reflect on how you might contribute to the future of Kolping by stepping into a leadership role!

Kolping Recording Secretary Needed

Do you enjoy being involved and helping things run smoothly? We are looking for a volunteer to step into the role of Recording Secretary, as Jennifer Ruwe will be finishing her term at the end of this year.

Jennifer is excited to work side by side with her successor, offering support and guidance to make the transition easy and comfortable.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved with Kolping, now is the perfect opportunity! Reach out to any Board Member to learn more or to let us know you're interested.



The König and Königin Corner

Welcome to our first installment of the König and Königin Corner!! It has been an amazing and exciting... and busy couple of months!! Neil and I have been busy putting together our Court and putting together plans for the year. The Court is gathering for the first time on September 20. We are looking forward to spending the year with this great group of people!

König Neil and Königin Kelly are very excited and honored to represent Cincinnati Kolping at the many German festivals, meetings, clubs ... and wherever!! It is fantastic to meet other groups and share our enthusiasm for the Kolping Society ... and we are collecting some awesome pins!

**The most important news is that
the Kings Party is Saturday,
November 1!!!!**

**Save the date and we will have
more information very soon on
how to purchase tickets.**

We have an email address for the royal year:
Kolping2025NeilKelly@gmail.com. If you have any questions or know of events we should be a part of, please send us an email.

If you took pictures during Schützenfest and are willing to share them, please email them to the email address above.

Thank you for your support in the coming months and we look forward to seeing all of you at the Kings Party!!!

Treu Kolping!

König Neil and Königin Kelly Geoppinger



Soccer Club News

We will have 30 teams in the fall season and look forward to another successful season on and off the field.

We are also hosting The Kolping Invitational the weekend of September 19-21 at Kolping. Please come join us that weekend and watch soccer on the field and on the big screen. Thank you for all your support in helping to have a good program for kids to play in our community.

Walt Dewar, President
513-312-8551

Bourbon Club News

The Kolping Bourbon Club is going great! We are meeting the 4th Friday of every month at 7pm in the Clubhouse for fun, fellowship and Bourbon!!! We continue to have new members sign up for our distribution list and join the merriment. We have our 2nd year Glencairns in and some more barrel carriers for them. We continue to be a part of the Kolping events like Groovin' in the Grove. With King Neil as president of the Bourbon Club, look for some Bourbon on the King's cart!!

Keep an eye out for the really cool Bourbon Club polos that will be sported by members at upcoming Kolping events.

Exciting news!!! We are preparing our 2nd Barrel Pick!!! For those of you who had some of the 100th Anniversary Bourbon Barrel, hold onto your hats.... The next one is GREAT!!!! It is Heaven Hill Larceny Barrel. More information will be coming for ordering your bottles.

If you would like to join the fun, please send an email to: kolpingsocietybc@gmail.com and we will add you to the list. The next Kolping Bourbon Club meeting is Friday, September 26th at 7pm.

The Kolping Bourbon Club Leadership Team
Neil & Kelly Geoppinger, BH Kroger,
Andy Skoog, Gary Burkett

Deaths

Richard Ellensohn, husband of Nancy Ellensohn and Kolping member for 40 years, passed away on August 10, 2025 at the age of 83. Dick was Kolping President from 1998-1999 and from 2006-2007, Vice President from 2014-2015, Kolping Hall Manager from 2002-2004, served on the Board twice, served on the Ways & Means Committee and the Finance Committee, as well as the Building & Grounds Committee, and was President of the Sports Club from 1989-1990. He was Schützenfest King, along with Nancy as the Queen, from 2002-2003. Dick was a member of the Tuesday Workers and the Golf League, and received the Meritorious Service Award, along with the National Kolping Distinguished Service Award, both in 2000. We extend our sympathies to Nancy and the entire Ellensohn family.

Regina Schnetzer, wife of Manfred Schnetzer and mother of Kolping members Chris & Marc Schnetzer and Karen Schnetzer Wienkamp, and Kolping member for 51 years, passed away on August 17, 2025 at the age of 91. Regina was an officer of the Kolping Ladies Auxiliary, a cook for the Tuesday Workers, a volunteer for the Schützenfest, the Winefest, the Kolping booth at the Downtown Oktoberfest, and many other Kolping festivals and events. She also served on the 1994 Kolping Convention Committee, the Cincinnati Kolping Plan 2000 Committee, and the Kolping 90th Anniversary Committee, as well as co-chairing the King's Ball with Manfred. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in 1990. Our condolences go out to Manfred and their children: Chris, Marc, Karen, Tom, Doris, and Jenny, along with all of the Schnetzer family members.

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

Sick & Shut-Ins

Linda Knizner Ted Tegenkamp
Harry Voet

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks and send a card or give them a call.

If you want to be taken off the Sick List or want to add someone on, please contact Nancy Pelzel at: 513-385-3120 or nancypelzel@aol.com.

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations:

Donations in celebration of Heddy Freese's 90th Birthday!

Clara Ostendorf

Donations in memory of Richard Albers

Janet Talkers Kuhl

We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent from our subgroups, in celebration of members' events and in memory of our Kolping members and will use them to continue the work of Blessed Fr. Kolping. We also received donations from the bar tips from events at the Klubhaus and Pavilion.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Ahrnsen
FDHF Chairman

Save the Date for the Memorial Mass!

Mark your calendars for the Memorial Mass/Goettafest that will be taking place on **October 26, 2025**. This Mass is where we memorialize all of our Kolping members who have passed away in the last year from October 2024 through October 2025. The Mass will be at 11:00 A.M. with the Goetta Breakfast to follow. More details will follow in next month's *Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin*.

*"INTEGRITY
is doing the right thing,
even when no one is watching."*

-- C.S. Lewis

Kolping Genealogy

The Planning Team reviewed the topics from years past and we have created a full schedule based on perceived needs and interests. See Genealogy Forms and folders at the Cincinnati Kolping website below:

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

Beginning next month, we will open the year with *The Basics, an Introduction to Genealogy* and provide you with tools to start and build your family tree. You will begin recording your family's information on basic paper pedigree charts, individual sheets, and family group sheets. Many other references and forms will be shared with you as you begin paper trails of your research. Bring any research you may have on your family's history and a few pens and highlighters.

Many of us have evolved from paper and pen to laptop and use the internet to build our family trees. One of the most powerful, yet inexpensive, home computer programs is *Family Tree Maker*:

(FTM: <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>). Many of our own family members have selected this software package for its power and links to Family Search and Ancestry.

To build your family tree, we are offering aids using research tools to find information about family members. We will start locally with tips on how to use the *National Archives*; Mr. Charles Lintz is retiring soon from NARA and has decades of experience to leverage this great resource.

No research is complete without *Photos* and *Maps*, which always enhance our family research experience. Dr. Tom Montgomery brings his keen eye on how to rediscover family homes and churches while sitting in the comfort of our homes using online tools such as *Google Maps*. It is one of the first steps towards locating family records.

Once we have found the home where our family is from, Mr. David Lahrman has experience with searching church records to locate birth, baptism, marriages and death records using tools such as *Matricula Online*. Often these church records can be difficult to read and Mr. Kenny Burck has the experience and tools to teach us how to read the old *Script* in these church records.

Most of these sessions will be Zoom-enabled, but a few topics require hands-on live sessions; so always check the website for each meeting arrangement. We will use this single repeating link for all of our Zoom sessions: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84365945511?pwd=gOxYZgtQsP4mqEo6b2aYLCiZfephGB.1>

Questions, contact Dr. Tom Montgomery, montgota@gmail.com, 513-969-5383 (text or call).

Twenty-five Years for the German Heritage Museum

Twenty-five years ago, on September 23, 2000, the German Heritage Museum in West Fork Park, Green Township, opened its doors for the first time to a crowd of about 200 people. The German-American Citizens League, founded in 1895, finally had a home of its own and a depository of numerous items from German immigrants in the Tri-State area.

Re-erecting this two-story German-style log house from about 1840 was much more difficult than building a new house from scratch. The offer of this log house came from the Feist Family in Delhi when their land was being sold to a developer. They approached several German-American Societies but had no takers. Thanks to the generosity of Green Township Trustees Bill Seitz, Tony Upton and Tracy Winkler, a wonderful location was found in West Fork Park. We are also grateful to Green Township for funding the basement, foundation and landscaping. Once the plans by noted architect Bruce Goetzmann were completed and approved, building began under the supervision of Elmer Grossheim, Esq and the GACL Board of Trustees in February 1998. Even though it is an old log house, it has modern conveniences such as central heat and air conditioning plus a modern bathroom with running hot and cold water. Originally there was an open back porch, but in order to obtain additional display space, the porch and the space below were completely enclosed in 2008 by retired Master Carpenter Gottfried Schlembach and a handful of helpers.

Over the past twenty-five years we had many local, national and international visitors including school and scout troops, etc.; they are all amazed by this "Jewel of Green Township". The Museum is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 pm from May to October unless there is a major festival going on such as the Kolping Schützenfest and Oktoberfests. In order to raise money for the Museum, donors could sponsor a log, window or door. The idea of a "Heritage Walk", proposed by Michael and Nancy Pelzel, consists of small and large engraved pavers. Mike and Nancy sold a record number of pavers in a short time, and we are grateful for their dedication.

Manfred Schnetzer

Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet on September 10 at 11:30 am in the Klubhaus. We expect a visit from the King, and don't forget any items to contribute to the Notre Dame Tabernacle. See you then.

Tom Musbach

**Deadline for submitting articles
for the October
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Wednesday, September 24, 2025
at 5:00 P.M.**

**Please submit to Nancy Pelzel
at: nancypelzel@aol.com**

Kolping Sangerchor News

The Saengerchor will start up again with practices on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 in the Klubhaus at 7:30 pm. We will go over songs we will be singing at Oktoberfest Zinzinnati downtown at the Banks on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 2:30 - 4:00 pm. See the website for Oktoberfest Zinzinnati for our exact location. Beginning on September 23 we will begin learning the music for our Christmas Weihnachtskonzert which is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 30, 2025. We are always looking for singers to join us who love music and are willing to learn to pronounce German. Speaking the language is not necessary. Traditional carols are familiar no matter the language!

If you are interested in joining us, please email or call me and I can give you more information, or contact any member. We really need all voices, men and women, especially sopranos and tenors. Give it a shot! We have a great time together and the bar is open after rehearsal for some liquid libations and some camaraderie, too. My contact info is below.

Prost!
Janet Curley, President
janetcurley@yahoo.com
513-522-7544(H)
513-289-4509(C)



Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: September 19, 2025

Place: Kolping Clubhouse / 100 Hall
Practice, Make-up and Shoot-ahead Shooting:
7:00 – 7:30 PM
Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

AUGUST SHOOTING RESULTS:

Individual high score was Paul Anhofer with a score of 69.

High team was Team Trautmann with a team score of 320.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Targets: Team Luther

Food: Team Schnetzer

Tickets: Team Scholz

UPDATES:

Last month's winner of the Split-the-Pot bullet hits on our new wall was Mike Burwell with 13 hits. Congratulations, Mike, for winning \$50.00!

Next month we will start selling raffle tickets to the Schützen Club Rifle Raffle. We will be raffling off an old Schützen's rifle. Tickets are \$5.00 a chance, or \$20.00 for 5 chances. We will only be selling 325 tickets. Once all 325 tickets are sold, we will draw the winning ticket at the next Shooting Club date.

Respectfully,

Don Trautmann, President
XavierDon31@gmail.com
(513) 325-7869



Oktoberfest Concert

**featuring the visiting 16-piece Musikverein Ruderatshofen
from the Allgäu region of Bavaria, Germany**

**Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 from 5PM – 9PM
Clovernook Country Club
2035 Galbraith Road,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239**

German food, Bier, Schnapps will be available on a cash basis.

The concert is being donated by Der Deutsche Buben Verein, for Kolping members, their families and friends.

There is no cost to attend, pay only for what you consume. We only ask that you make reservations to ensure proper staffing and libations! Band performs from 6 – 8:30PM

Reservations Required by September 11th

**Christine Coulter at ccoulter@clovernookccc.com or by
phone 513.521.0333**

Handicapped Accessible, convenient parking and elevator in main lobby.

2025 Calendar of Events

JANUARY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY FEBRUARY 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 8 Valentine's Dance 22 Stube Nacht MARCH 3 Board Meeting 7 Fish Fry 7 General Meeting 12 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 14 Fish Fry 21 Fish Fry 22 Schützen Royal Ball 28 Fish Fry 28-30 Kolping Memorial Tournament 31 Board Meeting (April) APRIL 4 Fish Fry 4 General Meeting 6 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 11 Fish Fry 23 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 28 Board Meeting (May) MAY 2 General Meeting 4 Sängerchor Spring Konzert 16 Schützen End Party 28 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Schützenfest Planning Meeting JUNE 1 Anniversary Mass 2 Board Meeting	JUNE 6 General Meeting 13-15 Schützenfest 25 Groovin' in the Grove 30 Board Meeting (July) JULY 6 Appreciation Party 11 Special General Meeting 18 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 23 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Board Meeting (August) AUGUST 1 General Meeting 15 First Schützen Nacht 27 Groovin' in the Grove SEPTEMBER 2 Board Meeting 12 Special General Meeting 19-21 1931 Invitational Tournament 24 Groovin' in the Grove 29 Board Meeting (October) OCTOBER 3 General Meeting 26 Memorial Mass/Goettafest NOVEMBER 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting/Elections 30 Sängerchor Weihnachts Konzert DECEMBER 1 Board Meeting 7 Christmas Mass and Party 14 Children's Christmas Party 29 Board Meeting (January)
MEETINGS: Board of Directors Monday prior to the first Friday of the month – 7:00 pm Women's Klub First Thursday – 6:30 pm General Membership First Friday – 7:30 pm Senior Citizens Second Wednesday – 11:30 am Bier Choir 2 nd & 4 th Thursday – 7:00 pm Schützen Club Third Friday – 7:30 pm Genealogy Group Third Sunday – 2:00 pm Sängerchor Every Tuesday – 7:30 pm Soccer Club Fourth Wednesday – 8:00 pm Bourbon Club Fourth Friday – 7:00 pm	KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT 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.