



September, 2019

Dear Kolping Members and Friends,

Hope everyone is having a nice summer! Any fun vacations? I know that Father Chris made a journey to China, the Stahls traveled to both Niagara Falls and Puerto Rico, the Gerage and Josten families made it to a Catskill resort this summer, Evelyn Infante went to Cancun, and we all know Sonia Juran Kulesza is always on her way to or from someplace! Any other interesting summer activities? However you are spending your summer I hope you had a great time!

We are getting the word out about our upcoming **Fall Mass and Communion Supper**-see the enclosed flyer. Because October is such a busy month for most organizations, we are trying the end of September and see if more of our people could make it. *We hope to see you all at the Center for Mass on Saturday, September 28!*

Kolping News:

Our Condolences to the Sommer and Trainer families on the passing of Edward (Eddie) Sommer, 80, on Sunday, August 11. Eddie was enjoying retirement and was in very good health. He and Irmgard were splitting their time between family homes in Walton NY and Germany. Unfortunately Eddie suffered an unexpected massive stroke and passed away peacefully at his home in Walton. He was born into the Kolping Society, his parents John and Ida Sommer being very active members who go way back with Brooklyn Kolping. He was not only a member of the Young Kolping organization of the post war years, but he also served as its president. We did not see him very often in recent years, but his heart always remained with Kolping. Our hearts go out to Irmgard, to Eddie's children and grandchildren, and to his sister, Elizabeth Trainer.

Happy 90th Birthday Wishes! We send special birthday wishes to Evelyn Heller Blatz who turned 90 on August 5. Our good and welfare volunteer, Anne Novotny, took a few different busses and went to see Evelyn at Osanam Hall to convey birthday wishes from all the Kolping members. Not only is Evelyn a lifelong Kolping member, but she served as our President for many years.

While we are talking about birthdays, let's send out good wishes to those who celebrate this fall. In **September** we send greetings to *Rosemarie Elgass, Eleanor Gartner, Arlene Heller, Inge Jellen, Paula Josten* and *Elfriede Loeschinger*. For **October** let's remember *Eva Maria Freund, Markus Gruber, Franz Kokasch* and *Elfriede Struna*. Our **November** celebrants are *Louise Gruber Mimicopoulos* and *Bill Conte*. Wishing everyone happy times and good health!



Brooklyn Kolping is on Social Media! We now have a presence on the internet, on Facebook and on Instagram. **Webpage:** <http://www.kolping.org/brooklyn/> Part of the Kolping of America site, we have our own page (*along with the other branches*) where you can find newsletters (current and archived) and upcoming events as well as a brief history of our Kolping Family. **Facebook and Instagram:** this is still in the early days, but we already have some photos posted of recent Kolping happenings. Search under [Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn](#). Hope you will check it out!

Welcome to our newest member, Evelyn Infante! Last fall Evelyn was looking for a Christmas party to bring some family members to. She heard two Kolping member friends talking about our upcoming party and decided to attend. She fit right in, and we even put her to work helping us serve dinner. She liked it so much she wanted to be a part of our organization, and applied. We brought her into the Society at our General Meeting on June 30. Thanks for joining Kolping, and hope you enjoy being here!

General Meeting. We got together for a Luncheon and General Meeting on Sunday, June 30. Some of our regulars were involved in family activities and could not attend, but we still had about forty members and nonmembers on hand. To get things started, we enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner together. Our good friend Father Chris was with us, and we welcomed Deacon Oscar Perez from St. Matthias Parish who talked to us about his work there. Our president presented a short talk about St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Kolping Society, and we inducted one new member. It was an easy going and very social Sunday afternoon spent at Kolping with friends. Thanks to all who attended and those who helped along.

Good and Welfare: Please keep our members and friends of the Society who are in poor health or homebound in your prayers: *Irene Baunach, Evelyn Blatz, Rosemarie Elgass, Eleanor Gartner, Arlene Heller, Ernst Knapp, Irene Lauth, and Steve Wenzler.*



Upcoming Events:

Kolping Family Fall Mass and Communion Supper: Our next Kolping Mass is set for Saturday, September 28 at 5PM at the Kolping Center. Father Chris is set to celebrate the Mass for us, and we are planning our usual bratwurst and potato salad dinner. We also expect to induct two new members. Fulfills the Sunday obligation. **Adult Members:** \$15; **Adult Non-Members:** \$18 and **Children** \$8. (*see accompanying flyer for full details*)

Kolping Halloween Party: We are planning a family Halloween party for all age groups at the Center on Saturday, October 19. We encourage you to wear costumes, and bring the kids! There will be music, food and hopefully lots of fun. Our next mailing will include a flyer and full details. Mark the date on your calendar!

The Kolping Family Christmas Party: This year our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 7. It should be more fun than ever! We need children to make this party a real success, so please start thinking of kids to bring! This is our biggest event of the year and we hope you can make it.

REMEMBER—The St. Matthias Parish Food Pantry and Homeless Program is our charity project. We collect nonperishable food items, supermarket gift cards, cash and *new* men's socks and underwear for St. Matthias at EVERY gathering we have at the Center. The donation box will be out at our upcoming Communion Supper. We hope you will support our effort and make a difference in our community.

Treu Kolping, and best regards to everyone!
Bill Conte, President