



Kolping Banner

Official Publication of the Catholic Kolping Society of America | Vol. 94 - No. 7 | October 2019

World Day of Prayer - 2019

Dear Kolping sisters, dear Kolping brothers,

Celebrating our traditional World Day of Prayer will be another opportunity for us to remember that 50 years ago the International Kolping Society started its development cooperation work, spreading the ideas developed by Blessed Adolph Kolping in Germany 170 years ago in an ambitious and professional way to all continents of the world. Since 1969 KOLPING INTERNATIONAL has been an acknowledged partner in international solidarity work. A large variety of structures of cooperation and partnership of Kolping Families, district associations, diocesan associations and national associations has developed since then and all those involved can look back upon many decades of great accomplishments. The worldwide community of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL is made up of 400,000 members from multiple generations who are active in about 8,035 Kolping Families in more than 60 countries.

Together, we want to make our contribution to overcoming poverty and injustice in this world by providing "help for self-help".

We want to use this World Day of Prayer to gratefully remember the beatification of Adolph Kolping in 1991 and to pray for his canonization. In our prayers, we also want to be aware of the responsibility we have for this world, for God's Creation. Just like Adolph Kolping, we want to "see the needs of the times and act adequately". In the middle of the 19th century, Blessed Adolph Kolping helped to lift young people out of their misery, to empower them to take their life into their own hands, to make a living from their work and then to accept responsibility not only for themselves but also for their family, for the state, for society, and the Church and in doing so to help to make this world a better place. What was the secret behind the success of Adolph Kolping who managed to turn the modest beginnings of his association into an international association that is successful in providing "help for

self-help" to combat poverty, misery and poor education in the world? If you want to call it a secret, then it is certainly the connection between evangelization and providing a service to the world. It soon became evident to the "ordinary people" that the Church must also care about the hardships of people and the needs of the times. Little by little, and admittedly very slowly, the decision-makers in the Church and society became aware of those needs and integrated them into their thinking and actions. In his short life, Adolph Kolping underwent various learning processes. In the beginning, he was convinced that the Journeymen's Associations were meant to prepare the political work only, that the Journeymen's Associations were to bring about a change of mind only and not a change of structures. As time went by, however, structural reform became more and more relevant to him. With this in mind, let us all help to make this world a better place to live for every individual and for the various societies on all continents. We shall do this in word and deed and also in our prayers. Let me invite you to use this year's World Day of Prayer once again to make a worldwide prayer chain. Let us pray together to put before God the concerns of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL, of all national associations in the international Kolping community and of every Kolping sister and every Kolping brother. Let me thank all of you for your great commitment.

Kind regards from Cologne,

Msgr. Ottmar Dillenburg General Praeses

In the Banner this Month:

From the President's Desk	page 2
A Praeses Proclaims	page 3
San Francisco Reports	page 4
Cincinnati Reports	page 5
Brooklyn Reports	page 6

Kolping Banner

The Kolping Banner, published monthly, is the official newsletter of the Catholic Kolping Society of America. Subscription Rates are \$13.00 per year, \$1.35 per issue, and \$ 1.00 for bulk orders over 100 plus postage. Back issues are available; by mail, all back issues \$2.50 including first class postage.

Send subscription requests with check, materials for publication, and address changes by the 10th of the preceding month to the Catholic Kolping Society of America, P. O. Box 4907, Clifton, NJ, 07015-4907, Telephone: 1-877-659-7237, e-mail: PATFARKAS@optonline.net.

Typesetting, Layout and Printing by Peerless Printing Company, 2250 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206, 513-721-4657. Mailing by Performance Mailing, 2250 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206, 513-241-5055. Postage paid at Cincinnati, Ohio, Permit No. 1474.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be produced without permission.

Catholic Kolping Society of America

Mission Statement:

We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.

Episcopal Moderator:

Bishop John M. Quinn

National Officers:

Praeses, Fr. Richard Breton

Associate Praeses

President, Lisa Brinkmann

Vice President, Walter Amrein

Secretary, Helene Schrand

Treasurer, Ted Wilke

Trustees Lucille Colletti

Henry Faulk

Jonathan Groll

Robert Mayer

Marilee Uhlhorn

Kolping Family Locations:

Brooklyn Kolping Family, 6504 Myrtle Ave.,

Glendale, NY, 11385-6250, 718-456-7727

Buffalo, New York Kolping Family, 1145 Cleveland Drive,

Buffalo, NY 14225-1257, 716-632-7360

Chicago Kolping Family, 5826 N. Elston Ave.,

Chicago, IL 60646-5544, 773-792-2190

Cincinnati Kolping Family, 10235 Mill Rd.,

Cincinnati, OH, 45231-1924, 513-851-7951

Detroit Kolping Family, 1201 Rock Valley Drive,

Rochester, MI 48307

Los Angeles Kolping Family, 1225 S. Union Ave.,

Los Angeles, CA, 90015-2021, 213-388-9438

New York Kolping Family, 165 E. 88th St.,

New York, NY 10128-2241, 212-369-6647

Philadelphia Kolping Family, 9130 Academy Road,

Philadelphia, PA, 19114, 215-606-7020

Rochester, New York Kolping Family, 284 Malden Street,

Rochester, NY 14615-2658,

Saint Louis, Missouri Kolping Family, 4035 Keokuk St.,

Saint Louis, MO, 63116-3513, 314-776-5312

San Francisco Kolping Family, 440 Taraval Street,

San Francisco, CA, 94116-2530, 415-831-3989

For more information about the Catholic Kolping Society of America, becoming a member, or establishing a Kolping family in your parish or community, please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of America, P. O. Box 4907, Clifton, NJ, 07015-4907, Telephone: 1-877-659-7237, e-mail: PATFARKAS@optonline.net.

Please visit the Catholic Kolping Society of America internet website at:
<http://www.kolping.org>



From the President's Desk ...

Did you know? The International Kolping Society is a worldwide association with approximately 7,000 local families and 400,000 members in more than 60 countries!!

These facts always amaze me. While we may come from different cultures, have different membership demographics and focus on different concerns, we all are drawn together under a simple precept - to help one another help him/herself.

But how do we lend a hand and provide this necessary help, especially in this day and age? In the *World Day of Prayer* bulletin, Father Kolping is quoted as saying that we should "help bring about a better future by helping to provide the necessary education" with the "goals of empowering individual personalities to use their skills and capabilities in order to cope with the challenges of life and to participate in and contribute to society."

This sounds like a huge endeavor, but actually it can be undertaken by each of us, in our own way. For our younger members, we have the opportunity to support their academic education, teach them skills and trades and establish a sound foundation on how to treat one another with respect. Our adult members can learn from the youth, observe the challenges of our elders and build a community that build bridges, taking the best of both to enhance your own contributions. And for our most senior members, it might mean accepting help when offered, acknowledging day to day changes in how things are done and extending the patient wisdom that they've accumulated through the years to the rest of us.

The Kolping Society is woven together through the network of its individual Kolping families. I encourage us to discover the needs and challenges of our local Kolping family, seek the help to face these changes and build on our unique skills and personalities to ensure our future.

October 27 is designated the World Day of Prayer as it marks the anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Adolf Kolping. Please take a moment during the day to say a prayer for Father Kolping and all of your Kolping brothers and sisters.

Lisa Brinkmann

National Endowment Fund

The National Endowment Fund received the following contributions for the months of July 15, 2019 to September 15, 2019

In memory of Edward Sommer, deceased member of the Brooklyn Kolping Society

Bill Conte, Brooklyn Kolping

Brooklyn Kolping Society

In memory of Mary Tegenkamp, deceased member of the Cincinnati Kolping Society

Lisa Brinkmann, San Francisco Kolping

Dengler Family, New York Kolping

Karl & Anita Wuerzinger, Detroit Kolping

Los Angeles Kolping Society

c/o Lisa Brinkmann
311 Greene Street
Mill Valley, CA 94941-4132

A Praeses Proclaims...



HOW AM I DOING?

By Fr. Daniel Kroger, OFM
Praeses of the Cincinnati Kolping Family

When I was teaching in Manila, back in the 1990's, the rector of our Franciscan Seminary invited a couple Buddhist monks to lead a weeklong retreat for the faculty and students. Why? Because our good rector observed how the young men entering the order were distracted, tense and unable to fully concentrate on studies.

“ As members of the Kolping society we must be prepared to oppose all forms of injustice. ”

Our Buddhist friends were of Filipino-Chinese origin. They had observed that young men entering their monastery outside Manila were also tense, distracted and unable to focus on their own lives and work. Though I was skeptical at first, I must say that the Buddhist monks helped our seminarians quiet down, focus on prayer and concentrate on their studies. That result was a good, practical impact of their limited time with our community.

Buddhism is often considered a religion, but in fact it is a philosophy of life and practical, personal discipline. My Japanese confrere in our Manila community, Fr. Hozo Sato, explained to me that many people in Japan want their daughters to marry men who have Buddhist training for a couple of years, simply because it humanizes and educates them in their Japanese

culture. As a Franciscan I am grateful to God for all the many things that I have learned from people coming from various cultures and experiences. This experience with Buddhist monks is just one of them.

The more I read about our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, I marvel at how God led him and called him to be a priest through the various challenges he faced in his life. First, he learned through the hard reality of work and training as a shoemaker. His family was of humble, working class origin. Despite his desire to be a priest he did not have the blessing of a family that could afford to send him to schools that prepared young men to be priests. Nevertheless, in learning to be a shoemaker he still nurtured his faith in God and strove to learn all he could about the cobbler's trade.

When the young Adolph was sent out as a journeyman, he learned a lot about the harsh conditions under which journeymen worked. He also saw that his personal spiritual life was at risk. Apparently, experience taught him to understand some of the things that he established in the Catholic organization he founded. Workers need time to rest, just wages, wholesome recreation and the opportunity to exercise their faith—that meant worship, honest work, service to others and prayer. As members of International Kolping we would do well to continue to create opportunities for all our members and families to enjoy peace

and justice. Today we are living in a time in which some organizations and some government officials are promoting racism, secular values, hatred of immigrants and disrespect for other religions and cultures. As members of the Kolping society we must be prepared to oppose all forms of injustice.

My suggestion is that we all should take time to reflect on basic questions. How am I doing? What makes me tense or anxious? Am I at peace in my personal and family relationships? Am I being overwhelmed by the media, by propaganda and materialism? Am I really living my faith as best as I can? God bless us all and keep us in his divine mercy! Treu Kolping!

*Please Remember
To Pray For All Our
Dear Departed
Members Who
Have Gone
To Their Eternal Rest*

BROOKLYN
Edward Sommer

CINCINNATI
*Tom Egbers
Karolina Engler
Howard "Jay" Lawson
Ellswood Lockwood
Mary Tegenkamp*

SAN FRANCISCO
John Casserly

Host Family Needed

I was contacted by someone from Kolping Germany who was referred by Markus Demele looking for a host family for a young man who would like to spend approximately 6 months in the USA beginning October/November of this year – dates are flexible. He is looking for any type of job/volunteer work and has a US Passport as he was born in New Jersey while his dad was on assignment for his company. Below is more information.

Host Family Needed/Job Needed:

- Who: 19 year old young man from Kolping Germany
- When: Approximately 6 months beginning October/November 2019 (flexible dates)
- Why: Improve English skills and learn about American life and culture.
 - Job Needed – any general job/volunteer work
- Other Facts: Will study engineering when returning home.
 - US citizen with social security number (born in New Jersey while his Father was on assignment in the USA)
 - Speaks German, French and English
 - Referred from International Kolping – Markus Demele.
- Information/Questions:
 - Ted Wilke
 - Home – 513-941-0247
 - Mobile – 513-673-2113

Submitted by Ted Wilke

San Francisco Kolping hits the slots

About 20 members and guests of the San Francisco Kolping Society boarded the big red casino bus on August 5th for its annual River Rock Casino trip. They've coordinated it, so the regular casino bus makes a special trip along its route just for the Kolping – allowing members to enjoy a very good price (\$10/member) without Kolping having to commit to a full bus. This year attendees held on tight with a wild driver, "treating" us to the equivalent of an "E ticket" ride at Disneyland! Fortunately, we all made it in one piece and descended upon the casino to try our luck. Most of us found the biggest value at the buffet table, where we enjoyed a nice lunch and some good conversations.

We did have some winners, though! Gunther Ehrich found his lucky machine early on and reported (with a big smile) a "nice" win and Mary Brinkmann took home some spending money. The big winners, though, were Bill and Chris McLoughlin, who were "channeling" Bill Luque's spirit and advice and came home with enough winnings to plan their next vacation!

It was fun to get out of town and spend the afternoon with friends.



Bill and Christine McLoughlin



Eleanore Redmond



Mary and Julia Brinkmann



Malia Teaupa and Jean Nelson

Greetings from Cincinnati

Dear Kolping Brothers and Sisters,

Where has the time gone? I was just getting ready to meet with the Events Committee to prepare our calendar for 2020, and it dawned on me that we haven't sent an update from Cincinnati for the *Kolping Banner* in quite a while, so here's our report.

We ended 2018 with our annual Christmas party/Mass/meeting on December 2nd and, getting into the Christmas spirit, everyone brought items to donate to the Mt. Healthy Food Pantry. At this event, we also inducted 48 new members, which is the largest initiation group that we've had in a long time! We are truly blessed to have such a great group joining our Kolping Family. The Children's Christmas Party took place on December 16th, and everyone enjoyed visiting with Santa Claus and his elves, as well as making gingerbread houses.

In January, Queen Ann and King Theodore Hoerstmann invited everyone to the King's Party, and then at the end of the month, we



2018 Schützenfest King Ted Hoerstmann on the left shaking hands with 1954 King Gary Gerdes on the right.



2018 Schützenfest King & Queen Ted and Ann Hoerstmann on the left, 2019 King & Queen Randy and Katrina Brunsman on the right.

held our annual Stube Nacht, with fun for the whole family. In February, our Sports Club sponsored a Celebration Dance and the Sängerkhor sponsored a Schlachtfest, or Pig Roast. Our Lenten Fish Fries, headed up by Barb & Russ Hessler and Sue & Rick Valentino, started up in March, and we brought back the St. Joseph's Day Mass, where we dedicated a Mass to St. Joseph, our patron saint and the model of workers and the Christian family. Beth Hoffman and her crew made lunch for everyone afterward. March also brought the King's Ball, where everyone danced into the night.

In April, we held our annual Awards Banquet, where fourteen members received longevity awards, and our members Kevin Luther, Karrie Seibel and Trey Seibel all received Meritorious Service Awards. We also inducted eight more new members at the banquet, and the Kolping Sängerkhor held their Spring Concert later on in the month. In May, the Sports Club held its annual Seth Stevens Memorial Tournament, where the proceeds go to Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and a Catholic high school scholarship was awarded by the Father David Hiller Fund to Thomas (Tre) Scherz III, son of Kolping member Thomas Scherz II.

Our Father's Day/Anniversary Mass and Brunch, headed up by Barb Hessler and Elaine Wilke, took place in June, with nine couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Of course, July brought our premier fund-raising event, Schützenfest, and the multitude of volunteers endured some brutal temperatures – in the mid-90s with the heat index at 100+ degrees. What an amazing group – real troopers! Our annual Appreciation Party, led by Linda and John Knizner, was then held in August in appreciation for all of our volunteers who give so much throughout the year.



60-year celebrants Magda and Ben Geers, Tom and Lorraine Pieper, Franz and Margie Wilke.



55-year celebrants George and Clara Ostendorf, Celeste and Otto Hermes.



50-year celebrants Bill and Barbara Adelman, Gisela and Karl Holstein.



25-year celebrants, Queen Ann and King Ted Hoerstmann. Not present for photo – David and Lisa Holstein.

We are now looking forward to our Memorial Mass and Breakfast at the end of October and our Harvest Fest in the beginning of November. When looking back over this past year, one cannot help but feel a debt of gratitude for all of the hard work and dedication of all of the members of our Kolping Family – and a twinge of sadness for all of the members whom we've lost – seventeen so far this year. We miss them all very much, but we also look to the future with hope and a prayer that the times and Blessed Adolph Kolping will guide our Kolping Family to be the best that it can be. We wish all of our fellow Kolping brothers and sisters continued success throughout the year!

Treu Kolping!
Nancy Pelzel

Greetings from the Brooklyn Kolping Family

We hope everyone enjoyed summer and all the festivities that go along with it, and you are easing into autumn. It has been a few months since our last report, so here is an update.

We held our Annual **General Meeting** back on **Sunday, March 10**. The weather was a comfortable 43 degrees, but attendance was smaller than usual due to a date conflict with another organization many of us support. We enjoyed luncheon together, then our President Bill Conte called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to induct Larisa and Gordon Heiser into the Society. We have known Gordon quite some time through his mom, our late member Claire Heiser. It is great to welcome both he and Larisa into the Society. Next, Bill introduced Erika Zinser who reached 25 years of membership and presented her with her silver Kolping pin. Mrs. Zinser also accepted a 25 year pin on behalf of her brother Albert Heurich, who was not present.



Bill Conte making a point at our General Meeting, Sunday June 30

The minutes from last year's meeting were read and accepted. Bill followed up with the state of the Society report, then we had the treasurer's and other officer's reports. Bill stressed the importance of the Kolping Lenten Project, and gave those present the chance to donate \$10 on the spot to be sent to the Lenten Project on their

behalf; many people took advantage of the offer. We also talked about our own local charity project supporting the homeless program and food pantry at our local parish, St. Matthias in Ridgewood. Finally, the slate of officers and board members was presented and accepted for 2019, with very few changes. Meeting concluded, we broke for dessert and socialized late into the afternoon.



Jessica Meyer and Josephine Ristagno.

It was nice to welcome 43 people to our **Spring Mass and Communion Supper** on **Saturday, April 6**. We were honored to meet Father Chris' mom and dad and some other family members who came as guests. We are grateful to Father Chris for the time he gives us, and that special feeling he brings to our Center, especially at Holy Mass.

After Mass we enjoyed a delicious bratwurst dinner which was prepared and served by Chris Gerage. We were blessed to welcome two new members into the Society, Gillian Guile and Reinhart Schmuck. Both have been to our Center in the past and our board was happy to approve their membership applications. We put Gillian to work right away helping to sell raffle tickets-along with Sonia Juran Kulesza, who had sponsored her application. Many who were present lent a hand and the clean-up went smoothly. Then our members and friends lingered in conversation, a



What would Kolping be without a raffle? Clockwise from the back: Gillian Guile, Alice Kokasch and Rosemarie Rom (back to camera) separating the raffle tickets.

Kolping tradition! It was another nice event at the Kolping Center.

Our **Luncheon and General Meeting** was on **Sunday, June 30** and gave the members a chance to get together at the Center before the summertime break. Life is complicated these days, and some of our 'regulars' were involved in family activities and unable to attend. Still, we had a group of about forty on hand.

To get things started, we enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner together. Our good friend Father Chris Heanue was there and spent some time with us. We welcomed Deacon Oscar Perez from nearby St. Matthias Parish, who talked to us about his calling to the deaconate, his long, personal



Our lovely table centerpieces were a hit with everyone! They were raffled as door prizes so a few members took one home.

association with St. Matthias and his work there. The program concluded with a talk about St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Kolping Society and of the "happy death". He is also the principle role model for workers and fathers. The last item before the program was ended, was to invite a new member, Evelyn Infante, to accept her Kolping pin and to be inducted into the Society. Evelyn was gracious in her acceptance and said a few words. Our veteran members are happy to see the Kolping Family sustain itself with new members.

Dessert and coffee were served last, but did not end the meeting because everyone lingered at their tables chatting. Thanks to all who attended and to everyone who helped along.

For twenty years or more we have had an **Annual Thank You Luncheon** to show our appreciation to those who serve as officers, board members and Kolping volunteers. It moved to the summertime this year, partly as an excuse to have a chance to get together during the summer months. We gathered at the Manor Oktoberfest restaurant in Forest Hills on Sunday, July 28 for a Kolping function where no one had to serve or sell raffles! Well, almost no one-our member Gillian Guile is a waitress at this location! She helped to serve our group, and she



Group photo from our Thank You Luncheon on Sunday, July 29th at Manor Oktoberfest Restaurant. Back Row: Pat Gerage, Gillian Guile, Bill Conte, John Jellen, Sonia Juran Kulesza, Albert Tscherne, Valerie Meyer, Jessica Meyer, Chris and Monica Ivette and Scott Stahl. Seated: Margaret Tscherne, Inge Jellen, Anne Novotny, Gio Stahl, Rosemarie Rom, Juliette Stahl, Jaden Stahl, Alice and Franz Kokasch, Gary Meyer.



A small thank you gift from the Society to our volunteers.

had already helped with our restaurant arrangements for this special day. This is **NOT** a closed group...serve the society and you will be included next year! We all had a very nice time and left with a small 'succulent' souvenir of the day!

Passages. We are sad to report the loss of two long time members of the Society. Both are individuals who were born into Kolping, and were an important part of the 'young Kolping' group of the 1940's and 50's. On May 20 we lost **Frank Heller**, 87. A check of the records showed Frank was a national member for a 68 years, a very long time indeed. Then on August 11 we lost **Edward Sommer**, 80, after a short illness. Many Kolping members across the country might remember his parents, Ida and John Sommer, who attended all national conventions and meetings and made it a point to connect with members whenever travelling in an area with a Kolping Family. Even though they did not attend very often in recent years, both these members always had Kolping in their heart. We send our sincere condolences to Arlene Heller and Irmgard Sommer, and to all the members of the Heller, Blatz, Sommer and Trainer families.

On a happy note, we send special birthday wishes to **Evelyn Heller Blatz**

who turned 90 on August 5. Not only is Evelyn a lifelong Kolping member, but she also served as our President for many years. Our good and welfare volunteer, Anne Novotny, went to visit Evelyn at the nursing home to convey birthday wishes from all the Kolping members.



Anne Novotny and Evelyn Blatz on her 90th birthday, August 5.

Finally...the Brooklyn Kolping family is on Social Media! We now have a presence on the internet, on **Facebook** and on **Instagram**.

We are part of the Kolping of America site, where we have our own page there (as do the other branches): <http://www.kolping.org/brooklyn/>. You can find newsletters (both current and archived) and upcoming events, as well as a brief history of our Brooklyn Kolping Family here.

Facebook and Instagram: these are both still in the early days, but we already have some photos posted of recent Kolping happenings. Search under Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn and you will find us. Hope you will check it out!

Sending best wishes to all *Banner* readers for a happy autumn and a blessed Christmas season!

Treu Kolping,
Bill Conte



**CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY
OF AMERICA**
P.O. Box 4907
Clifton, NJ 07015-4907

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Cincinnati, OH
Permit No. 1474

DATED
MATERIAL

News from the World of Kolping



100 years of “decent work” at the United Nations

This year KOLPING INTERNATIONAL congratulated ILO on its 100th anniversary. Dr. Markus Demele, General Secretary of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL, had a chance to speak at the very place where some days earlier German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron spoke out in favour of a strong ILO.



Paraguay: Environmentally conscious youth involved in 72 hour campaign

The 72 hour campaign run by BDKJ, the German Confederation of Catholic Youth has had an impact on many countries outside Germany. 3,400 groups in Germany were joined by 45 international groups.



Malawi: Membership growth and intensive project work

KOLPING has become immensely popular in Malawi. The number of members has risen to 900 in very little time and is expected to reach the 1,000 members mark by next year.