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<http://www.kolping.org>



From the President's Desk ...

Kolping Kenya

Hi all,

Well, we're back!! Talk about a whirlwind trip. I can't believe we've only been back for a week.

First of all, thank you for supporting the idea of sending Ted and me to Kenya. I think it was money well spent and will allow us to better recommend future Lenten projects and the possibility of a deeper relationship with Kolping Kenya.

To say this was a unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience is an understatement. Ted and I pretty much "hit the ground running", starting already at 9:00 am after arriving the prior night around midnight. Every day we traveled between 4-8 hours in a small Toyota on roads that often would be considered trailheads here. We met 5 different Kolping families, toured approximately 12 different individual farms and attended a special "African Mass", with a heavy Kolping representation among the congregation. I've seen more goats, goat houses and kids (baby goats) than I could have imagined.

A few things I took away from this trip, that I feel important to share are as follows:

1. the Board of Kolping Kenya and the Kolping families active in the small animal initiatives are dedicated to making this project a success, with success being self sufficiency and sustainability;
2. Kolping family members who received a goat are very proud of their goats, work hard to raise them properly and are grateful to Kolping USA and its members for their contributions;
3. the impact a goat has on a family is exponential -
 - a. the goat milk is more nutritious than cow's milk and extremely good for the health of young and old;
 - b. the money saved by having milk can be used for other essentials;
 - c. the compost from the goats is used to help fertilize vertical gardens and crops;
 - d. the crops/vegetables are consumed by the families and/or exchanged for other essentials;
 - e. the kids from these goats are given to other members;
 - f. the cohesiveness and sense of community generated from this project among the individual Kenyan families is palpable and contagious.

The mere gift of a \$125 goat gives a family hope, dignity and a sense of pride - for themselves as reputable community members and as members of Kolping. This is a big deal when you consider most (if not all) of these farms had no or little electricity, had to fetch their water from a well, and cooked from wood-burning pits (or gas-burning camping-like stoves).

I'm going to try to put together the pictures and videos Ted and I took to share with you, so you, too, can have a better sense of some of the people we met and the interactions we experienced. We also will prepare a more formal report with recommendations.

Again, thanks so much,

Lisa Brinkmann

A Praeses Proclaims...

LENTEN EXPERIENCE

By: Fr. Christopher Heanue
Praeses of the Brooklyn Kolping Society



“...the Lord does not abandon those in the desert – in fact he hears our grumbling and is present to us.”

Lent is meant to be a challenging time – a time of growth in our own spiritual life and a growth in our relationship with God. We have come to the close of these forty days of Lent and what a challenging time it has been! In the midst of this season of Lent we have all experienced a lot. We have seen the rise of the Coronavirus and the precautions that came with it. One of those such precautions was the idea of self-isolation. In many ways, our own desert experience.

In the book of Exodus 16, we read: “Then Moses told Aaron, ‘Say to the entire

Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.” (Exodus 16:9-10) In this we see that the Lord does not abandon those in the desert – in fact he hears our grumbling and is present to us. “The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the midst of self-isolation, we also realized the depths of our community and the important role that we each play in this larger picture. God created us with our own gifts and talents. He created us to live in community and to try to build this earthly community into a mirror-image of the heavenly kingdom. God created us as complimentary beings, male and female, in order to recognize that we need one another. As

we watched streets become quieter, large venues close, and more people staying indoors to live and work from home (if possible), we saw a forced movement to separate from one another, a difficult task for us who are created for community.

Lent certainly was a challenging time for many – a world-wide Lenten experience – a world-wide desert experience – a world-wide self-isolation. Now as we approach the resurrection, the culmination of our Lenten experience, we are reminded of the hope that our faith in Jesus Christ brings. Our Lord was tested in the desert and did not break under the challenge, may He give to each one of His followers the same faith and courage we need in life.

Wishing each and every one of you the joys and happiness of the resurrected Lord and prayers for a blessed Easter season.

DONATION

As reported in the January 2020 edition of the Kolping Banner, the winner of the first prize in the raffle was Anita Buchholz. Generously, Anita has made a donation to the National Society with this notation, “Thank you so much. After all these years of buying raffle tickets, it was a pleasant surprise to actually win. Please find a donation in memory of Mary Minarik with whom I worked with at Kolping NY on 88th Street for many years. Treu Kolping, Anita Buchholz.”

Thank you Anita.

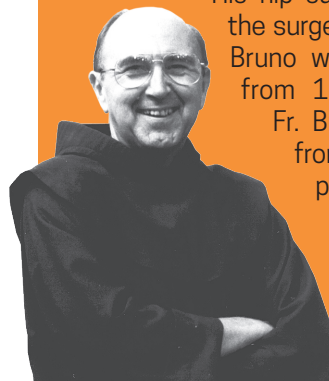
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Fr. Bruno Kremp

On Saturday, January 25, Fr. Bruno Kremp, OFM, passed away. He had fallen and broken his hip several days prior.

His hip surgery was successful but since the surgery he had been unresponsive. Mr. Bruno was Cincinnati Kolping's Praeses from 1991 until he retired in 2017.

Fr. Bruno was also National Praeses from 1996 until he retired from that position in 2010. May his soul rest in peace.



Patricia Farkas

Siranga Kolping Family

MEMO TO: Lisa & Tedd
FROM: Chairperson & Project Coordinator - Siranga Kolping Family
DATED: 11th February, 2020
SUBJECT: Acknowledgement and Appreciation

On behalf of Siranga Kolping Family, we feel honored and privileged to receive and welcome you to Siranga. *Karibuni sana!* May we take this early opportunity to most sincerely acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation your gift of twenty one dairy goats and for your follow-up visit today.

We are touched by these strong demonstrations of your love, concern and friendship for simple and ordinary people like us living deep in the heart of Africa thousands of kilometers away. It is our prayer and hope that your kind gesture marks the beginning of a long lasting cooperation between yourselves and our National Organization and by extension, with Siranga K.F.

The Dairy Goat Project couldn't have come to us at a better time; we received it with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm and therefore wish to express our commitment and determination to ensure its successful implementation. It becomes our utmost responsibility to take good care of these precious animals to ensuring not only their survival but more importantly to steer the project to transforming our community into a rich producer of goat milk and other dairy products.

It is worth noting that all our group leaders opted out from the list of beneficiaries, choosing to give priority to their members.

Without having to bore you, kindly allow us to mention here briefly our background activities and other projects we undertake to give you a bird's overview of who we are.

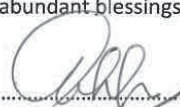
- Siranga Kolping Family was formed in in 1989 as an aspiring group and thereafter got formally enrolled the following year.
- Currently, the family has 43 members (11 males and 32 females).
- As a Catholic Social Action group, we promote integral development not only of our members but the general community in which we live.
- We identify with the vulnerable in our community by providing assistance to them within our limited resources.
- We undertake leadership roles in the Church having benefited immensely from the various courses, workshops and seminars availed to us by the Kolping National Organization in preparation for these responsibilities.
- To stimulate and spur the inner urge to save and generate own resources, we involve in a rigorous table-banking project that has enabled us, in a humble way, to tackle the twin problems of poverty and unemployment in our respectively families.

In conclusion, please allow us to reiterate our sincere thanks for this visit that has made it possible for us to meet and express our gratitude to you in person for the dairy goats grant. Kindly convey our similar gratitude to your fellow colleagues in Kolping America.

We cannot fail to recognize and express our appreciation to the KOK Head Office and our Regional Coordinator's Office for their enormous assistance and cooperation in facilitating the process that made all this possible.

May you have a fruitful and joyous stay in Kenya; and God's abundant blessings be upon you.


Cornelia Oware
SKF Chairperson


Eamonn O. Ochanda
SKF Project Coordinator

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

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43rd National Kolping Convention

Cincinnati, Ohio

September 11 – 13, 2020

Dear Kolping Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati is excited about hosting the 43rd National Kolping Convention here in Cincinnati, the “Queen City of the West”. We have planned lots of activities for everyone and we are looking forward to getting to know one another while participating in these activities throughout the weekend.

We have engaged the Embassy Suites Hotel Cincinnati-RiverCenter, 10 East Rivercenter Blvd., Covington, KY 41011, to be our hotel for our meetings and our overnight guests. Hotel information is below.

Cost of rooms: \$169.00/night + taxes of \$20.89 = \$189.89/night
Discounted rate of \$169.00 requires a 2-night minimum length of stay.
Riverview room can be requested for a \$20.00/night upgrade by contacting Danyelle Sanchez at 859-655-4670 to check for availability.

Website to make reservations:

<http://group.embassysuites.com/CKS-2020NationalConvention>

Make reservations by phone by calling: 1-800-EMBASSY (1-800-362-2779), and mention Cincinnati Kolping Convention. Deadline for making hotel reservations is August 15, 2020.

The hotel's partner company, Executive Airport Shuttle, offers round trip fare from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky (CVG) airport for guests of Embassy Suites for \$40/person, **with a reservation at least one day prior to arrival (phone #: 1-800-990-8841).**

A brief description of the Schedule of Events is below:

- Friday, September 11th – Board Meeting and “Meet and Greet” reception in the evening at hotel.
- Saturday, September 12th
 - o Mass at hotel
 - o All-day delegate meeting
 - o Non-delegate visit to Newport Aquarium, lunch at local brewery, city tour
 - o Evening Dinner and Awards Banquet at the Kolping Center
- Sunday, September 13th
 - o Mass at Mother of God Church, Covington, Kentucky
 - o Riverboat lunch cruise on the Ohio River

Further details and registration forms can be found on the Cincinnati Kolping website at: www.kolpingcincinnati.com. A registration form is also included on the following page. In addition, we have included a form to request an ad in our 2020 Convention program booklet on the page following the registration form. We look forward to seeing all of our Kolping Brothers and Sisters here in Cincinnati, getting to know you better, sharing best practices, accomplishing great things at our meeting, and of course, having fun! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Pelzel, 2020 Convention Chair, at: 513-385-3120 or nancypelzel@aol.com.

National Endowment Fund

The National Endowment Fund received the following contributions for the months of January 15, 2020 to March 15, 2020

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*In memory of George Krappmann,
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*In memory of Eric Smith, Cincinnati
member Helene Schrand's grandson
Gerry Kreutzjans*

Kolping Society National Endowment Fund

c/o Lisa Brinkmann

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43rd National Kolping Convention
September 11, 12 & 13, 2020
Registration Form
Deadline: July 11, 2020

Name _____

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Phone No: _____ Email: _____

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Special Dietary Request _____

Convention Package (both Delegates and Non-Delegates)*:

_____ Person(s) @ \$180.00/Person = \$ _____

Total Amount Due by July 11, 2020 \$ _____

*Convention Package includes: Friday Hospitality Party, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Evening Dinner and Awards Ceremony, Sunday Riverboat Lunch Cruise, and all Bus Transportation to and from the Events. Non-Delegate Package also includes entrance fee to Newport Aquarium and City Bus Tour. Saturday Lunch will be provided at the hotel for delegates, and a box lunch will be provided at local brewery in Over-the-Rhine district for the non-delegates.

Please make your hotel reservations at the Embassy Suites Hotel by August 15, 2020 through the hotel's website at:

<http://group.embassysuites.com/CKS-2020NationalConvention>

Please return this convention registration form with your check for the total amount due made payable to the Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society to:

Cincinnati Kolping Society 2020 Convention, 10235 Mill Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45231

2020 Kolping National Convention Program Ads

The 2020 National Kolping Convention Committee would like your support by purchasing an ad in our Convention program booklet! We will have a special "Memorial Section" in case you would like to place an ad in memory of a loved one.

Please complete the information below and provide details for your ad (business card, company logo, personal message, etc.). **Complete orders and payment will be accepted until July 1, 2020 in order to be included in the program:**

Contact name: _____ Contact phone: _____

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Program size is 5 1/2" x 8 1/2".

Ads are in full color!

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