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Please visit the Catholic Kolping Society
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<http://www.kolping.org>



From the President's Desk ...

I would be neglecting an important acknowledgment if I didn't take a moment to recognize and express gratitude for Pat Farkas, our beloved National Administrator, who sadly passed away in January.

The article for the Banner was already prepared for publication when we received the news of Pat's unexpected passing. Thanks to Bill Conte in Brooklyn, we were able to include a memorial tribute to honor Pat.

Pat was an outstanding and devoted member of Kolping, someone any of our families would have been proud to count among our membership. Following the loss of her husband, Ed, Pat enthusiastically assumed the responsibilities of managing the essential tasks and activities required to uphold the cohesion of our National Kolping organization. She tirelessly rallied members from our local families to contribute articles for the Banner and provided invaluable support and guidance for our conventions, ensuring adherence to protocols and meticulous attention to even the smallest details. As we deliberated on participating in National Lenten projects, Pat adeptly coordinated efforts to secure donations and send out acknowledgments. Pat kept the proverbial Kolping wheels going.

I only hope that during the time in which we worked together, she knew how much I appreciated her.

Each of us have individuals in our lives who consistently step up and support us. They are the ones we rely on when we need to do something and may not know how or have the energy to proceed. These unsung heroes take care of things that often go unnoticed, yet we trust them implicitly and know things will get done in our best interest. They may be part of our own families, co-workers or fellow Kolping members. As a tribute to Pat, I urge you to take a moment to recognize these individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes, acknowledge their efforts and say "thank you" for always being there. You won't regret it.

(Note: I'd like to send a special thank you to Lucille Colletti who volunteered to meet up with Pat's daughter and helped remove all the Kolping documents and collateral in storage.)

A bit of business:

We will be posting a job description to replace Pat. It will be a part-time position, reporting to the National President and accountable to the Board of Directors. If you have interest, please check our website for more information.

We have a special request: Please be sure to get your registration in for the 44th Convention. We REALLY appreciate you getting these in early, so we can better plan and work with our vendors. If you are not able to attend, consider supporting the convention through an ad in our program. You'll find more information in the Banner and on our website (www.kolping.org).

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."

— Maya Angelou

A Praeses Proclaims...



CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN, INDEED.

By Deacon William McLoughlin
Praeses of the San Francisco Kolping Family

On Easter Sunday the whole world exclaims: **“CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN, INDEED.”**

That first Easter morning, when the Resurrected Jesus first appears outside the tomb to Mary Magdalene who is crying in the garden. Jesus hails her by name. Mary rushes to the disciples exclaiming, “I have seen the Lord.” Now we see the Risen Lord today through Mary’s tearful eyes.

Later that evening Jesus appears to the disciples, who are hiding behind locked doors in that famous upper room, and says to them, “Peace be with you.” Jesus then shows them his hands and his side and the disciples rejoice. Again Jesus says, “Peace be with you”. Jesus says further, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And Jesus breathes on them and

says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” So now each of us today can see Jesus and listen to His words through the eyes and ears of those disciples. And we receive the Holy Spirit from Jesus.

This year on May 19th we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, when the disciples were filled and enlightened with that Holy Spirit, and became powerful and active to proclaim to the whole world that, “Jesus Christ is Risen.” And the whole world has never been the same since

“As the Father
has sent me,
so I send you.”

that first Pentecost. Now Jesus breathes on us every day saying to each of us, “Receive the Holy Spirit. So I send you.”

Each of us is honored to be members of Blessed Father Kolping’s Society as we are sent by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Jesus’ love and healing to the whole world. We are an Easter People with the courage to sing every day, “CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED.” We work together as brothers and sisters of our Kolping Family to praise God and love our neighbor as Jesus has shown us.

HAPPY PENTECOST!
GOD BLESSES US ALL, TREU KOLPING

Deacon Bill

Thank you John 20: 18-22

Los Angeles Kolping Society

The Los Angeles Kolping Society is having a busy year. We continue renting rooms to visitors and local men from the community.

Our upcoming calendar is scheduled with annual events including a summer BBQ, masses, breakfasts and holiday parties.

The LA Kolping Society are members of the Los Angeles German-American League (Deutsch-Amerikanischer Verband (DAV)) where we attend their events held throughout the year. The German -American group consisting of 19 German Organizations, hold their monthly meetings at the Los Angeles Kolping House.

The German-American League just held a Viennese Ball in early March,

attended to by Alfons Eilers and his two daughters, Renata and Rita. It was a spectacular event entertained by a 12 -piece orchestra and opened with a performance by the Donauschwäbische Vereinigung dance group. A delicious german dinner and wine was served.

The following 2 photos were taken at the Viennese Ball event – Alfons Eilers and his 2 daughters | Donauschwäbische Vereinigung dance group.



Alfons Eilers and his 2 daughters at the Viennese Ball event



Donauschwäbische Vereinigung dance group

Brooklyn Kolping Family Reports

The Brooklyn Kolping Family would like to express our condolences on the passing of our National Administrator, Pat Farkas. Pat did an amazing job holding our National Office together. It's hard to believe I met Pat (and her late husband, Ed) almost forty years ago when they were both instrumental in the establishment of a Kolping branch in Passaic NJ.

Our Kolping Family reached a milestone on January 20 - the one hundredth anniversary of our branch's founding! Back then Father George Metzger, pastor of Most Holy Trinity parish in Brooklyn, became our first official Praeses, and we parish-based there until our home was acquired. A majority of our founding members were New York Kolping members who had moved to the Diocese of Brooklyn seeking employment. In many ways we owe our founding to the New York Kolping Society, which provided financial help and moral support.

Our Kolping House provided a place for Catholic single workingmen to live at reasonable expense, under the ideals of Father Adolph Kolping. As this first generation of residents married, it became the place for their families to

get together for all sorts of activities. Our longtime Praeses, Father Eugene Erny, guided our Society and helped it grow, making it possible to establish Camp Kolping in Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island. This was an important asset, giving our families an alternative to urban summers in what was then the country.

Two things really stand out on this 100-year journey. First at the end of World War II the Brooklyn Kolping Society was issued license #1 by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which enabled us to collect money, food and clothing for bulk shipment to refugees and others who were suffering in Europe. A few years later we established a very active Young Kolping group, under the guidance of Mrs. Lisa Heller, in which lifelong friendships that were made.

Now, like some of our fellow Kolping Branches, we face challenges that our founders could never have foreseen. Our goal is to follow Father Kolping's advice: *"Don't give in; the greater the challenge the more resolute one must become."*

Our last get-together was our Kolping Family Christmas Party where we

welcomed 55 adults and children for a fun evening. We began by enjoying a beef pot roast dinner and then settled down for our Christmas program, a mixture of readings, poems and music. We are so proud of our adolescents and children who shared their amazing musical and acting talents with us. We were also delighted to welcome our good friend, Father Johny Chengalan Thomas, who gave an impromptu musical performance. We had our customary sing-along, and Santa appeared just in time to reward good children of all ages! Many thanks to everyone who attended, and of course to all who helped in any way.

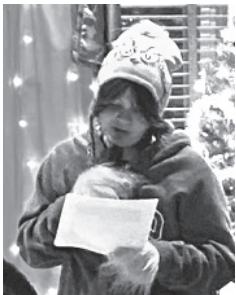
Our January Board meeting was scheduled took place on January 20, so we could officially toast our 100th Anniversary, enjoy a nice luncheon and have a good start to our 100th year! We are planning to officially celebrate our centennial on April 27 with an Anniversary Mass at St. Matthias Church, followed by a banquet at Gottscheer Hall, both in Ridgewood, NY. The invitation is posted on the Kolping USA website home page and all are invited to join us! Treu Kolping... Bill Conte



Our Kolping Center decorated and set up for Christmas!



At our Board Meeting on January 20, the 100th Anniversary of our founding.



Zoey Josten performed 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas'.



Father Johny was able to spend some time with us, and we enjoyed his musical performance.



M.C. Gillian Guile and one of our participants, Juliette Stahl



Jayden Stahl accompanied us for parts of our sing-along.



Gio Stahl (L) and Anakin Josten (seated) getting set up by Chris Gerage. Both Gio and Anakin performed on the piano for us.

44th National Kolping Convention

September 6 – 8, 2024

St. Charles, MO

We are excited to host the 44th National Kolping Convention in St. Charles, Missouri. You might be wondering why St. Charles was chosen. Well, at our previous convention, none of our Kolping families felt equipped to host such a large gathering in the near future. However, everyone agreed that these conventions are incredibly valuable for bringing our Kolping families together from across the U.S.

After careful consideration, it was decided to honor our smaller families and the significance of St. Louis, which was the site of the first Kolping Society in the U.S.A. Thus, this convention became a “national” endeavor, with committee members representing all Kolping families, and it was determined to be held “east” of the Mississippi. St. Charles emerged as the ideal location, being just 15 minutes from the St. Louis airport, boasting intriguing history, and offering a comfortable Embassy Suite venue for the convention.

To pique your interest and encourage your participation in the convention, here are some fascinating facts, historical insights, and local attractions to explore during your stay in the area.

- Founded by French Canadian fur trader Louis Blanchette, St. Charles was originally named Les Petites Cotes (“The Little Hills”). Its strategic location on the Missouri River, serving as a gateway to the western territory of the Louisiana Purchase, made it a crucial stop for tens of thousands of travelers. Notably, in 1804, it was from St. Charles that William Clark and Meriwether Lewis embarked on their historic journey up the Missouri River in search of a route to the Pacific Ocean, as commissioned by Thomas Jefferson. Additionally, from 1821 to 1826, St. Charles proudly served as Missouri’s first state capital.
- St. Charles holds a prominent place in American pioneer history as the home of Daniel Boone and his family. Boone blazed the trail known as Boone’s Lick Trail through the countryside of St. Charles, which later evolved into the Santa Fe Trail and eventually the Oregon Trail. These trails were vital arteries for early pioneers seeking new opportunities and a better life in the western United States.
- As the oldest city on the Missouri River, St. Charles boasts a rich cultural heritage. Its sister city is Ludwigsburg, Germany, reflecting its ties to German culture and history. St. Charles is also recognized as part of the “German Heritage Corridor” due to the significant influx of German immigrants to the region. These immigrants played a crucial role in shaping Missouri’s history, particularly during the Civil War, where their strong antislavery stance contributed to keeping Missouri in the Union. German immigrants had a profound influence on various aspects of Missouri life, including agriculture, arts, sciences, and even brewing, with St. Charles being home to some of the oldest wineries in the United States.

You can download the registration and information on accommodations on our website: www.kolping.org



44th National Kolping Convention

Program ADs

One way we all can support the 44th National Kolping Convention is by purchasing an ad in our Convention Program booklet. It's a wonderful way to acknowledge the importance of Kolping in your life, as well as to show the spirit of Kolping in the USA. We have many options for ads and donations and hope one will fit your budget.

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St. Charles, MO



Registration Form: Deadline: July 15, 2024

Name: _____

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Kolping Family: _____

Convention Package (same price for both delegates and non-delegates)*

Persons (@ \$200/person): _____

Total Amount Enclosed (Due by July 15, 2024): _____ (@ \$200/person)

* Convention package includes Friday hospitality party, Saturday lunch, Saturday evening dinner and awards ceremony, Sunday Mass and group activities, and all transportation to and from events. Non-delegate package also includes entry fees to local tours and attractions on Saturday.

Make your hotel reservations at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, Missouri by August 1, 2024.

To book online, go to our website at www.kolping.org and follow the link Or call Hilton Reservations at: 800-774-1500 and use code "92Q" to get the group rate.

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Can't make the Convention?

Kolping conventions are always a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with members and friends from other Kolping families. Representatives from Kolping chapters nationwide gather to elect officers, vote on important projects such as the scholarship program, and share insights on how best to support individual families. And, of course, we always make sure to inject some fun into the proceedings.

If attending isn't feasible for you, showing your support through our convention program is a wonderful alternative. Whether you opt for a full-page ad representing your family, a quarter-page business card, or just a few lines with your names, your contributions will be seen and deeply appreciated by Kolping members across the country.

We've included a form to submit an ad in this Banner or you can download it from the Kolping website at www.kolping.org.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the Kolping convention committee via email at kolpingus@gmail.com.

Your support means the world to us.

2024 Kolping Scholarship Program

Applications Due April 30, 2024

Are you back in school pursuing a new degree? Do you have a child (grandchild) who will be a senior in high school in the Fall of 2024? Is someone in your immediate family attending college, a university or trade school?

The National Kolping Society is once again offering its scholarship program to all active members and their immediate family members. We hope to demonstrate our commitment to the advancement and education of our members, so they have the tools to pursue their dreams.

For an application and information on the essay requirements, please check our website at www.kolping.org.

Applications will be accepted starting April 1st. Submissions are due by April 30th and applicants will be notified of the winners by June 15th.