



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 8, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Board and General Meeting – All members and guests are welcome to our Board and general meetings. If you would like to come earlier, at 5:00 p.m. feel free to join us for a light supper.

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – 11:00 - 1:30

KlubHaus is open! Drop on in and spend time with fellow Kolping members. Bring a project you'd like to work on — finish up a puzzle, play a game of Mexican dominoes or just hang out.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 – 12:30 - 4:00

Oktoberfest Lunch and Bingo – Join us for a hot lunch, German bier, raffles, bingo, and gemuetlichkeit! A donation of \$10/member and \$15/guest is requested.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – 11:00 - 1:30

KlubHaus is open!

Saturday, October 18, 2025 – 2:30 - 4:30

100th Anniversary Celebration – Bring your family, friends and acquaintances to celebrate the Kolping Society of San Francisco's 100th Anniversary! This will be at the Irish Cultural Center. Registration is \$50/person. Invites will be in the mail or email us at sfkolping@gmail.com and we'll be sure to sign you up.

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 3, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Board and General Meeting – All members and guests are welcome to our Board and general meetings. If you would like to come earlier, at 5:00 p.m. feel free to join us for a light supper.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 11:00 - 1:30

KlubHaus is open! Drop on in and spend time with fellow Kolping members. Finish a stitching or craft project, play a game of Mexican dominoes or just hang out.

Saturday, November 15, 2025 – 12:30 - 4:00

Day of Thanks Lunch and Bingo – Join us for a meal and fun. Members \$10/person for lunch, guests \$15/person. If you decide to skip the lunch, come on by anyway for bingo.

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 7, 2025 – 11:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass and Brunch



Celebrate the Christmas spirit with your Kolping friends starting with an Advent Mass, followed by brunch. All are welcome. RSVPs are required. Brunch will be \$10/member, \$15/guest.

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SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER

The Kolping Society of San Francisco will be celebrating its **100th Anniversary on Saturday, October 18, 2025** at the Irish Cultural Center. We are planning a day-time event with good food, great company and lots of memories. Mark your calendars – we wouldn't want you to miss it!!

OUR BINGOS!

We cannot tell you how happy it makes us to see members inviting friends and family to our monthly bingos. Thank you.

Western Bingo

Muffy did a great job “corralling” members through the bingo games. With cowboy hats and kerchiefs, many a dollar was distributed. Cynthia Pereira “struck it rich”, winning the blackout!



All American Bingo

The KlubHaus gang morphed into bingo decorators to don the hall in red, white and blue for our all American bingo. Kevin Cunnane won the blackout...hmmm, he seems to be winning at every bingo – he’s on a roll!

Thanks to Karen Cilia-Santi for taking down all the decorations! What a nice surprise.



Fogust Bingo

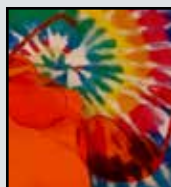
The weather didn't disappoint, as members found their way to the hall through the thick, low August fog of summer. It has been said that this was the coldest summer in decades and we all agreed! Gerry Costanzo did a fabulous job at the bar. Muffy rolled the bingo balls in Cathy Vennemeyer's absence.

Lisa started the activities with a "Fog City" trivia game. Marie Chambers had the most correct answers with 13 out of 14!

One question needs to be verified, though, in person – can you see a mural at the top of the 16th Ave stairs (or just from the bottom?). Stay tuned.

Our bingo raffle went to the Kolping in Ukraine with over \$170 donated. Thanks to all who brought prizes!!

Congrats to the blackout winners – Marie Chamber, Mary O'Brien and Inge Stottmeister.



Happy Birthday!

JULY

Susan Biesty
Steve Lambly
Wolfgang Weiss

Jere Driscoll
Petra Stottmeister

AUGUST

Tillie Ferris
Jean Lamey
Jack O'Keeffe

Mary Anne Goehringer
Cathy Mibach
Joan Vennemeyer

SEPTEMBER

Julia Brinkmann
Mary Brinkmann
Renee Kouchakji
Bill McLoughlin
Kathy Biesty
Gunther Ehrich
Sandy Driscoll
Brigitte Kruger
Serena O'Sullivan
Ann Holland
Linda Cobeen

Lisa Brinkmann
Louise Tschudi
Arline Elliott
Joe Trott
Uta Wagner

Note: if we missed your birthday PLEASE let us know, so we can update our records!



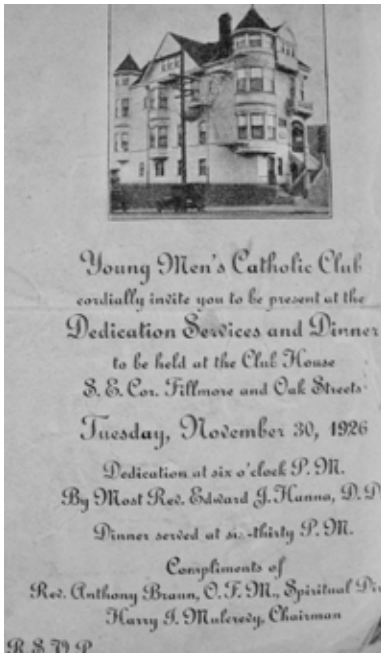
In our thoughts and prayers

It's always nice to know you are in our thoughts and prayers, especially when going through hard times and illness. Please keep the following members in yours:

Gunther Ehrich, Mike Cooney, Heinz Beering, Louise Tschudi and all the members providing family caregiving.

100 years of the Kolping Society of San Francisco

In anticipation of our 100th Anniversary, we thought you might enjoy a few pictures from Kolping through the years.



Dedication of the Kolping House at Fillmore and Oak – 1926



Kolping Ladies Auxiliary – page from the Silver Jubilee report – 1950



Kolping House with annex – circa 1952



Kolping Society "boarders" – 1938



Let's dance! Admission, 40¢ – 1933

Test your Kolping knowledge

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Only young men from Germany were able to board at the Kolping House in the Fillmore.
2. The first Kolping Society in San Francisco was established in 1887, only to disband 12 years later.
3. Father Kolping started out as a shoemaker.

ANSWERS: 1. False. Tradesmen from all countries lived in the Kolping House, including Ireland, Italy, Austria and Switzerland. The majority, though, were from Germany. • **2. True.** A group from St. Boniface Church started the first Kolping Family in San Francisco, but for unknown reasons disbanded, only to have it reestablished in 1925. • **3. True.** While he had hoped to pursue studies, his poverty prevented him from doing so. It was in Cologne, as an assistant shoemaker, where he was introduced with the shocking living conditions of the young journeymen and decided to become a priest, though he remained a shoemaker for 10 years.