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The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

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4 Annual Elections & General Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

9- Kolping Ski Trip
11 Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!

20 Full Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

april

1 Easter Sunday
Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead

7- KOH Cleanup
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14- KOH Cleanup
15 Kolping-on-Hudson

17 Full Board Meeting
Kolping-on-Concourse

February

Please Join Us!

Mass, Communion Brunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

**All members, friends and their guests are requested
to join together on Sunday, March 4, 2018**

German Mass at 10:00 am: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC
Brunch 12 noon: Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street

We hope you will be able to join us for this very important day. A delicious brunch will be provided by Wolfgang and Geovanni that will consist of a very excellent sauerbraten, red cabbage, and spaetzli, followed by dessert, coffee and tea. The cost of brunch is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years.

We will be electing new members to our Board of Directors. Want to know more about the Catholic Kolping Society of New York? Want to help make decisions to ensure the Society's continued success? Then consider joining Kolping's Board of Directors. There are both Senior and Junior board seats open. To be a board member the requirements are: Senior Board—you must be a member of the Society in good standing for a period of at least 10 years. Junior Board—you must be a member of the Society in good standing for a period of at least 1 year.

Board members must attend at least 6 board meetings per year.

**Please make your reservations for the brunch by contacting
Joan Smyth Dengler at 914-432-2535 or kolpingny@gmail.com.**

We would appreciate your response by February 23, 2018.



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.

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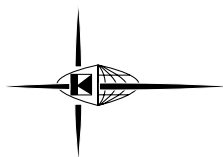
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Milestones & Passages



Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please contact Joan Smyth Dengler (914-432-2535) or email kolpingny@gmail.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

We're saddened to share the news that longtime member **Ludwig Manz** passed away just before Christmas. Please keep his sons Ludwig, Jr. and Stefan and their families in your prayers.

Please keep **Martin and Violet Kelly** in your prayers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN FEBRUARY:

David Allen, John Barbara, Kate Bergen, Betty Boecklen, Carol Guarino Bongiovanni, Karl Buckel, Ivan Cantu, Bernie Dengler, Michael Doyle, Jax Espinosa, Jennifer Fleming, Jerry Fullam, Elizabeth Giordano, Melanie Gilbert, Eric Gorski, Bud Gramer, Mario Guarino, John Halvey, Anne Hemsing, Dan Hoek, Anthony Imbimbo, Anna Keller, Brad Kelly, Violet Kelly, Nancy Kenny, Jerry Maxson, Walter McDonald, Patrick McGovern, Johanna McGreevy, Christopher McGuire, Mary McGuire, George McNamara, Chad Mills, Scott Mohler, Joseph Mulligan, Laura Mulligan, Al Park, Carl Pollach, Martin Povolonis, Bernard Preisser, Theresa Rascona, Ingrid Reslmaier, Maria Reuber, Jason Sinks, Ed Specht, Reinhold Stehle, Dan Stewart, Daryl Stiloski, Kevin Whalen, Victoria Winkelmann, Joseph Zale, and Gerhard Zoeller.

SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Jerry Fullam, Mario Guarino, John Halvey, Chad Mills, and Scott Mohler.**

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to Peter & Judith Mersits for their \$100 Advent Donation. Also a big thanks to Karen Staub for her General K88 House Donation of \$100.

NEWS FROM TROOP 36 Submitted by Bob Hemsing

Troop 36 is sponsored by New York Kolping and St. Christopher and St Patrick Church in Buchanan N. Y. Presently the troop has 34 scouts and 10 active parents, leaders and supporters. Aside from meetings, camp outs, field trips etc., the troop helps the church with various projects. Every year they put up and take down the large outdoor Nativity Scene. Pictured here are some of the leaders and scouts who participated.



2018 DUES

Pay your membership dues by April 1st to avoid any late charges. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128
Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85


Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our secretary, Joan Smyth Dengler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.



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News & Notes

KOLPING SKI TRIP

Rooms filling up fast! Reserve your spot now and join the famous Kolping Family Ski Weekend this year. Filled with Gemutlichkeit, delicious food, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowmobiling, hot tubbing, music and conversation, this trip is unique. The March 9-11 getaway will get you over your winter blahs or continue your amazing snow season. With something for everyone (families, couples, singles) you'll be glad you joined us. Contact Joan Dengler at joanandted@gmail.com to reserve your room today.

JOSEPH SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships will be awarded. First award: \$2,000, second award: \$1,000. Application, proof of enrollment, and essay are due on April 15. Please see the application on the back page of this bulletin for more information and to apply.

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING CLUB

The spring semester will run from January 30 through May 15, 2018. But everyone may join during the semester on a pro-rated basis. It will run Tuesdays for 15 weeks (30 hours) honoring holiday dates. Classes are held at the Kolping house located at 165 East 88th Street.

Children's classes will follow the Board of Ed school schedule, and are for toddlers to teens. Children's classes meet 4-5PM, 5-6PM and 6-7PM depending on the age. Adult sessions take place 6:30-8:30 are for Intermediate (those who have some knowledge and experience with German) which caters to specific needs in grammar, and conversation. Advanced class is for those who like to keep up their knowledge and improve upon it, with grammar review. Other levels upon request.

We offer a relaxed and pressureless atmosphere with no exams, etc. All classes cater only to the needs of its participants and offer outside help when one cannot attend every session. See our website for further information: www.germanlearn.com

GERMAN SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

This non-profit social services organization provides assistance with German pension applications and support, Proof-of-Life documentation, referrals to professionals (attorneys, translators and others), probate matters (wills, estates, inheritance issues), tenant/landlord advice and support, liaison with facilities including nursing homes and hospital social work departments, the German Consulate and German government agencies. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Please call for information, or if you'd like an appointment. 6 East 87th Street, 4th Floor (between Madison and Fifth Avenues), New York, NY 10128. Tel (212) 360-6022.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

OUR HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY 2018 INTENTION

SAY "NO" TO CORRUPTION.

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

More News & Notes

Winter Sunset on the Hudson River After a Snowfall

submitted by Donna Richardson

Koerner's Cove in Verplanck. The Kolping House in Montrose is just around to the left less than 2 miles south. Years ago my father, George Koerner who was the Cook at the time, used to swim from our house here, to work at Kolping (but not in the winter of course). The river is at low tide at 4:45pm, and the ducks are enjoying it! Taken January 17, 2018.



Winter Scenes from Kolping on Hudson

submitted by Lou Colletti

John Allen has taken these beautiful photos. He went to KOH in bitter cold and captured our beautiful property, view of the Hudson & the mountains.

The Pond looks awesome. The aerators that Richie & Andy installed a few years ago are working great. They keep the Pond oxygenated, which keeps the fish alive.

I told John that there is a 3 ft. Woodpecker at KOH. So far no one has been able to take a photo of it. John said he now has a mission! Look forward to seeing that photo. Richie and Nick have told me there are approximately 10-14 Eagles at KOH. Hope to see those photos as well!

New Years Day, Solemnity of Mary Reflection

2018 Letter “from” Mother Mary: ‘Pray for the Renewal of the World’

Fr. Richard J. Bretone

My Dear Children,

Be at Peace.

Amidst all the conflicts and strife of life...

Be at peace!

Do not judge the world as the world judges itself:

Right versus wrong

Left versus right

East versus West

North versus South

and on and on!

Always oppositions, adversities and rivalries—alas, and so unfortunately, this is the way of the world.

No, my children, you must be different.

You must take the longer view, the bigger picture.

You must see things divinely, as from the perspective of The Kingdom.

As people of the Kingdom, won by the blood of my Son, and baptized into its reign, you have the ability within you to judge this world correctly.

You can see past the rivalries, and you can endure the ambiguities of a world of shadow and stealth.

You can handle both of these, because you are Children of the Light, the light of my Son, the Christ.

You can see beyond all this division and darkness, and see the world searching for my Son. How it wants to bask in the light of my Son's love! How it wants to be free and alive and serene! My children, embody these qualities.

Embrace freedom.

There is a part of you that is so in touch with The Spirit that it will help you to grow in freedom—all the pulls of habit and emotion, of sin and sorrow, all that is not of my Son that wants to pull you away, to keep you in prison and in chains; but this year turn to my Son through me. Pray my wonderful and awe inspiring Rosary, and touch the inner freedom of my Son. Bask in it. Love it. Become it!

Face every situation with an inner peace, a new serenity, knowing that everything around you is loved perfectly and completely in the love of God. Whatever the situation, no matter how grave, stay serene in my peace. This peace comes from an oasis of prayer—an oasis of life-giving love in the desert of despair.

Peace. Peace. And more peace! Receive my sacraments as frequently as you possibly can—especially the Eucharist and frequent Confession. The peace of my Son will dwell within you and the peace of reconciliation will put your mind at ease with its past mistakes.

With Freedom and Serenity comes Joy—an aliveness to the Spirit amidst all the trials of this world.

2018 will present special challenges, but pray with me in the rosary and with my Son at the sacraments, and the challenges of the New Year will really be an opportunity for my Son to shine through everything! There will be a universal turning towards Him, and a renewed desire for faith.

Shine my children, shine! Let the world know who to turn to and where to go.

Be the shimmering jewels set high on the hilltop of faith—glimmering with the preciousness of God's Glory!

Together let us extend our hands in prayer and pray... for the renewal... of... the world!

Stories of Interest

Fasching *submitted by Joan Smyth Dengler*

What is Fasching, Karneval, Fastnacht, Fasnacht, and Fastelabend?

They are all one and the same thing: pre-Lenten festivities celebrated in grand style, mostly in the predominantly Catholic regions of the German-speaking countries.

Fasching officially begins in most regions in Germany on Nov. 11 at 11:11 a.m. or the day after Dreikönigstag (Three Kings Day), so on Jan. 7. However, the big bash celebrations are not on the same given date each year. Instead, the date varies depending on when Easter falls. Fasching culminates into Fasching week, which begins the week before Ash Wednesday.

It is traditionally connected with farm servants or generally young men going from house to house in the villages and collecting sausages, eggs and bacon, which was consumed in a festivity on the same evening. While going from house to house they wore masks and made noise. This was also the time when the fat and oils were used up before the sacrifices of Lent. People made rich treats like Krapfen (doughnuts) to finish up the household supplies.

Watch the Kolping Facebook page for some recipes or post your favorite.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. This year it's February 14th—another special date on our Church and popular calendars.

The Kolping Society used to hold a Fasching celebration. Do you have any old photos to share with the rest of us? Send them to me or post them on Facebook. Here are some photos I (Ingrid Reslmaier) found. I have fond memories of those parties at K-88!



Our Goals for Lent [This piece reprinted from the Philadelphia newsletter was written by the late Father Michel for the Lenten season of 2014. It was submitted by the late Jack McGee.]

Our goals for Lent: to prepare for the new life that our resurrected Savior offers us by making special efforts to overcome all the worldly, materialistic and sinful things in our lives by undertaking new efforts to deepen our spiritual lives and build up our strength to turn away the world temptations.

How do we do that? Lent encourages us to spend more time with God, for example by attending weekday Masses, not just Sunday Mass; or putting on our calendars the weekly Stations of the Cross that we will attend. And, naturally, Lent strengthens our ability to say "No" to sinful things by making ourselves say "No" to desserts at dinner, and candy every day, or "No" to watching a favorite TV show that, then, gives us time to say the rosary.

The daily routine of living a simple, self-sacrificing life while urging ourselves to see ways of brightening the lives of others is the way of life Jesus set for us. His being born in a stable, not in a fancy hotel, was just the first step He took to show us the way. He continued the example by his quiet years of growing up and learning to work hard with Joseph, the carpenter. He skipped meals during the years of his "public life" so that He could spread the gospel message to more people. He suffered and died for us, that we might have the chance of eternal happiness, although He knew we would, more often, seek to fulfill our own worldly and sinful goals. And so often He went out of His way to make sure everyone else had enough to eat; or that they would find help in healing their sufferings and illnesses;

or, that they would just get encouraging advice to re-direct their lives. As Christians, we are certainly called to follow Christ. Lent gives us many incentives to follow Him more closely every day. Even our membership in the Kolping Family gives us incentives and opportunities to walk in these footsteps of Jesus. We have the opportunity to sit at the Table of the Lord at the Communion Breakfast, or to brighten up the life of young children with the Easter Egg Hunt, as well as the invitation to join together with other Kolping members at the summer BBQs. If we keep reminding ourselves to get involved in such activities, we will find ourselves leading the simple, self-sacrificing lifestyle of Jesus and Blessed Adolph Kolping, that brightens the life of others around us.

“Hollywood’s Hitler” submitted by Martin A. Kelly

In the 1930s, things in America were turbulent. Besides prohibition and gang warfare, the U.S. had been designated a new Reich by many of the original supporters in a secret network called Friends of the New Germany (FNG), a Nazi front organization laying the groundwork for an American invasion.

In September 1933, a small group of Nazis met in Los Angeles to discuss a secret plan: the takeover of America’s West Coast.

It was orchestrated by Dietrich Gefken, who had been an organizer for Adolf Hitler’s paramilitary Brownshirts back in Germany. Gefken had killed Jews in cold blood and “had not hesitated to throw acid in the faces of his enemies,” according to the book “Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America,” by Steven J. Ross (Bloomsbury).

Having volunteered for the National Guard in San Francisco, Gefken had mapped out its Armory, which held enough weapons for an entire regiment, and connected with members of the Navy who would sell him other stolen weaponry.

Once that was secured, he planned to spur FNG storm troopers who had been “secretly training in street fighting and the use of bombs” to “launch spontaneous uprisings in San Francisco and San Diego.”

During these rebellions along the West Coast, Gefken and his troops would use machine guns to “corral [American] Army officers and lock them up. Nazis would confer with captured American troops,” Ross writes. “Those willing to pledge their loyalty to Hitler would be taken into the storm troopers. Those who refused would be killed on the spot.”

Fortunately, one man present at the takeover planning wasn’t a Nazi at all, but a spy who had infiltrated their ranks. German-born U.S. Army Capt. John H. Schmidt was a mole for Leon Lewis, a Jewish attorney who had established his own spy network, acting without

government support. By the beginning of World War II, Lewis would become an unofficial arm of American intelligence—and a valuable source of information for Nazis in this country.

The son of German Jewish immigrants, Lewis was born in Hurley, Wisconsin in 1888. He earned a law degree from the University of Chicago and was the first national executive secretary for the Anti-Defamation League. After moving to LA, he diligently tracked anti-Semitism in the area.

In 1933, the year Hitler became Germany’s chancellor, around 100 Nazis held their first meeting in LA to talk about unifying the area’s 150,000 Germans to promote Hitlerism in the U.S.

Lewis knew that decisive action needed to be taken. Having done “secret intelligence work for the military during World War I,” he established a private espionage organization, finding spies who could infiltrate the Nazis and expose their devious plans. Knowing that Semitic-looking men or women would be recognized as such, he sought non-Jews, preferably those of German heritage. Schmidt was his first undercover operative.

The blond-haired, blue-eyed Schmidt began spending time at the Aryan Bookstore in LA’s San Pedro neighborhood. There, he found the prime topics of conversation were how Franklin Roosevelt was a tool of the Jews and how he should be replaced by a president with Nazi sympathies.

Schmidt soon became part of the FNG’s inner circle. All the while, he was funneling information to Lewis.

Based on the collected intel, agents for the Navy arrested “two Marine corporals who were selling government rifles and 12,000 rounds of ammunition to local [Nazi sympathizers],” and also “dismantled storm-trooper units.” Gefken’s plot was foiled.

But Lewis, “preferring to remain under the radar . . . never took credit for the subsequent arrests.”

At a time when America did not yet have

espionage capabilities, Lewis spent much of the next 14 years as the United States’ most powerful intelligence weapon against the Nazis in America, Ross writes.

In the run-up to World War II, his agents heard talk about Nazi attempts to sabotage US aircraft factories – including claims that workers inside the local Douglas Aircraft factory had “taken bolts out of planes.” The Nazis, it turned out, had encouraged followers to apply for jobs at these factories and had many people on the inside.

A spy working for Lewis heard of the plan and sent it to naval intelligence before anything could happen. Security was beefed up, and the plan was thwarted.

Lewis continued in his secret crusading role until 1947. In retaliation, numerous Nazi and fascist groups targeted him in several murder plots along with Hollywood luminaries including MGM studio head Louis B. Mayer, Jack Benny, James Cagney, Eddie Cantor, Charlie Chaplin and Al Jolson. Some of these plots were foiled by Lewis, others fizzled out. Nazis never achieved any of their goals for the U.S. on the scale that they had hoped for, but they helped build anti-Semitic sentiment in LA.

Lewis remained involved in Jewish groups and practiced law until his death from a heart attack in 1954. He was 65 years old.

Had he not taken it upon himself to stop the Nazis, LA in the 1930s could have been a much more frightening place.

“From August 1933 until the end of World War II, with few resources at their disposal, [Lewis and his] courageous undercover operatives continually defeated a variety of enemies – Nazis, fascists and fifth-columnists – bent on violence and murder,” Ross writes.

“Without ever firing a weapon, they managed to keep Los Angeles and its citizens safe.”

Source: “How Hitler’s plan to take over LA was thwarted by a Jewish lawyer”, by Larry Getlen [N.Y. Post October 21, 2017]

Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

◆ TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED. 1ST AWARD: \$2,000 / 2ND AWARD: \$1,000 ◆

2018 Topic: *Psalm 23 tells us: "The Lord is My Shepherd I shall not want"*

How have you seen the Lord be a Shepherd in your life?

How has He guided and provided for you and your family?

Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a member or the child or grandchild of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York.
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no more than 1,000 words. Please follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar and vocabulary will be taken into account.
4. The essay must be on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
5. Not be a previous winner.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
7. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018**. Please email materials electronically to **bob42@optonline.net** or U.S. mail to Bob Hemsing, 1106 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520.

Please contact the Bob Hemsing at 914-231-5601 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

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Signature of Applicant

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