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New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club

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We made 562 QSOs during the New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club Columbus Day Special Event Station (SES). Members operating were Jim, W2UM, Dom, KD2EPM and me, Tom, N2JIE. Non-members assisting were Father Nick, N2CHE and Scott, N0VYU. All four of these hams are prior operators for at least one prior SES of the club, and I thank you all for contributing once again. The event would not have been as successful as it was without your support.

I had a kerfuffle, where I lost some contacts in my logging system, but all is now well. I recovered some of the callsigns by watching the YouTube video I had recorded of my operation. Somehow, I opened up two copies of the logging program. At one point, QSOs were not being logged, and when I thought I was closing the extra copy of the program, I was closing the actual operating program. I will respond to all QSL cards sent to me for this Special Event Station.

The Operator Status Page (OSP) was an important part of the SES. The more operators we have, the more important the usage of the OSP becomes. The time spent signing into and signing out

of the OSP shows quite a bit of activity, which in turn shows how serious we are regarding this event.

We had over 2,000 hits on our QRZ page in the 72 hours that it was in operation! That means that for every QSO made, presuming that every contact conducted a QRZ lookup on our call, two and a half other people looked us up online. Realistically, for every two QSOs, five other people looked us up on QRZ. I think that is an important statistic that shows other--potential contributors, state officers, Supreme--what type of an impact we have, and how we can bring more members into our organization and maybe more men into the Knights of Columbus. I am still developing our QSL card for the event. So far, I have received about 20 QSL cards as a result of the event.

The numbers from the SES are not the only numbers worth looking at--between May and the middle of October, 2025, we had 281 Google Business Profile Interactions.



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OUR CLUB

I want to thank everyone who has made this organization what it is today. We are a bunch of guys who like talking on the radio, but more than that, you have made a contribution of time, and on occasion, money. Most of our contacts, whether on the air or online, are made during operation of our Special Event Stations. I truly believe that we are on the cusp of something great. We have expanded into six states, are generating this newsletter and if things go the right way for us, some grant money will be coming our way.

During the Columbus Day SES, I had roughly 20 QSOs with hams throughout the country who are also Knights. That's five percent of my QSOs--an important number to compare to our future Special Event Stations results. Several other operators reported they, too, spoke with fellow Knights during our SES.

SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR

There are no more Special Event Stations scheduled for 2025. What Catholic/Knights of Columbus SES would you like to see in our 2026 schedule? We have found that we get much better results from operating from home as opposed to the site of the event which we are celebrating. We also receive more QSL cards from the at-home operations. However, just like at

the state convention, operation at a remote site is more presentation of who we are and what we do, as opposed to strictly operation for the numbers. We have held Special Event Stations for the New Jersey State Convention, Columbus Day and the birth, death and feast day of Blessed McGivney.

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

Our nets are doing poorly. We used to have many more club members on our net than we have had lately. Even now, between us advertising the net during our SESs, and at other times, we barely have enough check-ins to make the nets worthwhile, even with the "advertising" we get by using NetLogger. Please try to check in to YOUR nets. They are held for your benefit, to give you the opportunity to speak with your fellow club members, and others, and for the benefit of OUR club, to try and obtain more people to join our club. We thank those who have visited our nets, both club members and non-members.



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FUNDRAISING

Our raffle ticket sales will end in a few weeks. If you have not yet purchased your tickets--\$10 each, for a chance to win \$1,000--now is the time to do so. Tickets sales have not been as lively as I had wished, so you have a better than average chance of winning. The drawing will be just prior to Black Friday, so there will be no reason not to buy your Significant Other a NICE gift this year, if you win.

We will be using RaiseRight as a fundraiser platform. We will receive a percentage of purchases using virtual gift cards purchased through RaiseRight. There are other funding opportunities that will also be explored, that will help us fund our needs.

ELECTIONS

Our elections are scheduled for November. Please consider accepting a position in our club. We are in need of someone to accept the position of Secretary. Please contact me if you want to see our club continue.

WHAT'S NEW IN AMATEUR RADIO?

The government shutdown has affected license renewals. If your license has expired, you may NOT operate until you have renewed.

The Hurricane Watch Net was activated for Hurricane Melissa.

The bands were wide open for the CQ World Wide contest. Did you participate?

WHAT'S NEW IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

The Holy Father met with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Knights of Columbus Representatives.

In New Jersey, the Soccer Challenge Diocesan competitions were held. The state finals are the first weekend in November.

The Annual Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ was held, with State Officers and others in attendance.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please bear with us while we explore the different types of newsletters for you. Let us know what you like and what you don't like.



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PURPOSE STATEMENT

The New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club (NJKCARC) is organized and established as a non-profit charitable, educational, and scientific organization of members to: promote the hobby of Amateur Radio in all of its forms and modes; to establish, train, educate, and evaluate a local Amateur Radio network to provide electronic communications in the event of local disasters or other emergencies; recruit, train, and continually educate persons interested in becoming licensed amateur radio operators; facilitate the participation of its members in local, regional, national, and international amateur radio activities; the purpose of such participation is to improve the operating proficiency of its members and to ensure readiness to provide emergency communications.

To promote the Knights of Columbus through Amateur Radio, and by helping local councils obtain new members through Amateur Radio.

To provide service to bishops, priests, parishes, dioceses, and Knights of

Columbus councils, assemblies, chapters, federations and any other subordinate entities by assisting those listed above in celebrating their own special events by creating and working Special Event Stations (SEs) celebrating milestones of the above-listed; assisting RACES, SKYWARN, SATERN, ARES and/or other entities, directly or indirectly related to Disaster Relief when necessary or when called upon to assist; to further the hobby of Amateur Radio, by offering training sessions in Amateur Radio; to assist the Knights of Columbus, the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus and any subordinate entities as needed or requested; sponsor and hold amateur radio nets, spreading the information about the charitable activities performed by the Knights of Columbus, all whenever possible to do so. The Patron Saint of the Club is Saint Maximilian Kolbe.