



# CQ NJKCARC

Newsletter of the  
New Jersey Knights of Columbus  
Amateur Radio Club  
A 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization



Welcome to the March 2026 edition of CQ NJKCARC. We hope you find our newsletter informative.

## HAMFESTS

Hamfest season is upon us! Several Hamfests are scheduled to take place in New Jersey and surrounding states in the next few months. The NJKCARC will hopefully be at some of them. Look for our banner! If you are not yet a member, you can sign up at our tables, or visit our website, NJ2KC.org for an application.

## POTA

Joe, NJ9L and I worked some Parks on the Air in February. I used my call and our club call, for well over a hundred QSOs with our club call. By throwing our call out there, and having lookups done on QRZ.com, we are getting recognized. Remember, we determined last year, that for every two people with whom we have a QSO, three more are listening. Get the word out about who we are, and what we are trying to accomplish!

## NETS

Participation in our nets has been dismal. A few months ago, we had a spike with about six or so check-ins, but usually there are only one or two check-ins. I have suspended the Sunday evening 20m net and am toying with the idea of moving our 40m net to a time when the band is less crowded. Please check in if you can.

## SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

The New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, in Sayreville. NJKCARC will be there, for the third straight year. Maybe this year, some of the youth athletes will grab the mic.

We will also be active at the 130<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Convention in Wildwood, NJ in May, and the week leading up to the convention. Stop by our table, make some QSOs and buy some raffle tickets.

## RAFFLE

The NJKCARC will be holding another raffle, to be held on Columbus Day in the great metropolis of Rosenhayn, NJ. Tickets are \$10 apiece, with a chance to win \$1,000 in gift cards.

## WHAT'S NEW IN AMATEUR RADIO?

There were some memorable DXpeditions recently, from Bouvet Island, 3Y0K, with a budget of \$1,675,000 (!) for its approximately 24 operators, to Guinea Bissau, J51A, which broke the world record of QSOs during a DXpedition, which stood at 213,021 QSOs, set in 1991 by the T32C, Christmas Island DXpedition. Guinea Bissau still has a day or so left as of this writing, with over 217,000 QSOs (I have four of them) so far.



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As daunting as our first Special Event Station was to me, I can't imagine the preparation necessary for a DXpedition. Kudos to all who participated in the event.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

State conventions are scheduled for May each year, so the new state officers can attend the Supreme Convention in August. This year the Supreme Convention is in Denver, CO.

Come join us in Wildwood, NJ for the 130<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Convention. Last year we sold 100 tickets at the convention. Our raffle winner purchased their ticket at the convention! Maybe you can do the same this year.

We will have a table, and depending upon what happens, I will either have an antenna on top of Convention Hall or I will be operating remote. Time will tell.

## SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

You may receive an EMail asking for a donation for the New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club (NJKCARC). If so, please be generous. If you do not receive an EMail, please visit our website, NJ2KC.org and donate from any page. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and we need your support to continue our mission.

Thank you.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Vivat Jesus and 73,

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