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Newsletter of the

New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club

NJKCARC--Prayers Needed.

John, W2RN, a founding member of the NJKCARC, while recovering from his cancer surgery, developed pneumonia. Please keep John in your prayers, as he fights to beat this latest medical issue.

4:00 P.M. on Columbus Day, October 12, 2026, at 732 Morton Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ. The Raffle will be broadcast via Zoom for those unable to attend in person. State tuned for more info.

WPX Contest

Club members Joe, NJ9L, Jim, W2UM, Dom, KD2EPM and Tom, N2JIE, operated the WPX contest in March as a DISTRIBUTED club. We made 448 QSOs and 158,010 points. As we were not "full time" operators, I don't think that was a bad score for our first attempt.

Thank You for Your Donations

Through several means, in 2026 we have received over \$500 in donations and through RaiseRight. Thank you to ALL of our contributors!

Special Event Stations

Club members Lenny, N2FGP, and Tom, N2JIE, operated the New Jersey State Free Throw Championship Special Event Station in Sayreville, NJ. Sixty eight QSOs into 17 different states and seven countries were made during the SES weekend.

RaiseRight is similar to the former AmazonSmile program, or if you are really old like me, the Entertainment Book. Simply make a purchase through RaiseRight, and a certain percentage of your purchase will go to the NJKCARC. Some of the familiar names associated with RaiseRight are Home Depot, Applebee's, Ace Hardware and Starbucks. There are over 750 national brands that you can purchase from via RaiseRight, or download their app. Total charge to you--29 cents per transaction. Please go to RaiseRight.com/invite/app/EMail/RR-ML2C6JHPYW and sign up!

Our next SES is scheduled to occur during the 130th New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Convention. I look forward to seeing you--or working you--at the convention.

Grants

I wish I had news regarding our grant submissions, but I should be hearing from Amateur Radio Digital Communications literally any day now. I made some changes to our submission and re-submitted the grant application prior to the deadline. Keep your fingers crossed!

Raffle

We have been approved for our next raffle! Once again, we will be offering \$1,000 in gift cards to the lucky winner of our next raffle, which will be held at



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What's New in Amateur Radio?

Last year, SteppIR, manufacturer of arguably the best antenna systems (and the most expensive) in the Amateur Radio Market, ceased Amateur Radio antenna manufacturing as of June 2025. They recently announced that they will be resuming future sales online. That is great news for quality antenna aficionados.

More good news is that ITU Corporation in Linton, IN will begin manufacturing Hy-gain and Cushcraft antennas. ITU purchased the familiar brands from MFJ, when they closed their doors in May 2024. Read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxpnkw5>.

Hamfest season is upon us. If you are planning to attend a hamfest as a NJKCARC representative, please let me know. We have banners for you to display.

What's New in the Knights of Columbus?

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus were there for our bishops, priests and the public. Fish fries were everywhere. With recent and ongoing Confirmations, the Fourth Degree members are present when the bishops confirm those completing the third sacrament of initiation to the Catholic Faith.

Tragic News

Christians are being murdered daily in Nigeria. According to CitizenGo, an average of 32 Christians PER DAY are killed in the west African country. Read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/3hpr5cn9>

The United States of America's 250th Anniversary Celebration

As mentioned previously, the NJKCARC will have the opportunity to operate under the W1AW/2 callsign in June and August of this year. Get your antennas up, and your amps tuned. Let's make this a showing that we can brag about for years to come.

Nets

We still need assistance! Whether you just check in or volunteer to be a Net Control Operator, we need you for our weekly nets. Our net schedule is:

Monday at 7:00 pm Eastern on 40m
Monday at 8:00 pm Eastern on 80m on or about 3.953 MHz+-.

Please check NetLogger.org for correct operating frequency, especially on 40m.

Thank you for all that you do for Amateur Radio, the Knights of Columbus and the NJKCARC.

Vivat Jesus and 73,

Tom, N2JIE



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PURPOSE STATEMENT

The New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club (NJKCARC) is organized and established as a non-profit 501(c)(3) 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.