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Newsletter of the

New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Prayers Needed.

John Marrin, W2RN, a founding member of the NJKCARC, became a Silent Key in April. We continue to pray for him. Marty has been kind enough to include our club in the Mass Card he sent to John's family.

May perpetual light shine upon him

W1AW/2

The NJKCARC invites its members to take part in the 250th celebration of the independence of the United States of America, with club operation of W1AW/2 in June and August. This is perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime event for most of us. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in the event.

Special Event Station

The 130th New Jersey State Convention of the Knights of Columbus was held from May 8-18th, 2026. Participants were Jim, W2UM and Tom, N2JIE, using club callsign NJ2KC.

The numbers were extremely low this year, with less than 200 total QSOs. No contacts were made at the Convention Center, even though the club's Wolf River Coil was set up on the roof of the Convention Center.

In order to get the antenna on the roof, I was led down a 100-yard hallway, up 24 steel steps, down a 75-yard corridor, up 16 steel steps, down a 50-yard hallway, onto the roof for another 75 yards—all while carrying my antenna and 80 lbs. of

sand to keep the antenna from blowing away!

On a positive note, I met Tom, KE2DQM, and Bob, K2OFC, along with his XYL Annette, KD2IBU, at the Convention. Annette was our raffle winner last year. Let's see if she can make it two years in a row.

We also signed up **THREE NEW MEMBERS** (actually, two new members and one returning member whose membership had lapsed). Word is getting out!

I also handed our NJ2KC Special Event Station banners to Tom and Bob, as well as License Manuals to them, and to two of our new prospective members.

One of our new prospective members works at the Convention Center and has thoughts on erecting a long wire antenna on the roof--permanently--for us, and for other Special Event Stations.

Raffle

Raffle tickets are now available. Once again, we will be offering \$1,000 in gift cards to the lucky winner of our next raffle. Please contact me for your tickets. I would like to see each member sell at least one or two books of 10 tickets. Ask hams to write their callsign on the back of their ticket stub and ask Knights to write their council number on the back of their ticket stub. Ask those who are both Knights and hams to join the NJKCARC!



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The drawing of the winning raffle ticket will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Columbus Day, October 12, 2026, at 732 Morton Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ. We hope to have a Zoom link or other comparable online viewing available at that time.

RaiseRight

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 cost to you--29 cents per transaction. Please go to RaiseRight.com/invite/app/EMail/RR-ML2C6JHPYW and sign up!

Grants

We were once again denied a grant through Amateur Radio Digital Communications. I met with the grant director via Zoom, and she stated there were concerns from board members that the Knights of Columbus limits membership to Catholic men and was not an inclusive organization. I explained that we will offer our emergency communications services free to all, and that volunteers and interns are welcome to assist, no matter the age, sex, etc.

What are your thoughts on having a family membership for our club? Perhaps that is something to consider.

What's New in Amateur Radio?

Most state conventions were held in the past week or so.

The Dayton Hamfest, held in Xenia, OH, arguably the most famous hamfest in the United States if not the world, just ended. Unfortunately, it conflicts with the Knights of Columbus NJ State Convention each year. New radios from the "Big Three" manufacturers were displayed. Maybe one year I will have the chance to attend.

Hamfest season is here. If you are planning to attend a hamfest as a NJKCARC representative, please display one of our banners. I have one more banner to provide to a member. So far, we have banners in the Bridgeton, North Arlington and Cranford areas of the state. Please reach out to Bob, K2OFC, Tom, KE2DQM or Tom, N2JIE, for banners. Information trifold documents and club applications are also available.

What's New in the Knights of Columbus?

Most state conventions were held in the past week or so, many of them this past weekend, when the NJ State Convention was held. Are any of you going to the Supreme Convention in Denver, this year? If so, perhaps you can operate a Special Event Station from the Mile High City.



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CHAPLAIN RE-ASSIGNMENT

Father David Rivera has been re-assigned to Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden, NJ, by Bishop Williams. As such, he will be unable to continue as our chaplain.

Although Father Rivera did not attend many meetings, he was still a crucial part of our club. Please keep him in our prayers and he continues to perform the Lord's work.

If you have any thoughts on a new club chaplain, please let me know.

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus and 73,

Tom

N2JIE

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Bill Lawrence, KE2ILC, who just passed his Technician Class exam. Bill, a Knight in Piscataway, is the first graduate of the NJKCARC Technician Class Training. We are hoping that Bill will join our club soon.



Bill Lawrence, KE2ILC



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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 (SESS) 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.