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Newsletter of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Happy 250th, U.S.A!

Hopefully all our members still have all of their fingers and toes, after the 4th of July celebrations. Did you participate in the **13 Colonies** Special Event Station, with representatives on the air from the 13 original colonies? If you did, let us know how you made out at our next Zoom meeting.

Field Day

Field Day, where hams have the opportunity to practice their Amateur Radio skills using emergency power, was held on June 27 and 28, 2026. Although we did not participate as a club, perhaps you operated from home, or visited clubs that were set up.

I visited the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club (W2MMD) in Mullica Hill, NJ, and spoke with Marty Newingham (was he born with that name, or did he change it?), AG3I, ARRL Atlantic Division Director. He was impressed with my shirt and took a photo of us together. Look for the red, white and blue with N2JIE emblazoned upon it, worn by yours truly! Autographs are free.

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets have been mailed. All members, except those who received tickets from me at the convention, were sent two books of tickets. Sell them to your friends and family. Sell them at your Council, Assembly and Chapter meetings. Sell them!

This is our biggest fundraiser. Unless we obtain a grant, this may be our **ONLY** fundraiser.

The winner of the raffle will receive \$1,000 in gift cards. 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.

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

We have raised almost \$450 from sales through RaiseRight. Simply make a purchase through RaiseRight, and a certain percentage of your purchase will go to the NJKCARC. 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!

This is a no-brainer, passive fundraiser for our club. It will cost you 29 cents each time you use RaiseRight. If you plan on getting your dog groomed, use RaiseRight. If you are planning on purchasing gifts, use RaiseRight. If you are planning on making large purchases, such as plane tickets or large appliances, **PLEASE** use RaiseRight.



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Grants

I re-submitted our grant request recently. Now we wait—again.

HOWEVER, we did receive a grant from 4imprint, for \$500 worth of their promotional items, bearing our logo. Such promotional items can be handed out at hamfests, etc.

What's New in Amateur Radio?

The new Technician Class question pool was released in June. If you know someone who wants to become a ham, make sure they obtain the new question pool.

Another big thing this July is the Special Event Stations. W1AW is still running portable and the 13 Colonies SES is as popular as ever. Our next crack at operating under the W1AW/2 callsign will occur in August. Let me know if you will be interested in operating using the home call of the ARRL.

What's New in the Knights of Columbus?

Knights of Columbus, especially the Color Corps, have been celebrating the 250th anniversary of our great country. They have been present during parades, historical re-enactments and Eucharistic processions. Did you celebrate? Tell us what you did at our next meeting.

Chaplain

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

POTA

Our resident Parks On The Air (POTA) expert, Joe, NJ9L, provided those in attendance at our last meeting, a short explanation of the program. It was a great opportunity, especially for our new members with no POTA experience, to find out about the program that has brought thousands of new hams into the hobby.

Nets

WE NEED NET CONTROL

OPERATORS! Jim, W2UM, and I have been NCOs for 95% of our nets. Due to a change in circumstances, Jim will be unable to continue as the 80m NCO for the foreseeable future. I will be unavailable until further notice, after our house got hit by lightning for the second time in less than eight years.

Please volunteer to be Net Control Operators for our nets!

Our net schedule is:

Monday at 7:00 Eastern on 40m

Monday at 8:00 Eastern on 80m

Please check NetLogger.org for the correct operating frequency.

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

Vivat Jesus and 73,

Tom

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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 (SESSs) 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.