



CQ NJKCARC

Newsletter of the
New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club



I apologize for the late edition of our August newsletter. Look for our September newsletter in March (just kidding).

I also have can cozies to hand out at our local hamfest and raffle. A free can cozie will be shipped with every shirt ordered. Shirts will be available for non-members for \$20 per shirt.

GIFTS AND GRANTS

We were fortunate to have been given part of a ham shack that used to belong to Silent Key Edward F. Kaczmarek, WB2WHQ.

<[Link to Obituary](#)> NJKCARC member Lenny Androziak, N2JGP, and I met up last month, and he transferred vintage Heathkit, Yaesu and Eico rigs, along with some phantom-powered Icom desk microphones and other peripherals, into the possession of the club. Once I have completed the inventory, I will present the list to the club members.



Photo showing N2JIE and N2JPG.

Along with the aforementioned equipment, the club also received our grant of NJKCARC branded items from [4Imprint](#). I have T-shirts with our modified club logo on the back. I included our website address (NJ2KC.org) on the logo, to make it easier for people to look us up online.

The T-shirts are available in sizes from Medium through 4X. They are available to club members for \$15 per shirt, if I can meet up with you. Otherwise, shipping via USPS is \$10 per shirt in NJ. Shipping to the West Coast is \$13 per shirt.



Photo of T-Shirt Bearing Club Logo

RAFFLE

Our raffle is less than six weeks away, and sales are dismal. PLEASE—SELL, SELL, SELL!

We hope to have drinks and pretzels available for sale at our raffle drawing, and hopefully some last-minute ticket sales as well. We also hope to broadcast the drawing online.

I will accept any assistance at the raffle drawing on Columbus Day. Please stop by and help if you are available to do so.

The winner of the raffle will receive \$1,000 in gift cards. Ask hams to write their call sign 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.



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RaiseRight

Please sign up for RaiseRight. We have raised almost \$500 from sales through RaiseRight. Simply make a purchase through RaiseRight, and a certain percentage of your purchase will go to the NJKCARC. Total charge to you--29 cents per transaction. Please go to RaiseRight.com/invite/app/EMail/RR-ML2C6JHPYW <[Link](#)> and sign up!

What's New in Amateur Radio?

The New Jersey QSO Party (NJQP) is scheduled for September 12, 2026, 10a-10p Eastern. <[Visit Link](#)> For those of us in New Jersey, we will try to make as many contacts as possible, while we will be chased by those operators from outside the state. Greg goes for his General Exam the day before, so good luck, Greg!

Our first combined Special Event Station will be held on Columbus Day weekend, with our sister organization, the [Knights Amateur Radio Society \(KARS\)](#). Both call signs, NJ2KC and KC2US, will be used by their respective members. You are only permitted to use the club call of the club of which you are a member.

KARS has members throughout the country, so we may see some DX stations that we haven't come across before.

What's New in the Knights of Columbus?

Our Worthy Supreme Knight has been named by the Holy Father as a member of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Laity, the Family, and Life. The mission of the

Dicastery included the promotion and safeguard of human life.

The Silver Rose will be making its rounds in New Jersey next month, and the Soccer Challenge will get under way order-wide in September. Will your council be participating in either or both of these events?

Goodbye and Hello

Joe, NJ9L, Treasurer, is leaving the Garden State to continue his Nomadic lifestyle, exploring the county and POTAing whenever possible. I am extremely jealous! Joe has volunteered to fill the empty position of Vice President position.

Greg, KE2HXX, has volunteered to replace Joe as Treasurer. Greg will assume the position in October.

Thank you, Joe, for your service, and thank you, Greg, for stepping up to the position of Treasurer.

Chaplain

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

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 my most recent lightning strike.



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PURPOSE STATEMENT

Please volunteer to be Net Control Operators for our nets!

Our current net schedule is:

Monday at 7:00pm Eastern on 40m

Monday at 8:00pm Eastern on 80m

Consult NetLogger.org for specific Band/Frequency.

If you would like to operate the net on a different day of the week, or band, please let me know. The schedule is not etched in stone.

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

Vivat Jesus and 73,

Tom
N2JIE

ANNIVERSARY

The NJKCARC will celebrate its third anniversary on September 11, 2026. I want to thank all of the charter members for helping to bring the club to fruition, for filing the proper paperwork, for being club officers and so much more. We would not still be in existence if not for all of you.

While we celebrate our anniversary, it is impossible to not think of the thousands of Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, as the result of terrorist attacks on the United States of America. We thank those who defended our country as a result of the attacks, and allow us to experience the freedom that we all enjoy.

JOIN US !!!

Those eligible may join NJKCARC. Visit <https://NJ2KC.org/join-us> for details.

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.