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Newsletter of the
New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club

NJKCARC ANNUAL RAFFLE



Our R**affle** is just a couple of weeks away. We will make a few dollars, but nowhere near the $800 we made last year.. PLEASE—SELL, SELL, SELL, but get your stubs to me prior to the raffle. If you mail stubs and are unsure if they will make it to me in time, please take a photo of the stubs and EMail or text them to me. To those of you who have sold tickets, THANK YOU!

Wawa will be giving us soft pretzels for the event. With some mustard, napkins and drinks, maybe we can make a few extra dollars, along with last minute ticket sales.

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 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, Monday, 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. Please visit the home page of our website for the Zoom link info: https://NJ2KC.org

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 and sign up!

What's New in Amateur Radio?

Congratulations to **Greg, KE2HXK**, for obtaining his **General Class license**. I sent Greg a RadioGram that congratulated him on his achievement, which he received.

Our first combined **Special Event Station** will be held on **Columbus Day weekend**, with our sister organization, the Knights Amateur Radio Society (KARS). Both callsigns, 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.

There will be a joint Zoom meeting of NJKCARC and KARS on September 30, 2026, at 8:00 P.M., for those of you who wish to participate in the Special Event Station. The meeting will go over the Operator Status Page operation, logging and QSL creation.

An Email will be distributed to all members with the Zoom link to join us for this informative meeting. If you do not receive the Email, please contact me.

Please bring your questions, concerns and recommendations!

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Just a reminder that you MUST be a member of the NJKCARC in order to use our club callsign, NJ2KC during the special event.

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

We have had several Knight/hams express an interest in joining either the NJKCARC or KARS in the past few months. I have reached out to each of them, sent them information on joining the respective organizations, and am awaiting their response.

Becoming a Member of NJKCARC and/or KARS combines your interest in Amateur Radio with the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization! Even if you do not have your FCC-issued Amateur Radio (Ham) License yet, as long as you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are eligible to join!

- To join NJKCARC: <Link>
- To join KARS: <Link>

What's New in the Knights of Columbus?

The **Soccer Challenge** is in full gear in the Order, with the state Soccer Challenge being held in November. We wish good luck to all of the athletes.

The **"Send a Hero Home for the Holidays" program** is also active. Donations are being accepted to send home an E4 or less to his or her home in the lower 48, from their post here in New Jersey. Please consider making a donation today! <Link>

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?

Vintage Equipment

Some of the equipment that has been donated to the club works! I have not been able to test it all, because the power cords from long ago were not included in the donations, and current, commercially-available power cords will not work with the 50-year-old equipment. The equipment is available to club members, if you wish to listen, operate or repair.

I found several kits, still in their original packaging, amongst our donated equipment. I feel they will go for a decent amount of money at the upcoming hamfest in my area. Some are valued at nearly $100 in their pristine condition.

Chaplain

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

Nets

WE NEED NET CONTROL OPERATORS!

We still need Net Control Operators.
I will attempt to run the net on Monday.
Stop by! Check in!

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Please volunteer to be Net Control Operators for our nets!

Our current net schedule is:

Monday at 7:00 Eastern on 40m
Monday at 8:00 Eastern on 80m

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
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OUR CLUB

The NJKCARC celebrated its third anniversary in September! We are pushing forward, slowly but surely. We have received a few dollars, here and there, but we need EVERYONE's help to continue our charitable works and increase our outreach efforts!

Please donate through our donation link on our website which utilizes Zeffy.com for a user-friendly donation experience.

Sign up for RaiseRight, too, and help us even more! We have renewed our GrantStation membership, to hopefully secure some more grants for the club.

JOIN US !!!

Those eligible may join NJKCARC!!! Visit https://NJ2KC.org for details.

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.