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**K of C Soccer Challenge**  
**START PLANNING NOW!**

Grand Knights and Program Directors,

Because the Soccer Challenge comes so early in the year, it often seems impossible to pull the program off. Everything you need is in the kit, and all you have to do is not make it more complicated than it has to be. The program is all about the children and the kids having fun. It is not about a fancy venue or pomp and circumstance. All you have to remember is **KEEP IT SIMPLE and KEEP IT FUN.**

**Check List**

1. **Order A Kit** – The order form is in your Council Report Forms Booklet. The State Council has several cases of them on hand. Once those are out, order your kit from Supreme Council. The kit is free.
2. **Find a Goal to use and determine the Date** – All you need is one goal. The jig is easy to make. Do not spend a lot of money to do this. In fact, try to find a place where the use of the goal is free. Tell the venue manager that the Knights are a non-profit organization, the event is open to all children, and you charge nothing to the participants. It only takes 2-4 Knights the day of the event to pull this off. You need to host your Council event in late August to early September. Your District event will follow in late September or early October.
3. **Soccer Balls** – Size 4 balls for ages 9-11, and size 5 balls for ages 12-14.
4. **Getting the Word Out** – A Public Service Announcement used to be free, and it used to be easy to drop fliers off at schools. Now, drop fliers to parents off at practices and games. Have Club & Recreational leaders e-mail parents.
5. **Have Fun When the Kids Show Up** – Have the kids that are not kicking and the parents help retrieve balls so that nobody is bored. If the children and their parents have fun, they'll return next year and tell their friends. Make each child feel special.
6. **Keep Your District Deputy Informed** – Your DD needs to arrange for the District event. Your DD will order the District medallions.

**Why have an ordinary year when you can have an extraordinary year? Start your fraternal year off with a bang and expose your Council to new fathers and possible future Knights.**

If you have questions, I am only a phone call away. **Make your District Deputy's day. Make sure this program is on the agenda for your next meeting.**

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Soccer Chairman

*Chosen To Go And Bear Fruit That Will Remain*