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Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Are you ready for a party? The party starts as soon as you have your KofC Soccer Challenge Kit ordered. You can order online at the website www.kofc.org then in the search field type soccer challenge. You should have your orders in by August 2017.

All Grand Knights and District Deputies should have the official guide for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge in their possession. This booklet lays out the program for the Soccer Challenge. Page 3 shows how the soccer net should be marked off. I realize many of our councils are in towns that do not have soccer teams or facilities. Looking at page 3, it would be very easy to build a soccer goal if none are available. This would be a great way to get members of councils working together on a project. It would also be a way to get the name of the Knight of Columbus out among the community, not just the parish. Page 4 lists the eligibility criteria for participants. Notice, there is no requirement to belong to the KofC or a Catholic Parish. Pages 7 through 10 are the guidelines for the Council Chairman who is handling the KofC Soccer Challenge. Advertisement is of great importance in making this a successful program for all.

District Deputies and Grand Knights of each District should get together and discuss the program. Those councils that do not have soccer in their area could work with the DD's and split the cost of buying soccer balls among the councils in the area as well as the cost to build a goal. Soccer balls can be bought for \$100.00 for ten official balls. Split the cost and the use among the councils of the area and it works out to \$25.00 a piece. The goal can be built for approximately \$30.00 plus the time of the Knights to put it together. If you are in an area that has soccer teams in schools as well as park board teams, talk with your local Schools or Park Districts to secure soccer fields and equipment to use. Most will be more than glad to help you. All it takes is a visit or telephone call to make this happen.

This is a chance for our community youngsters to take part in one of the fastest growing sports in the nation. It also gives the Knights of Columbus a great opportunity to recruit new members at no cost! If you have questions or problems with implementing the program, please feel free to call me.

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SOCCER CHALLENGE

All rules and regulations can be found in the Soccer Challenge kit ordered from the Supreme Council (telephone number 1-203-752-4016 or www.kofc.org then in the search field type soccer challenge.

Attention Grand Knights: In order to be eligible for competition, all entrants must register with a Knights of Columbus Council prior to beginning competition. All applications must be made on an official entry form which must be filled out completely (including council number, and signed. Entrants may compete in only one council competition. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant on September 1, 2017, not their age on the day of the competition.

ATTENTION DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND REGIONAL CHAIRMAN: You must schedule your district and regional contest right away (Preferably in August) in order that the lower-level contest holder knows when their contest must be completed by and can pass on the next level information to their winners.

**District and Regional Competition Dates Set-August
Council Championships-August
District Championships-September
Regional Championships-September**

Please schedule events early in the month in case of bad weather

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, October 21, 2017 - 2820 Bluestem Dr. - West Fargo, ND

Registration 12:00 – Competition 1:00 p.m

REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

Region 1 – Dickinson

**Chair: Ross Reiter
Co-Chair: Kent Maershbecker
Districts 2, 3, 4**

Region 2 – Minot

**Chair: Edward Ridl
Co-Chair: Henry Larocque
Districts 1, 8, 9, 10**

Region 3 – Bismarck

**Chair: Rodney Carpenter
Co-Chair: Ralph Gabrysh
Districts 5, 6, 7, 11**

Region 4 – Grand Forks

**Chair: Daryl Kempel
Co-Chair: Greg Hazard
14, 15, 16**

Region 5 – Fargo / Sept. 27, 2016

**Chair: Ryan Bosch
Co-Chair: Kevin Cowles
Districts 17, 18, 19**

Region 6 – Jamestown

**Chair: Dr. Fred Mitzel
Co-Chair: Chuck Jerome
Districts 12, 13, 20**

Regional Chairmen will be responsible for forwarding all finalists (score sheets) to the State Youth Activity Chairman, no later than October 1, 2017.

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