



Rules for the Search for the Queen of Hearts Raffle

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- 1) Equipment required: A series of two-part, sequentially numbered raffle tickets; a raffle ticket drum; a standard deck of fifty-two playing cards plus two jokers; fifty-four envelopes numbered 1 through 54; and a game board onto which these envelopes can be affixed side-by-side, and held securely by a locking, transparent cover.
- 2) The raffle shall be run by a Queen of Hearts committee (“the Committee”) consisting of no fewer than four (4) Lodge members in good standing.
- 3) To prepare for each game, a deck of playing cards shall be placed face down on a surface. Each card shall be placed into an unnumbered envelope and shuffled. Numbers shall then be applied. The envelopes shall be placed side-by-side onto the game board. The transparent game board cover shall then be closed and locked.
- 4) The Lodge shall offer a series of two-part, sequentially numbered raffle tickets for sale for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from the Lodge bartender and may only be purchased by any Elk, Elkette or widow of a deceased Elk in good standing. A current Elks membership card MUST be presented to the bartender or the QoH Committee salespersons at the time of purchase. No card, no play.
- 5) Each player shall write his or her name on the Lodge’s part of the ticket. The player may also write his telephone number and/or the number of the envelope that he wishes to select if his ticket is drawn. The Lodge’s part of the ticket will then be deposited into the raffle ticket drum. The raffle drum will be kept behind the bar under the control of the bartender. Tickets that have been mutilated in anyway (i.e. bent, creased, folded, etc.) will be discarded at the discretion of the committee members.
- 6) The purchasing player MUST retain the other part of the ticket as a receipt for verification purposes. The number on the drawn raffle ticket must match the printed number on the receipt presented for the prize.



- 7) Seventy (70%) of the monies collected from the sale of raffle tickets shall be designated the Grand Prize Pool.
- 8) The remaining thirty percent (30%) of the monies collected from the sale of raffle tickets shall be donated to the Lodge Charity Account.
- 9) One raffle ticket shall be drawn by a Committee member or the previous week's winner, if present, each Friday night at 7:00 pm from among all of the tickets sold for each drawing.
- 10) The participant holding the winning ticket must show the EXACT MATCHING stub and, only after that has been confirmed, shall be declared the winner of that drawing and be awarded a \$100.00 cash prize. If the participant is present for the drawing, he will be given the option to take an additional \$400.00 for a total cash prize of \$500.00 or to "Search for the Queen of Hearts".
- 11) If a player opts to search for the Queen of Hearts, he shall select one of the numbered envelopes. A committee member will remove the selected envelope from the locked case and open it. If that envelope contains the Queen of Hearts, the holder of the winning raffle ticket selecting that envelope shall be awarded the Grand Prize if they are a member of lodge #1770. If the player is from any lodge other than #1770, the player will receive 95% of the Grand Prize with 5% being retained as a donation to the Lodge #1770 Charity Account.
- 12) If a player elects to take the additional \$400.00 for a total \$500.00 prize, he or she gives up the opportunity to win any additional prize monies. However, an envelope will still be selected and opened. If that envelope contains the Queen of Hearts, the game shall continue to the following week. The player whose ticket is drawn the following week shall be the winner of the Grand Prize subject to the same rules/regulations of authenticity and verification. Then the game will proceed as described in sections 18 and 19 below.
- 13) If a player elects to search for the Queen of Hearts and the selected envelope contains the Queen of Diamonds, Clubs or Spades, that player shall receive an additional \$100.00 for each \$5,000.00 increment of the Grand Prize Total. For example, if the Grand Prize is \$5,000 or less, the player receives \$100.00, if it is \$10,000 or less, he receives \$200.00; at \$15,000 or less, \$300.00, etc.
- 14) A player need not be present at the drawing to win. If an absent player's ticket is drawn and the player's telephone number has been written on the ticket, a committee member will call the player to advise that their ticket has been drawn. If there is no telephone number on the ticket, that ticket will be discarded and another ticket will be drawn. If the absent player has written his envelope selection on the ticket, that envelope will be opened. If the player has not written his selection on the ticket, his selection will default to the lowest numbered envelope that is still in play. An absent player who has selected the Queen of Hearts will receive 80% of the Grand Prize (or 75% if the player is not a member



of Lodge #1770 as described in #11 above).

15) If a player's name is illegible or missing from the back of the winning ticket, that player may collect his prize by producing his ticket stub with the number that matches the number on the ticket drawn. If there is no one present who can produce such a ticket stub, the envelope selection will continue as described in item 14 above. The winning player will then have 72 hours to produce his ticket and claim his prize. If the prize is not claimed within 72 hours, it will be rolled into the current Jackpot.

16) If the envelope selected does not contain the Queen of Hearts, the card shall be returned to the game board face-up and the transparent, locking cover securing the cards shall be locked by a Committee member. All remaining tickets in the raffle drum shall be discarded.

17) The weekly raffle drawings shall continue until a winner selects the Queen of Hearts.

18) If the Queen of Hearts has been selected there will be no ticket sales for 7 days and no drawing on the following Friday night to allow the committee to meet and amend the rules if necessary. Ticket sales will begin one week from the Saturday following the drawing in which Queen of Hearts was selected.

19) The proceeds from the current week's sales will not be included in the current week's jackpot. If the queen of hearts is not selected in the current week's drawing, then the current week's sales will be split 70-30 as described in sections 7 and 8 above. However, if the queen of hearts is drawn, then 100% of that week's sales will be used to fund the new jackpot. Donations to the Lodge charity account will be suspended for that week.

20) One free ticket will be given each Friday to any #1770 Lodge member in good standing who requests one.

21) When the Queen of Hearts is selected, the winning player shall be awarded the Grand Prize as described herein above. Taxes on any prize over \$10,000 will be assessed and transferred to the IRS by the lodge to conform to all federal, state and Grand Lodge laws and policies. The winner must provide photo identification, a valid Elks membership card and tax information so that all appropriate Internal Revenue Service documents (including IRS Form W2-G & Form 5754) can be issued by the Lodge. The assessed tax is currently set at 25% of the Jackpot.

22) If any questions arise regarding the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Committee shall be final.