

Raffle Procedures

Given the national discussion over what constitutes games of chance, here is a review of our current raffle procedures, the only game of chance fundraiser allowed by our code. Please review the Grand Master's proclamation, the raffle special dispensation form, the secretary of state raffle request, and the states attorney notification form. Here are also a few things to remember:

- Raffle proceeds can only be used for Masonic charities
- 50-50 tickets are considered raffles and must follow the same rules
- Internet raffle sales are illegal in South Dakota
- Poker runs with an entry fee are illegal in South Dakota

Raffles have been a successful way to raise charitable funds for Masonic bodies, but make sure your lodge follows the Grand Master's proclamation and the proper procedures for raffles.