

# QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Kingston Elks Lodge #550 has begun a “Queen of Hearts” raffle with the first drawing to take place on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 9:10PM. This will be a weekly raffle with a progressive jackpot. The “Queen of Hearts” raffle has quickly become popular in Lodges across New York and jackpots regularly grow to thousands of dollars. You won’t have to be present to win, but you’ll miss the excitement of the drawings.

The game starts with a deck of 52 playing cards plus 2 jokers being shuffled and placed individually in small envelopes. The envelopes are sealed, reshuffled and numbered from 1 to 54 and placed in a locked display case. Tickets are sold for the raffle just like any other raffle and must be turned in by 9:00 PM the night of the raffle. At 9:10 PM on raffle night the tickets are mixed and a winner is drawn (1<sup>st</sup> week and 26<sup>th</sup> week 3 tickets are drawn). That winner then picks a numbered envelope from the display case and that envelope is opened and the card revealed. If the card is the Queen of Hearts they win 60% of the raffle money collected that week plus any jackpot carryover. If they pick any other card they win a prize based on the following payout schedule:

<u>CARD DRAWN</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
QUEEN OF HEARTS	60% OF Ticket Money Plus Carry Over From Previous Week (min. \$100.00)
ANY OTHER QUEEN	\$25.00
ANY JOKER	\$20.00
ANY ACE	\$15.00
ANY 10, JACK or KING	\$15.00
ANY 6, 7, 8, or 9	\$10.00
ANY 2, 3, 4, or 5	\$10.00

The jackpot money not paid out to the raffle winner is carried over to the following week’s drawing and tickets for that raffle go on sale immediately after the drawing.

The card picked is marked and placed face up in the display case for all to see and the following week there is one less envelope (card) to choose from. This continues every week until the Queen of Hearts is discovered and the jackpot won. After the jackpot has been won all remaining cards are marked and discarded and a new game is started with a new deck of cards.

You don’t have to be present to win. Ticket stubs can be marked with the player’s choice of envelope numbers remaining unopened. If a ticket does not have a number, or if that number has already been picked, and the player is not present, the bartender that night will pick a number and the game will continue as if the player had picked it themselves.

Raffle tickets can be sold to anyone you wish (the more sold the bigger the jackpot), but must be turned in each week. The color of the raffle tickets will change each week, so you cannot just turn them in for the following week.