

MANISTEE ELKS LODGE

Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle

Official House Rules • June 5 – December 18, 2026

Overview

This is a Progressive Playing Card Raffle where 60% of total ticket sales (less consolation prizes) accumulates as the grand prize. Manistee Elks Lodge #250 retains all remaining proceeds.

Tickets & Eligibility

1. Tickets cost \$5.00 each. Participants must be 18 or older. Membership is not required.
2. Tickets may be purchased during normal Lodge hours or from authorized ticket sellers.
3. Each participant should clearly provide the name, phone number, and the envelope number they select (from 1 to 54) on each ticket stub.
4. Raffle chairpersons may not purchase tickets.

Weekly Drawings

5. Drawings take place Fridays at 8:00 PM, with ticket sales ending at 7:30 PM.
6. No drawing will occur on November 27, 2026 (the day after Thanksgiving).
7. Winners need not be present to win.
8. All consolation prize winners are paid by check immediately following each drawing.
9. Cancellation: If severe weather or other unforeseen events prevent a drawing, tickets roll over to the next scheduled drawing date. Notification will be sent by email and/or Facebook.

Card Selection Procedure

10. A sealed deck of 52 playing cards plus 2 jokers (54 total) is shuffled and placed face-down into individual envelopes. Envelopes are sealed, reshuffled, numbered 1–54, signed across the seal by two chairpersons, and locked in a display case on the Lodge main floor.
11. At each drawing, a ticket stub is drawn at random. The envelope number written on that stub is retrieved and opened to reveal the card inside.
 - a. If that envelope number is no longer available, the next available lower number is opened.
 - b. If the envelope number is missing, a 60-sided die is rolled. Any result other than 1–54 requires a re-roll, if that number is already selected, the next available lower number is opened.
12. The display case is visible to all on the Lodge main floor. A photo is posted weekly to our website and/or Facebook page.

Game Progression

13. If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the revealed card is marked and displayed face-up in the case. A consolation prize is awarded based on the card drawn and the total ticket sales (see Prize Schedule below). Prizes cannot exceed the grand prize balance; payouts stop when funds are exhausted.
14. The grand prize carries forward each week after consolation prizes are deducted. All tickets from that drawing are discarded and new sales begin immediately for the next drawing.

15. When the Queen of Hearts is drawn, all remaining envelopes are discarded and a new game begins with a fresh deck.
16. Final Drawing: If the Queen of Hearts has not been drawn by the December 18, 2026 license expiration, drawings will continue on that date—paying consolation prizes—until the Queen of Hearts is drawn or all prize funds are exhausted.

Prizes, Taxes & Unclaimed Funds

17. A 1099 form is required for all prizes over \$600.
18. Prizes over \$5,000 are subject to tax withholding prior to payout: Michigan 4.25% and Federal 25%. Winners must provide valid photo ID and complete all required tax forms before receiving payment.
19. Any prize not claimed within 60 days—after a diligent effort to contact the winner—will be donated to another nonprofit with approval from the Michigan Charitable Gaming Division. Prizes may not revert to the Lodge.
20. Tickets excluded from a drawing will be refunded to the purchaser by check.

Consolation Prize Payment Schedule

Consolation prize amounts are based on the card drawn and total ticket sales:

Card Drawn	Total Ticket Sales			
	\$0 – \$999	\$1,000 – \$4,999	\$5,000 – \$9,999	\$10,000+
2 through 10	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100
Face Card (J,Q,K)	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250
Ace	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$500
Joker	\$100	\$250	\$500	\$1,000

2026 Licensed Drawing Dates

All drawings are held on Fridays. License period: June 5 – December 18, 2026*

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7/3/2026	7/10/2026	7/17/2026	7/24/2026	7/31/2026	8/7/2026
8/14/2026	8/21/2026	8/28/2026	9/4/2026	9/11/2026	9/18/2026
9/25/2026	10/2/2026	10/9/2026	10/16/2026	10/23/2026	10/30/2026
11/6/2026	11/13/2026	11/20/2026	12/4/2026	12/11/2026	12/18/2026

*No drawing on 11/27/2026