



Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota

PROCLAMATION

Raffles and Use of Raffle Proceeds 20 July 2019

I hereby proclaim the following on raffles and the use of raffle proceeds.

It shall be permissible for a Lodge to hold a Lottery (raffle) under the following conditions:

1. That all raffles comply with the South Dakota Judicial Code Section 22:25-24.
2. The motion to hold a raffle must be seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority of the members present at a Stated Meeting.
3. That a raffle will be for the purpose of raising funds for only approved Masonic Charities or for improving the Lodge owned building in which a Lodge shall regularly meet.
4. Proceeds from a lottery (raffle) May Not be used to offset member dues in any way.
5. That no individual Mason will benefit or make a profit from any raffle.
6. That a Lodge not lose money: if any raffle fails to raise the necessary funds to cover the expense of the raffle, the members of the Lodge shall, from personal funds, pay that portion not covered by the sale of the raffle tickets.
7. The Lodge must submit a Special Dispensation form to the Grand Master for approval accompanied by any State and Local permits.
8. Any form of "chance enterprise" other than a raffle shall be strictly prohibited. No Lodge and/or no Mason shall give or attempt to give the aid or countenance of Masonry, in organized or individual form, to any other form of chance enterprise.

The term "lottery" shall be construed as a "raffle". Raffle defined as: a method of raising funds for a purpose approved by a Lodge through the sale of tickets or chances from which the winning ticket or tickets will be selected and the pre-determined prize or prizes awarded to the holder or holders of the winning ticket or tickets.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Harold D. Ireland".

Harold D. Ireland

Grand Master of Masons

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