**RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE**

*(15 June 2021)*

**RAFFLE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE** (“Raffle”) is being conducted by the Church of the Holy Apostles (“CHA”), which is a not-for-profit religious organization. The Raffle is being conducted pursuant to the Illinois Raffles Act 230 ILAFC 15/0/01 et seq., and the Village of Wauconda Raffle rules.

**Proceeds:** All proceeds raised by the Raffle will benefit the CHA in fulfillment of its religious, educational, and/or charitable missions. The Raffle Official Rules and Regulations (“Official Rules”) are set forth in this document. By purchasing a Raffle ticket (“Ticket”) the purchaser acknowledges that they are aware of, and agree to be bound by, these Official Rules and CHA’s interpretation of any such Official Rules. CHA shall be solely responsible for interpreting and applying the Official Rules. CHA’s interpretating and application of such rules shall be final. CHA reserves the right to amend these Official Rules upon ten (10) days’ notice pursuant to an update provided on CHA’s website or otherwise published in CHA’s parish bulletin or some other written medium available for review.

**Eligibility:**  Any individual who is 18 years of age or older at the time the Ticket is purchased is eligible to enter the Raffle. CHA Queen of Hearts committee members and their respective spouses and children living in the same household are excluded from participating in the Raffle and are ineligible to win a prize. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.

**Raffle Board:** CHA is required to use the Queen of Hearts manufactured raffle board. The board has been developed specifically for this style of raffle. The board has a poker deck of 54 face down sealed numbered cards, which includes 2 Jokers. Under the sealed numbered cards is a randomly placed Queen of Hearts card.

**Prize:** The Queen of Hearts is a progressive 50/50 Raffle. When the Queen of Hearts is picked, 50% of the net proceeds will go to one (1) winner. “Net Proceeds” means the gross receipts from the conduct of such Raffle, less the reasonable operating expenses incurred by CHA as a result of operating such a Raffle. The maximum Raffle pot will be $4,000,000 with $2,000,000 awarded to the winner. Total prize updates will be posted on Facebook and the CHA website. A $25 cash prize will be awarded as a “Consolation Prize” to the individual whose ticket gets picked but fails to reveal the Queen of Hearts.

**Odds:** Probability varies based on ticket sales and how many remaining cards are left of the Queen of Hearts board.

**Cost:** Tickets will be $1.00 each until the jackpot goes over $500,000, at which time tickets will be $5.00 each. Cash will be the only form of payment accepted. All sales are final.

**How to Enter:**  Raffle tickets may be purchased by eligible persons at Strawberry Moon Martini Bar (“SMMB”), 204 South Main Street, Wauconda, during their scheduled hours of operation, typically Tuesday through Saturday from 4 pm until closing; CHA, 26238 N HWY 59, Wauconda; at the Wauconda Farmer’s Market when in session, Main Street Wauconda; and at other special events as designated by the CHA Queen of Hearts Committee.

All Sales will end at 7:15 pm on the night of the scheduled drawing at any location other than the location designated for the drawing, to ensure tickets will be able to be brought to the drawing location in time for the drawing. The CHA Queen of Hearts Committee member hosting the week’s drawing at SMMB will stop all sales at 8:45 on that night. Entries that appear to be tampered with will be void. All contact information shall be legible on the ticket, including full name and phone number. Tickets with address-style labels or other stickers will not be allowed. If the Queen of Hearts is not picked, ticket sales for the next week’s Raffle will begin immediately following the weekly drawing.

Only one (1) eligible person may be entered in the Raffle per Ticket sold. If the name of more than one (1) person is provided on a Ticket and that Ticket is selected as a winning Ticket, then the person named first will be deemed as the holder of record of that Ticket and declared the winner. The division of any prize among a group of persons purchasing a Ticket in common shall be the sole responsibility of the person named as the holder of record of that Ticket should that Ticket be selected as a winner. CHA is not responsible for resolving any disputes that may arise from more than one name on a winning Ticket. Any individual person can purchase as many Tickets as they may wish, subject to availability. Neither CHA, its directors or officers, employees, agents or other representatives assume any responsibility or liability for lost, late, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, illegible or undelivered entries, or any other failure to receive entries, or any failure to deliver a receipt of purchase prior to the drawing deadlines.

**Raffle Drawings:** Will be conducted every Saturday at 9:00 p.m. CST, by a representative of CHA at SMMB, 204 South Main Street, Wauconda, IL. One Ticket will be selected in a random drawing (“Drawing”) from all the tickets sold that week. If the contact information is illegible a new Ticket will be selected. The hand-entered number on the ticket, indicating choice of card to be revealed, will determine which of the 54 cards on the board is opened. If no number is written on the Ticket, the Ticket is discarded, and a new Ticket is drawn. If the Queen of Hearts is not selected, the game will roll over to the next week and that card will remain face up and unavailable for future selection. Each week, all Tickets not selected will be destroyed. Entrants need not be present to win. Winners will be selected at random. All orders for Tickets must be received and/or purchased by the indicated deadline to be eligible for the applicable drawing. In the event the drawing cannot be conducted at the date, time, or location advertised by CHA for any reason, or if a prize cannot be awarded for any reason, representatives of CHA shall set a new date and location for a subsequent drawing.

**Notification of Winners:** CHA will have the sole discretion to determine whether an owner of a Ticket selected at the Drawing (“Potential Winner”) is an eligible entrant and otherwise eligible to be the winner of the prize in accordance with these Official Rules (“Official Winner”). As a condition of the right to collect a Prize and become an Official Winner, any Potential Winner must deliver to CHA a signed statement certifying that the Potential Winner is the rightful owner of the winning Ticket or provide a Ticket receipt in accordance with these Official Rules and all applicable laws. Winners will be contacted according to the contact information provided to CHA at the time of the Ticket purchase. If a selected non-Queen of Hearts winner is unable to be contacted or located after reasonable attempts during three days following the drawing by CHA, or if the prize can not be awarded for any other reason, the prize money will be returned to the Raffle pool. If the winner has selected the Queen of Hearts card, daily attempts will be made to contact the winner until the following Saturday’s drawing, at which point the prize money will be returned to the Raffle pool. In order to collect a prize, the Potential Winner must sign and deliver to CHA written information as is required by any applicable tax and/or real estate laws, including, without limitation, the following: Social Security Number and proof of identity in forms satisfactory to CHA showing that the person claiming the Prize is the same person who is named on the winning Ticket. Winners may be required to submit a W-2G, Form 5754 or similar tax form (provided by CHA) for tax withholding purposes, and may be required to pay withholding tax in an amount required by IRS regulations.

**Non-Deductibility of Ticket Purchase:**  The IRS has taken the position that amounts paid for chances in raffles, lotteries, or similar drawings for valuable prizes are not gifts, and therefore the purchase of a Ticket does not qualify as a deductible charitable contribution.