

### RAFFLE DOCUMENT

It has come to the attention of the Regional Board of Directors that there is some confusion regarding the use of raffles as a means of fundraising for the fellowship.

Changes to State of California law (Senate Bill 639) and penal code (sec. 320.5) that took effect July 1, 2000 have had an effect on the conduct of charitable raffles, and on the allowable prize awards that can be distributed through charitable raffles.

Only 5013c nonprofit corporations that are registered with the State of California Attorney General's Office may conduct legal fundraising raffles. In an effort to help keep our fellowship within the laws of the State of California the Regional Service Office, being registered to conduct raffles, is making this service available to N.A. service bodies in Northern California.

In order for a nonprofit raffle to be legal, the State of California has set up certain requirements regarding prize distribution and financial reporting that must be met:

**1. "... at least 90 percent of the gross receipts from these raffles go directly to beneficial or charitable purposes in California."**

90% of proceeds must go back to the NA entity holding the raffle. You can only spend 10% of what you take in, to hold the raffle. In other words, if you are going to sell \$100 in raffle tickets – you can only spend \$10 to hold the raffle including all costs of what is raffled off, flyers announcing the raffle, cost of tickets etc... **Donations are not a cost.**

**2. "A nonprofit organization that has registered to conduct a raffle must file a separate nonprofit raffle report (attached CT-NRP-2 form, also available online at [www.ca.gov](http://www.ca.gov)) for each raffle held during the year."**

Please have any of your Area service bodies that wish to conduct fundraising raffles contact the Regional Service Office (707-442-9234) for more information and for copies of the financial reporting form.