

## THREE BASIC ELEMENTS OF GAMBLING

### CONSIDERATION

If there is an admission charge for the event then there is an element of *consideration*. A “casino night” format in which no guest is required to part with anything of value to participate in games of chance lacks the *consideration* element of the offense of gambling. Therefore, if there is no admission charge for the event and all guests are given gaming pieces (chips or gaming money) there is no *consideration*.

### CHANCE

Since the object of the “casino night” is to play games of *chance*, it is difficult to completely eliminate this element. As stated previously, the penal code is not violated if one of the three elements is absent. Therefore, the element of *chance* does not have to be removed from the games when either *consideration* or *prize* is absent.

### PRIZE

A *prize* is something offered that has a value. Certificates or trophies having no resale value would not be considered *prizes*. If there is no charge for the gaming pieces then *prizes* of value can be auctioned or given away based on winning.