

J. Kendall Lawson

I am a father of three children: Jacob – 20, Jeff – 18 and Katie – 11. I have been married to my wife, Lady Jennifer, for 20 years. We reside in Kettering, OH.

I obtained both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the last 10 years, both from Wright State University, in Information Systems. I am currently an Infrastructure Engineer for a company out of Cincinnati. I work with Information Technology on a daily basis. I really enjoy the people I work with and the job I get to do every day.

I entered the military right out of High School and did not get to complete my degrees until that time was over. I served 14 years in the military – 4 in the US Marine Corps and 10 years between the Ohio Army National Guard and active duty Army. I started as a Marine in the Infantry as an Enlisted member and a Rifle Range Coach and finished my career as a Chief Warrant Officer in the Army as a MEDEVAC Blackhawk Pilot flying for *Lonestar Dustoff* out of Fort Hood, TX. I truly loved serving my country and the bonus was that I got to fly almost every day. I was selected as a York Rite Emerging Leader from my work in the Craft in York Rite. This program is bestowed to members who demonstrate outstanding leadership. Out of all of the York Rite members in the United States the top .02% are selected to attend this Leadership Training. This equates to about 30 members attending each year

of a three-year program. I have been very fortunate to be selected and I completed this training in March 2017 in Lexington, KY. I am currently the Worshipful Master for Millennium Lodge #779, and a member of the following: Victory Chapter #210, Adoniram Council #131, Reed Commandery #6, Past Venerable Master of Knights of St. Andrew – Valley of Dayton Chapter, Scottish Rite and a plural member of Minerva Lodge #98.

I have seen some great change within Antioch Shrine since I became a Noble in 2013. I have witnessed more families become involved due to the work of the current and some recent Past Potentates, and I want to contribute more to these changes. I watched the Shrine go from almost being sold to renewing and reviving it, and I want to help find new, unique ways to bring additional members and funds into Antioch. I believe that change cannot occur if I sit on the sidelines. I need to be actively involved in change if I want to help make it happen. My involvement in Masonry exemplifies the roots of our Shrine tradition and it is a passion that I see growing stronger daily within Antioch. I am very dedicated, hard-working and passionate about the Shriner's Children's Hospitals and am very pleased by the work we accomplish as a whole. I plan to make tradition the foundation of the work I personally put into Antioch, while being fully supportive of the Divan and Potentate.