



# The Crier



III. Sir Bryan Ogletree, Potentate  
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# From the Potentate

## Ill. Sir Bryan Ogletree

What a year! It has been an absolute honor to serve you as Potentate for 2025. With your help we have accomplished some amazing things this year.

Antioch had record attendance at our Fish Frys, Antioch brought back the Circus, the 1st Annual Purse bingo was a huge success, all of the parades and afterglows, a Sportsman's raffle that doubled in size and profit and on top of all of that Antioch was able to add two brand new vans to our fleet of vehicles.

None of this could have been accomplished without the unwavering support of this year's Divan and all of the support of our aides and from the wonderful membership of Antioch! We are equally excited to hand this over to Soon to be "Illustrious Sir" Kevin and Lady Stacy. We look forward to supporting them and all of Antioch going forward. From Lady Amy and I, to all of you....THANK YOU for a Wonderful Year!!!!



## FROM THE FIRST LADY, AMY

As we come to the close of another wonderful year at Antioch Shrine, my heart is filled with gratitude. This past year has truly been fantastic, and I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support, kindness, and friendship. Serving as First Lady of Antioch has been an incredible honor, and while I am certainly sad to step out of that role, I am overwhelmingly thankful for the memories and relationships that were created along the way.



As one chapter ends, an exciting new one begins. I am beyond excited for Kevin and Stacey and the year ahead. Stacey has some amazing things planned, and you will not want to miss what's coming. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Meet & Greet on January 26, as well as the Ladies Luncheon on April 4 — both are sure to be wonderful events filled with fun and fellowship.

Bryan and I have been so blessed by the love and support shown to us throughout this year, and I ask that you continue that same encouragement and support for Kevin and Stacey as they step into their new roles. The strength of Antioch Shrine has always been its people, and I am so grateful for the friendships that have been established and strengthened over this past year.

Thank you again for making this year so special. I look forward to supporting Antioch Shrine in the year ahead and watching it continue to grow and thrive.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Amy Ogletree



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### Antioch Shrine Chartered June 14, 1898

The Annual meeting will be held on the second Saturday in January. Stated Meetings are held quarterly on the second Monday at 7PM in April and September and in December, the second Saturday at 10AM. Additional sessions may be held at the pleasure of the Illustrious Potentate, provided the due notice thereof be given to the Nobility as provided for in Section 3-6 of the Shrine ByLaws.

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**CALLING ALL SHRINERS**

**OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ANTIOCH SHRINE WILL HOLD A STATED MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE NOBILITY ON**

**JANUARY 10TH, 2026 @ 3PM**

**107 East First Street, Dayton, Ohio**

**"Es Selamu Aleikum"**

*Attested:*

**KEVIN G SWEENEY**  
RECORDER

**BRYAN OGLETREE**  
POTENTATE

## Dear Nobles and Ladies of Antioch

**Two years (or you could call it 24 months or 104 weeks or even 730 days) ago** I began one of my greatest terms of service by being elected to the position of Chairman of the Board of Governors of your **SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OHIO**.

My goal was to always be there to serve you! We have come a long way from patient counts below two to our current average above four patients and many times hitting our maximum of seven patients. We have in place the BEST team! This includes our physicians led by Dr. Sara Higginson along with Dr. Danielle Webster and Dr. Ali Fagin. We could not do this without our long-time serving DPCS Kathy Zaeske who came along for the ride from Cincinnati to Dayton. Our current staff of nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and therapists provide the best care of our patients. The Child Life and Family Services teams coordinate everything for the families here in Dayton and those who travel to our GREAT hospital.



As the first ever Antioch Chairman of a Shriners Hospital, I had some big shoes to fill. **Ills Sir Doug Sorrell Emeritus Treasurer, Ills Sir Doug Boyd, Noble Jerry Jamison** all emeritus members from the Cincinnati facility which is now Ohio. We have hit record contributions in donations to go along with unprecedented patient acquisition efforts and community awareness of the amazing care we provide. All I can say is **THANK YOU** to everyone who has been part of this wonderful ride.

Antioch nobility always had my back!!! When transportation became an issue, Antioch nobility stepped up with driver teams that are second to none led by Bruce Adamison. I am sure I will leave someone out but just let me say **THANK YOU** to those nobles are on call for that 5:00am trips to SCO, or those overnight trips to Chicago, Lexington or St Louis. You are the BEST!!

Middletown, and Champaign County Shrine clubs were always there when I needed them. Middletown cooking for Camp, and Champaign Co. cooking for the summer picnic of both hospitals. Don't let me forget Darke Co. and Miami Co. Shriner Clubs with your hard work and donations and sponsorships. Even the ladies helped. **THANK YOU**, Ellisa Guild, for all your support for our families.

As I end my tear as your chairman, let me say you have fantastic board members, Rob Fickert and Rick Snider to lead **us** for the next few years. They will always have the best interest of Shriners Children's Ohio in their plans.

Finally, I want to end with this: the question I was asked many times, why did I do this?

I guess it was a confluence of many things that lead me to serve on your board and finally as your chairman. Let me make this clear. I am not leaving anything. I am completing this experience and will still be on the Board for 2 more years. I will be working on how to expand current systems and new opportunities. I will be here to help all of you to keep OUR proud fraternity and philanthropy going. I will assist Recorder Ills Sir Kevin Sweeny this coming year as he gets busier every day. **BUT** know this, I will take each one of you with me wherever I go. Trust me when I say I am a better man for doing my service in your company.

Thank you very much for the honor of serving you and as your Chairman! I hope I have made you proud of the work we did for OUR KIDS!!!

**Sincerely,**

**John Bull, Jr. PP**

**Chairman, Board of Governors - Shriners Children's Ohio**



By Noble Tom Hail

The Gun Club held the annual "Family Christmas Party" at our Antioch Shrine last month with a "Belmont Catering" buffet of Shrimp Cocktail, Prime Rib and Chicken Marcela. The outstanding buffet cost was set by Belmont at the same price they charged us at last year's gathering! To top off the meal were many mouth watering desserts brought by our Annie Oakleys. We asked several Antioch clubs to join us and take part in the Christmas celebration. President Jim Free graciously extended the invitation to members and their Ladies of the Provost Guard, the Greeters, the Cabiri and the Springfield Shrine. All accepted and the holiday party was an assembly of Nobles and Ladies dedicated to Shriner comradery.

The Gun Club wishes you all a very happy and blessed 2026 New Year. We meet this month at Antioch on Wednesday the 21st at 7:00pm.



By Noble Tom Hail

We ended the 2025 Parade Season on November 28th with the Dayton Children's Parade. It was preceded by a bountiful buffet at Antioch for all Nobles, Ladies and guests plus parade participants.

Provost had a great year and we send a big thank you to the outgoing Parade Marshall, Steve Yellard. He kept the Provost continually updated with text of information on every parade, afterglow, report time and parade route.

We had a wonderful time last month at the Christmas Party hosted by the Gun Club and appreciated the invitation by their President Jim Free to join the holiday celebration.

Happy New Year from the Provost Guard.

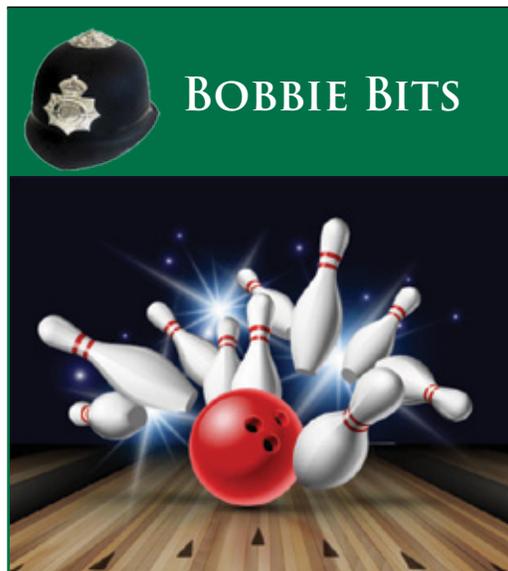


By Noble Gary Shifflett

Happy New Year! Can you believe it's already January 2026? As we kick off a new year, we're excited to introduce the dedicated officers who will be leading the Motor Corps. Serving this year are Donald Taubert, President; Mike Schmitz, Vice President; Jeff Ayres, Sergeant of Arms; Gary Holt, Treasurer; and Harlan Knox, Secretary. We appreciate each of them for stepping up to serve.

The Motor Corps meets on the second Tuesday of each month, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. We encourage everyone to come out, get involved, and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Our Christmas party was a great success, with around 80 in attendance and a terrific band that kept the evening lively. If you haven't joined us lately, now is the perfect time to come out, reconnect, and experience the camaraderie of the Motor Corps. We look forward to seeing you there!



**BOBBIE BITS**

## **Bowling with the Bobbie's**

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 6pm**

**Beaver-Vu Bowl - 1238 N Fairfield Rd.**

**\$20/person or \$100/lane (up to 5 people)**

**Includes 3 hours of bowling & shoes**

**Raffle Baskets & 50/50 Available**

**\*Food & Drinks for Purchase from Snack Bar**

**Contact Charlie Anderson to Sign up**

**937.830.3437 \*Venmo is Available**



## DARKE COUNTY SC

By Noble Ron C. Nischwitz Sr.,

### **A Little Light From The Darke.**

We held our annual election of officers at our November Dinner Meeting, and the newly elected officers will be installed at our January Dinner Meeting.

The Darke County Shrine Club had a very successful fall fund drive. We thanked all our volunteers with a complimentary Dinner at our annual Christmas Party on December 13th. We take great pride in our Fund Drive efforts and the amounts it allows us to donate to Shriners Children's Hospital. Throughout the years we have donated \$2,420,000.00 to Shriners Children's Hospital. In recent years, through hard work and increased effort our yearly donations are growing.

We are also preparing for more involvement in parades in 2026.

Would you like to be a part of something BIGGER? Come and join our Shrine Club and participate in some great fundraising activities and attend our meetings for an evening of fun and fellowship! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A DARKE COUNTY RESIDENT! WE EVEN HAVE MEMBERS IN OTHER STATES! We are actively reaching out to Mercer, Auglaize and Shelby Counties who used to have their own Shrine Clubs, but we welcome one and all! You can even come as a guest if you are not yet a Shriner. We'll be happy to have you and help you get started.

We normally meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Greenville Moose Lodge located at 1200 Sweitzer Street in Greenville, with doors open at 5:00 for social time and dinner is at 6:30 followed by entertainment and our meeting. Call or text me at 937-621-9320 for reservations. Dinner is catered and set up buffet style and \$18.00 per person. We hope to see you there! We will have great fellowship, food, and entertainment as always. Everyone is welcome!

**When the world around us grows darker our Light must shine brighter!  
Rise and Shrine!**



## ELISSA SHRINE GUILD

By Samantha Marcum, Maharanee

Happy New Year! We had a wonderful year in 2025. We participated in some new events with our bake sales and are looking forward to many more in 2026. We will be hosting our Annual Imperial Council Shrine Guilds of America Convention this year in Dayton which we are very much looking forward to. During our Christmas party we had our installation of officers followed by our annual stocking exchange which is always a great time. I have had a wonderful first year as Maharanee and couldn't have done it without the support of the guild and can't wait to see what 2026 holds in store for us. We want to thank everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas Wreath Raffle. We are continuing to collect donations items for the hospital and have started doing more collections based on holidays such as Halloween, New Years, and Valentine's Day. Elissa welcomes all ladies to become a member and have fun with us. For more information or to find out what our monthly donation item is, contact Samantha Marcum at [sgrebs423@gmail.com](mailto:sgrebs423@gmail.com).



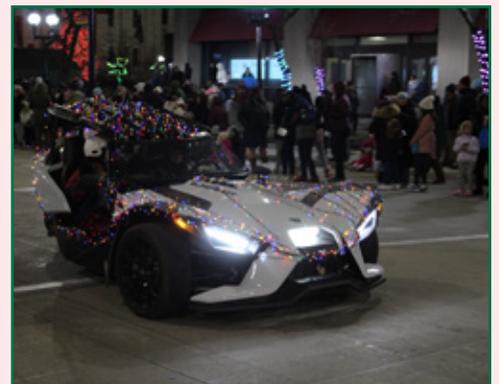
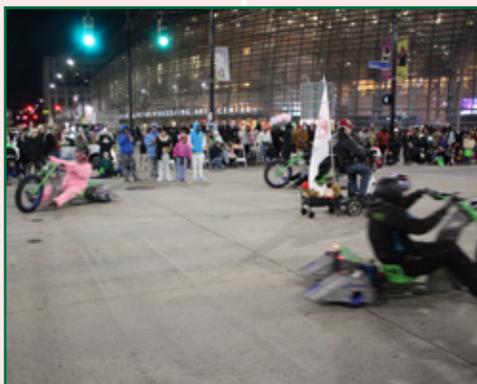


# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA





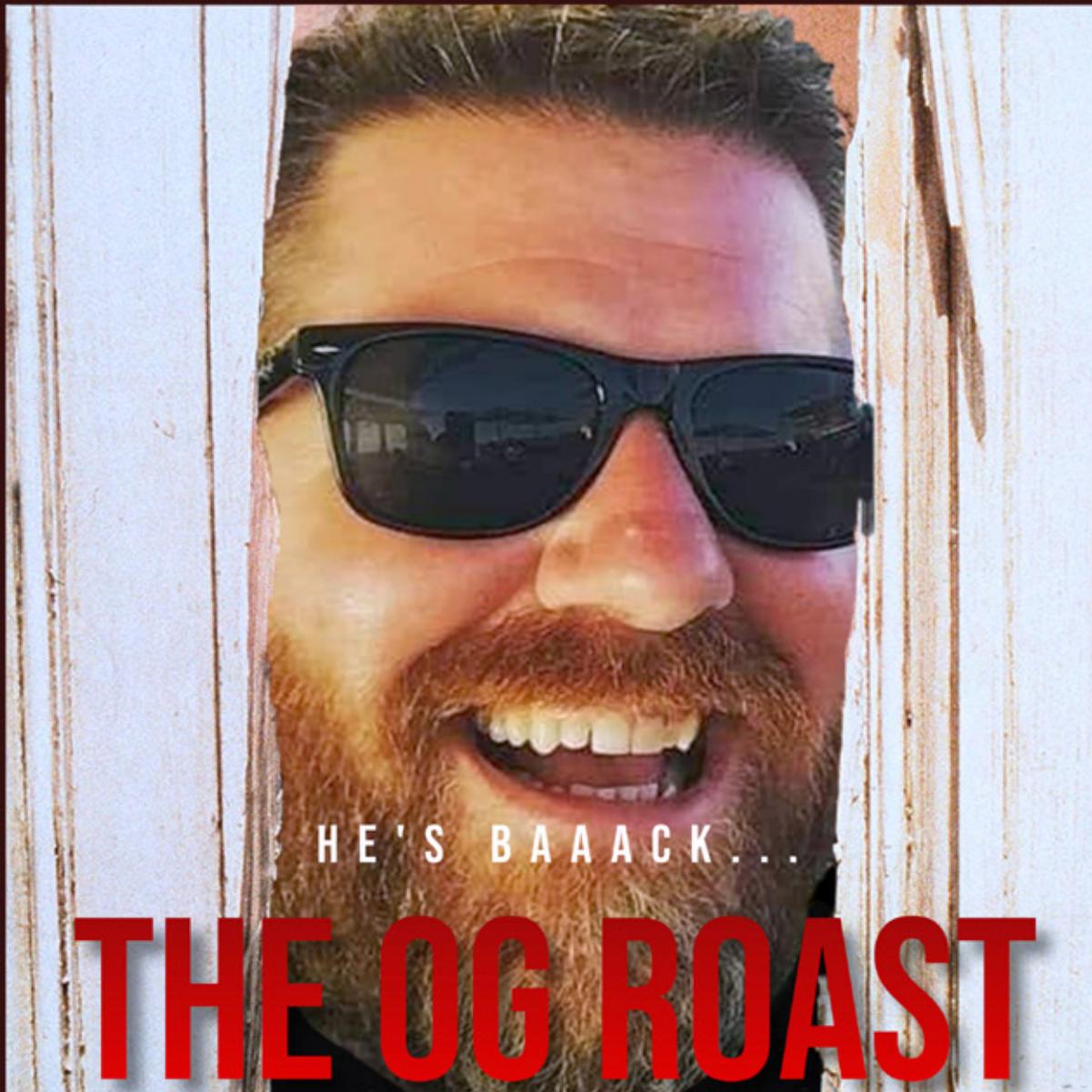
# Dayton Christmas Parade 2025





# Antioch Shrine's Club Style Christmas





HE'S BAAACK...

# THE OG ROAST

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**January 10 2026**

3:00 PM - Stated Meeting

4:00 PM - Installation of Officers

5:00 PM - Cocktail Hour -  
Apps & Cash Bar

6:00 PM - Dinner - \$25 pp  
Immediately followed by roast

RSVP to Antioch - 937-461-4740 or pay on line

**IT'S GOING TO BE TERRIFYING...**

**PG-13**

**BOBBIES**

# **COMEDY NIGHT**

**JANUARY  
24<sup>TH</sup>**

**HEADLINDER: JESSE NUTT**

**FEATURES: KAREN JAFFE  
& CHRIS KAROWSKI**

**HOST: JESSICA GRAUE**

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

**FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

**PAY BAR**

**Doors open at 6  
Show starts at 7**

*@Antioch*

# Antioch Shrine Ladies



# MEET & GREET

January 2026

# 26

6:00 PM

*Hosted by Lady Stacey Smith*

*Dress Code: Casual/Comfortable*

- Meet the Divan Ladies (Shrine Leadership)
- Chicken Salad & Sandwiches provided
- Family Feud Game
- 2026 Antioch Shrine Events Revealed

## Location:

Upstairs Side Wing of Ballroom  
During Men's Leadership Meeting

## Questions?

☎ (937) 760-0679

✉ [staceysmith4@gmail.com](mailto:staceysmith4@gmail.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# Purse Bingo

Galentine's Edition

107 E 1st St, Dayton,  
OH 45402

## February 7th

Doors Open at 11 AM  
Bingo Starts at 12:30 PM

Raffle Baskets

50/50 + Wristlet Raffle

Food + Drinks + Cash Bar

**\$30 Per Ticket (includes Bingo Card)**

Sponsorship Opportunities Available



**Gal Pal Package: \$400**  
**VIP Table For 8**  
Each Person Gets:  
Bottled Water, Drink  
Ticket, Extra Bingo  
Card, VIP Raffle Ticket  
& Special Gal Pal Pizza  
Pricing

# Valentine's With Antioch

## DINNER & MOVIE

11 FEBRUARY 2026

DOOR OPEN  
AT 5:30 PM

Bennett's Publical Grill  
67 S Main St,  
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**TICKET \$25 pp**  
Dinner and Movie Included



Call the office to reserve: 937-461-4740

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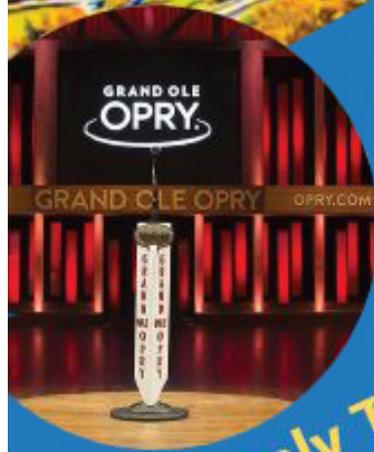
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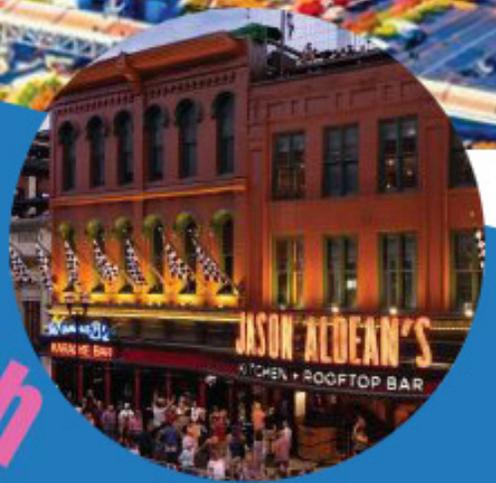
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# Smashed in Nash



**Ladies Only Trip!**  
**Aug 14-17, 2026**  
**\$500/pp**



## What's included

- 3 Night Stay
- Pizza for first night
- Hospitality room
- Grand Ole Opry ticket
- City Winery Brunch & Show
- Info about area to explore on own
- A lifetime of memories!!

Reservations through Antioch Shrine office at 937-461-4740

Hotel pricing is based upon double occupancy per room (2 queen beds in each room).

Transportation is on your own but we will carpool as needed once in Nashville..

Grand Ole Opry show is TBD

City Winery Show is TBD

Full agenda with optional stops at other venues available for more fun!

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- ★ January 20th - 7pm at Antioch - Fish fry information/planning meeting
- ★ January 24th - Bobbies will be hosting a Comedy Night at Antioch - Admission is FREE - Food will be available to purchase. Doors open at 6pm.
- ★ January 26th - Leadership meeting - open to all Food starting at 6pm - Meeting at 7pm
- ★ January 26th - Ladies Meet and Greet - taking place during the Leadership meeting
- ★ Noble of the Quarter applications accepted now!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> FAIRBORN S.C. PAST MASTERS LEGION OF HONOR MOUNTED PATROL 	1 HILLBILLYS	2 3
4	MARCHING PATROL PARADE ESCORT BOBBIES	5 SENIORS LIMA S.C. KY COLONELS	6 GOLF CLUB ARABIC CLUB PROVOST PIPES & DRUMS	7 MIDDLETOWN S.C. BRASS BAND ELISSA GUILD	8 9	STATED MEETING OG ROAST/ MEET THE DIVAN 
11	CABIRI DRIFTERS	12 SENIORS GREETERS MOTOR CORP	13 PHOTO UNIT GUN CLUB PIPES & DRUMS SPRINGFIELD SC	14 FUNTASTICS	15 16	17
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