

For those of you who don't know Rachel and I had our first child back in October, little Samuel Malachi Cain. We are certainly enjoying our time as new parents. Well Rachel is, I've been doing it for over 12 years now.

Anyhow, we wanted to fill everyone in on what's going on and how we're all doing. Samuel has been growing by leaps and bounds. He's going to be a very tall man one day, that's for sure. His little legs hang well over the end of the car seat. We got to celebrate our first Easter with him just last week. Rachel took this adorable photo. I don't want to leave out my other son James who is now a cadet with the Civil Air Patrol. He's doing very well and looks much older when he's in uniform. I think he'll follow in his grandfather's footsteps and join the Air Force, hopefully after college. He'll start his career as an officer. Rachel and I are doing very well. We are still slowly working on our house and hope to have it all finished up by the end of next summer. The details seem to take the most time.



Thank you all for your dedicated service. We wish you great health and God Bless!!!!

Oriental Guide

By John M.A. Bergman

Is everybody ready for the Circus? It's coming to your town in May and we need to get Shriners out to support our 2017 Circus. I don't need to go into how important the Circus is for Ahmed and how great a time it is going to be, so I'm going to focus on another aspect of the Circus that sometimes is overlooked.



By now everybody has gotten tickets to the Circus in the mail with an invoice for \$36.00. Please, send in your payment for the tickets. This money goes to support Shrine operations and is vital for keeping Ahmed Shrine functioning. If you can't make the Circus, please send in the money for your tickets. Ahmed Shrine wants your support so we can keep doing the good work that the Shrine does.

Ahmed is a smaller Shrine but serves a large and

diverse area. The Upper Peninsula is a great place and Ahmed is part of what makes the Upper Peninsula a fantastic place to live and enjoy the fellowship that Masonry affords us all. Two weekends ago I was privileged to see six new Master Masons raised in Marquette. The brothers who were raised were from all over the Upper Peninsula. If you know some of these new brothers, please spread the word that Ahmed would like to have them join the Shrine. As Shriners we need to spread the word to our brothers that they can be good men and Masons but also have a little bit of fun in Ahmed Shrine.

Let's get out and promote the Circus and Ahmed Shrine. There's more than one way to get involved, but the bottom line is we want you to come out and have some fun while helping your community, friends and brother Masons.

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