

"...skill without exertion is of little avail..."

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Well, It's About Time!



The information contained herein is for the benefit of our own members, their spouses and the community.

THE MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS

Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, called "Anno Lucis", "in the year of light," and add 4000 to the common time; thus, 2010 + 4000 = 6010. The "year of light" refers to Genesis 1:3 in which God spoke "Let there be light" (*L. fiat lux*).

ROYAL ARCH

Royal Arch Masons date from the year in which the building of the [Second Temple](#) was commenced by Zerubbabel, "Anno Inventionis", "in the year of discovery," and adds 530 to the common time; thus, 2010 + 530 = 2540.

SCOTTISH RITE

Scottish Rite dates are analogous to that of the Jewish Calendar, "Anno Mundi", or "the year of the World" and add 3760 the common time; thus, 2010 + 3761 = 5771. The years are dated from the creation of Adam.

For more on Masonic Calendars visit:

<http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/calendar.html>

Watch this space for some of the great food that we've been enjoying during social events and fellowship!

Mango Salad

This cool summer salad was brought to the Master's BBQ last year by Very Wor. Bro. Norm Kerr and his wife Sandra.

3 mangos - peeled, seeded and diced
1 cucumber - peeled, seeded and diced
2 jalapeno peppers - seeded and finely chopped
1 large onion - finely diced
1 clove garlic - minced
1/4 cup fresh cilantro - chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice (or to taste)
salt & pepper to taste

Directions:

Stir together the mango, cucumber, jalapeno peppers, onion, garlic, and cilantro in a mixing bowl. Season with lime juice salt pepper. Refrigerate at least two hours before serving to allow the flavours to blend.

ED HARTMAN AND I CHAT THROUGH HIGH WINDS AND HOTDOGS

On a cold and snowy Saturday in the middle of this month, Ed and I found ourselves warming our hands over the BBQs in front of Canadian Tire. Trying to make the best out of a windy and chilly day, I took some notes as Ed was good enough to share some of his life story with me.



Edward James Hartman was born to Jim and Cindy Hartman on July 16th, 1982, in London, Ontario. (Of course, as we all know, he was not alone, but accompanied by his twin brother Phil.) They were joined three and a half years later by their younger brother, Dan.

Ed attended Grade School at St. Pius X, on Vancouver Street in London. (Co-incidentally, there is a St. Pius X elementary school in North Vancouver, BC, too), and later moved on to Beal Secondary School. Though never pursuing it as a career, it was apparent that Ed's mechanical, and oratory skills were already developing as a young man, as broadcasting was his favourite school subject.

It was in high school that Ed both met his future wife, and started up with friends in his own rock/punk band. Ed is featured even today in this "high

school band that forgot to quit after high school" as it's lead singer, and frontman.

Ed met his future wife, Sheena in Grade nine, where they became the best of friends. Over they years, their friendship grew into the lasting relationship of husband and wife when they were married in May, 2004. They now enjoy the love (and toil) of three children, Evelyn (5), Rose (3) and recently arrived William (10 months).

Shortly after high school ended, Ed went to work with his family at Hartman Automotive Repair (1120 Dundas St.). Automotive skills run in the Hartman blood. Their great-grandfather owned a [Supertest](#) Petroleum station in Mt. Carmel. Jim Hartman began working at the Dundas location, built in 1928, at the age of 15. Over the years, the building has served as both a BP, and a PetroCanada before operating under the family

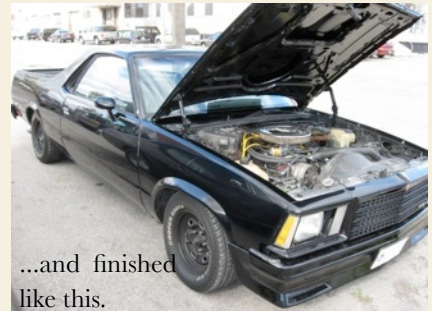


The El Camino started like this...

name. Visitors can be witness to the history of the building and its owners by dropping by any time. Ed remarked that it was amazing how many people came by just to see the memorabilia, oil

cans, and signage that their mother has so carefully preserved.

At the Hartman garage, so-called "little



...and finished like this.

brother" Dan is there, Jim sets the tone as Father and owner, Mom (Cindy) acts as the bookkeeper and secretary, and Ed and Phil work hard for their many customers. It truly is a family owned and operated business.

Ed is an avid reader and has recently begun learning to play the mandolin. He is also a member of both the London Lodge of Perfection and the Rose-Croix.

Ed's pride and joy, outside of his family, is his 1978 El Camino which he built from the ground up over a period of three years. It features a V8 350 Chevy engine, but he assures me the less than frugal gas mileage is well rewarded.

I thank Ed for sharing some of his history with me and the members of his lodge. We did manage to sell out of hotdogs, despite the sleet, hail and wind.

Oh, and one more thing; for those of you still scratching your heads....Ed's the one with the glasses.