

# Witnesses to double fatal accident

The OPP investigation into a head-on crash on Highway 25 north of Acton that killed a father and son from Peterborough, and slightly injured Acton IGA owner Mike Manes, continues.

On Tuesday, OPP Constable Jennifer Smith said they are appealing to witnesses to come forward. One witness has given a statement to police who have not made that eyewitness account public.

Constable Smith said it is "too premature" to comment on circumstances surrounding the crash, except weather was a factor in the crash, and "some evidence at the scene, such as markings on the pavement, is inconclusive, because of the weather."

Harold James, 34, and his 10-year-old son David, were northbound on Wellington County Road 125 – the former

Highway 25 – just north of 32 Side Road in Erin Township, when their 1999 Volkswagen Jetta, and a 2003 Dodge Ram pickup truck being driven by Manes, 42, of Orton, collided head-on on a wet and partially snow-covered road.

Wellington OPP report Harold and David James were killed instantly, and Manes was taken to Guelph General Hospital with minor injuries, treated and


released.


The James, on their way to a hockey tournament in Guelph, diverted onto Highway 25 when an accident closed all westbound lanes of the 401. Manes was on his way to work at the Acton IGA when the accident occurred.

OPP ask anyone with information about the accident to call Constable Ron Smith of the Guelph detachment at 822-7250.

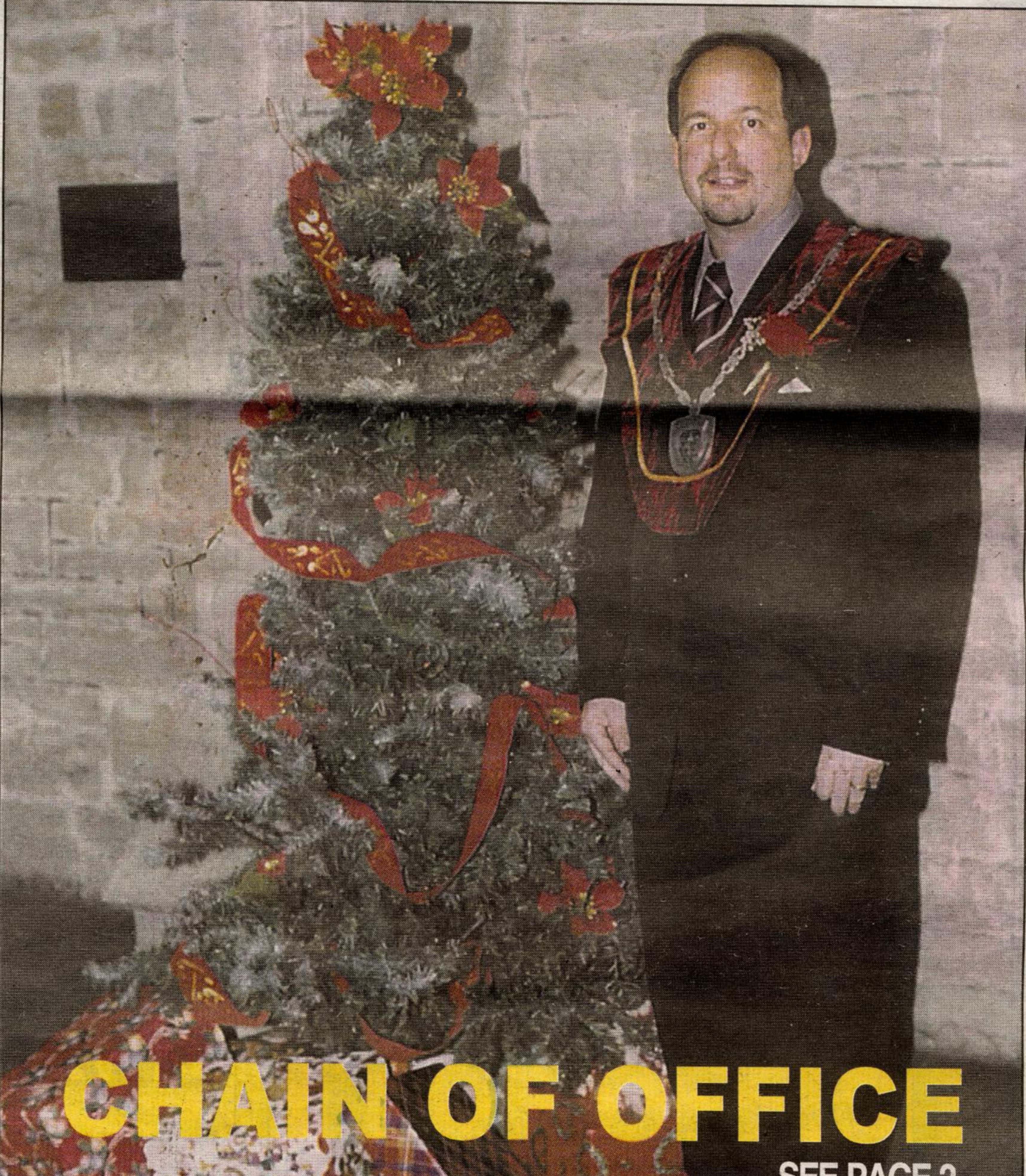
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