



Ed playing with the band at his son's Wedding last year.

#### Meet Ed Hepler:

I wish that I could say that I have an advanced degree in something and that I served on all kinds of boards that make the world a better place for everyone but the fact is that I may not have "oooo, ahhh" credentials but I have a great loving family, close friends, enjoyable work and good health.

My Dad was a career Air Force Officer and before I entered the 8<sup>th</sup> grade I had lived in France (born there), Missouri, California, Maine, Florida and back to California. My dad's last station was Beale AFB near Sacramento, where I attended Wheatland High School and played Football and Baseball. I also got involved in student government as Senior Class president. My rock star career started in High School as the lead guitarist for a group called Emanon. My rock star career soon ended.

Upon graduation, I enrolled at San Jose State where I met the future Susan Hepler. We both graduated with BS degrees in Business Administration got married in 1979, had our first son (Gregory) in 1982 and our second (Daniel) in 1985. We were fortunate that Susan was able to stay home with the boys while I began a career in the Grocery Industry working for great companies like Georgia-Pacific, Hills/MJB Coffee Company, Nestle, Sara Lee and Hain-Celestial. The boys grew up to be fine young men as they both have good jobs, great friends, Daniel married Jaclyn last year and all of them now live in Northern California.

After 34 years of marriage, Susan and I split out time between our homes in Tracy and Truckee, CA. We enjoy the Truckee-Lake Tahoe area by Hiking, Biking, Kayaking, Snowshoeing, Skiing and Relaxing. We inherited my dad's 1956 356A Porsche and have fun restoring and driving it. Playing guitar is still an addictive and regular part of my life – I am currently hooked on anything Led Zeppelin.

Over the past 3 years or so, I have often said that becoming The Illuminator Headlite will be a career defining moment for me....and it most certainly is. I am very proud of being part of such a great, important and admired organization and the thrill of being its servant leader is fantastic.

I still dream of being a rock star but there have been thousands of rock stars but only 85 Illuminator Headlites....oooooh ahhhhh.