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ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS HELD

The Valley of St. Joseph held its annual installation of officers at the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2009. The new leaders of the four bodies are as follows: Lonnie R. Morris, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection; Ron Green, 32° KCCH, Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix; Tony Battaglia, 32°, Commander, Council of Kadosh; Herman R. Collins, Master of Kadosh, St. Joseph Consistory.



Shown left to right, the new leaders of the St. Joseph Scottish Rite bodies, Lonnie R. Morris, Ron Green, Tony Battaglia, Herman R. Collins.



Brothers Carl F. Miller, 32° KCCH, Dean R. Hurlbut, 32° and Stanley F. Hall, 32° receive their 50-year awards.

50-YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED TO BRETHREN

In its regular meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008, the Valley of St. Joseph awarded 50-year pins to Carl F. Miller, 32° KCCH, Dean R. Hurlbut, 32° and Stanley F. Hall, 32°. Each of the brethren spoke to the gathering about his Masonic career and reminisced a bit about the past 50 years. The crowd responded with laughter when Brother Hurlbut said he felt it was a great honor to receive the recognition, "It's a wonderful award and the only bad thing about it is you have to get old to get it."

VALLEY OF ST. JOSEPH GEARS UP FOR 2009 CHILI COOKOFF

In 2008, St. Joseph Scottish Rite Masons benefited United Cerebral Palsy by raising over \$11,000 in the annual St. Joseph Chili Cookoff. Brother Bill Swope led the team of brethren who whipped up a batch of chili that not only walked away with a prestigious second place overall showing in the competition, but also won top honors in the People's Choice category by collecting more in donations than any other team.

The chili cookoff is UCP's only fundraising event of the year and last year raised nearly \$60,000 for the program. Brother Bill and his marauders, officially known as the "Scottish Rite Boys are Back" crew, more than doubled the second place team's fundraising effort to win the contest.

This year, the "Boys are Back" with an even more ambitious goal as they attempt to beat last year's record. As a prelude to the contest, which will take place the Sunday, March 2 at the St. Joseph Civic Arena, Brother Bill will be serving his special chili at the Valley's pre-meeting dinner on February 5. Don't miss this special dinner, which starts at 6PM.

In order help "the boys" win again and donate to this worthy cause, please make your check payable to "Childhood Language Disorders Clinic," send it to the Valley office before March 1, and then reward yourself by coming to the the meeting on February 5 to sample this year's winning recipe.

The Valley of St. Joseph will hold its Spring Reunion on Saturday, March 28, 2009. See you there!