



Johnny Allen retired after 45 years experience in the construction industry in 1977, most of it as a self-employed contractor.

His career began while he was still a student at Franklin Parish Training School in Louisiana. He was co-developer and builder of a 200 sq. ft. building to house the school's economics and shop classes.

After becoming a journeyman plumber and journeyman painter, Johnny operated his own plumbing and painting contracting business in Louisiana for several years.

He moved to Seattle in 1944, where he formed the AAA Painting And Decorating Company. In 1956 he established MALCO Construction Company to handle new construction and remodeling. The assets of these companies were subsequently absorbed by Urban Construction Co., Inc. which was organized in 1967, with Johnny Allen as president and general manager until his retirement. He sold his 66 2/3% and entered the real estate business, where upon obtaining his license he became the sales manager for L-W Realty. The family real estate holdings were managed by their Coronet Investments and E & E Enterprises Companies.

Johnny Allen recently organized the JOHNNY ALLEN REALTY, Johnny Allen Broker at its present location at 7915 Rainier Avenue South in Seattle, WA.

Governor Dan Evans appointed Johnny to the Apprenticeship Study Committee of the State Department of Labor and Industries.

Johnny Allen has a solid record of leadership in local, civic and charitable organizations. He was a charter member and later chairman of the Seattle Human Rights Commission; a charter member and vice president of Jobs Market; a charter member and vice president of S.O.I.C. (Seattle Opportunities Industrialization Center); and a founder and board member of Central Area Industries (Randolph Carter Center) and sheltered workshop; a charter member and founder of the NAACP Credit Union and has been board member and treasurer of the Urban League and a member of the YMCA. For 36 years Johnny has been a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and served as a trustee for four years.

Johnny Allen is a past master of Harmony Lodge #2, F. & A. M. (PHA), Past Commander-In-Chief P.H. Consistory #67, Past Patron of Queen of Sheba #12, O.E.S.; Past Joshua of Sarah W. Dupee Court #1, Heroines of Jericho; Created in Beni Hassan Temple #64, in 1956 and later became Deputy of the Desert (State of Washington) 1969 to 1973; chairman of the board of directors, Prince Hall Temple Association; served as Grand Master 1959 to 1963 and is a 33^o mason. Johnny has never missed a grand lodge session since being made a mason in January 1946.

Born July 6, 1918 in Delhi, Louisiana to Bennie Allen and Roberta Foy Allen. Married Edith Tucker March 23, 1941 - has a daughter, Joan, a principal in the Seattle Public School System.