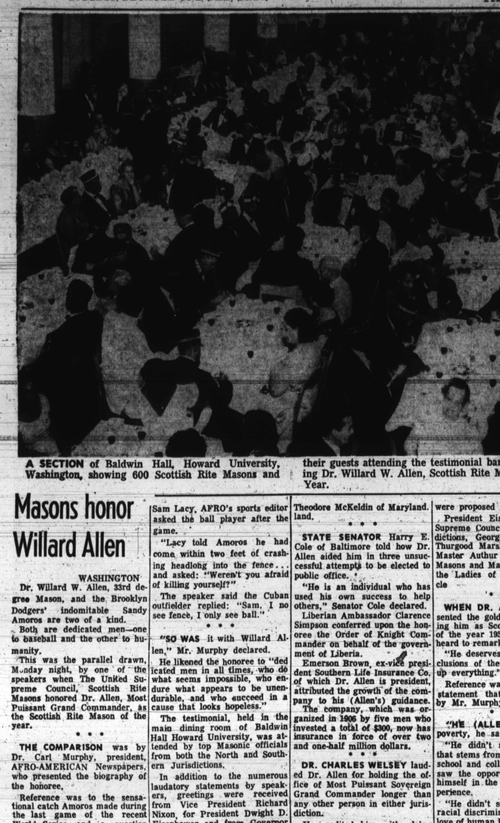

A SECTION of Baldwin Hall, Howard University, Washington, showing 600 Scottish Rite Masons and their guests attending the testimonial banquet honoring Dr. Willard W. Allen, Scottish Rite Mason of the Year.

Masons honor Willard Allen

WASHINGTON

Dr. Willard W. Allen, 33rd degree Mason, and the Brooklyn Dodgers' indomitable Sandy Amoros are two of a kind.

Both are dedicated men—one to baseball and the other to humanity.

This was the parallel drawn, Monday night, by one of the speakers when The United Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masons honored Dr. Allen, Most Puissant Grand Commander, as the Scottish Rite Mason of the year.

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THE COMPARISON was by Dr. Carl Murphy, president, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, who presented the biography of the honoree.

Reference was to the sensational catch Amoros made during the last game of the recent World Series, and a question Sam Lacy, AFRO's sports editor asked the ball player after the game.

"Lacy told Amoros he had come within two feet of crashing headong into the fence . . . and asked: "Weren't you afraid of killing yourself?"

The speaker said the Cuban outfielder replied: "Sam, I no see fence, I only see ball."

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"SO WAS it with Willard Allen," Mr. Murphy declared.

He likened the honoree to "dedicated men in all times, who do what seems impossible, who endure what appears to be unendurable, and who succeed in a cause that looks hopeless."

The testimonial, held in the main dining room of Baldwin Hall Howard University, was attended by top Masonic officials from both the North and Southern Jurisdictions.

In addition to the numerous laudatory statements by speakers, greetings were received from Vice President Richard Nixon, for President Dwight D. Eisenhower and from Governor Theodore McKeldin of Maryland.

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STATE SENATOR Harry E. Cole of Baltimore told how Dr. Allen aided him in three unsuccessful attempts to be elected to public office.

"He is an individual who has used his own success to help others," Senator Cole declared.

Liberian Ambassador Clarence Simpson conferred upon the honoree the Order of Knight Commander on behalf of the government of Liberia.

Emerson Brown, ex-vice president Southern Life Insurance Co. of which Dr. Allen is president, attributed the growth of the company to his (Allen's) guidance.

The company, which was organized in 1908 by five men who invested a total of $300, now has insurance in force of over two and one-half million dollars.

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DR. CHARLES WELSEY lauded Dr. Allen for holding the office of Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander longer than any other person in either jurisdiction.

He acredited him with doing more for Masonry than any other person living today.

Praise for the honoree also was forthcoming from Amos T. Hall, president, Conference of Grand Masters.

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A NUMBER of Grand Lodge Chapters, Temples and Circles contributed gifts to the honoree.

Dr. Allen's wife, son and daughters were present. All were applauded by the guests.

Prior to the dinner, toasts were proposed to the following:

President Eisenhower, United Supreme Councils of both jurisdictions, George W. Crawford, Thurgood Marshall, D.C. Grand Master Arthur E. Brooks, all Masonic and Masonic bodies, and the Ladies of the Golden Circle

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WHEN DR. ALLEN was presented the gold medal designating him as Scottish Rite Mason of the year 1955 one guest was heard to remark:

"He deserves it, and the conclusions of the biographer sum up everything."

Reference was to the following statement that was made by Mr. Murphy:

"HE (ALLEN) DIDN'T see poverty, he saw thrill.

"He didn't see the handicap that stems from a lack of a high school and college education, he saw the opportunity to educate himself in the university of experience.

"He didn't see the barrier of racial discrimination, he saw the love of human kind that conquers prejudice.

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"HE NEVER sat against and controversy and adversity as a necessity in life, he kept his eye on conciliation and good will.

"He never saw leadership as a highway to advance himself. He only saw responsibility as a stepping stone to public service.

"Like Sandy Amoros, our beloved Sovereign Grand Commander, during his 46 adult years as citizen, businessman and Mason can well say:

"I no see fense, I only see ball.

Masons raise 46 to the 33rd degree

WASHINGTON

A total of 47 thirty-second degree Masons advanced to the honorary 33rd degree during the 49th annual conclave of the United Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masons, Southern Jurisdiction, held here over the week end.

Also five honorary 33rd degree Masons were elected to active status as full members of the Supreme Council. They are:

W. C. Kilpatrick, NYC; Malachi Moore, Tuskegee, Ala.; C. H. Williams—Arkansas; Thurgood Marshall, NYC; and Dr. Carl Murphy, president, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Another highlight of the three-day conclave was the appointment of a committee on the erection of a new temple.

The Council voted the following contributions:

NAACP, $1,000; College Fund, $500, and Polio Fund, March of Dimes, Infantile Paralysis and Virginia Union for African scholarships.

Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president, Central State College, was commissioned to write the history of Scottish Rite Masonry.

The meetings closed Wednesday by voting to meet next fall in Oakland, Calif.

Some 400 delegates and observers attended the sessions, held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1633 11th St., NW, and the Masonic Temple, 10th and U Sts. NW.

The following is a list of those advanced to the honorary 33rd degree:

— Class for 1955—33°

Vernon E. Frazier, Joseph S. Cumbo, Harry F. Pinkett, Norman Lee, Washington, D.C.

The Rev. Gardner C. Taylor, Brooklyn, N.Y., (Gratis).

Homer E. Eugene, Louisiana; Ferris L. Holland, Ollie C. Gregory, Peter W. Dillard, Lennon S. Polite, Virginia.

David Brown, Noah G. Montgomery, W. A. Cooper, James T. Bush, Missouri.

Samuel A. Monroe, Edward Dorsey, W. Paul Rolier, George E. Harris, Thomas W. Kish, Samuel W. Williams, Maryland.

Roscoe Wilson, Winard Normand, Robert H. Prinsell, Oklahoma.

Audley W. Hutson, Washington, D.C.; J. A. Wright, Virginia; Dooc de Houston, California; John Griggs, William H. Ware, John Beard, Solomon Johnson, Prentice Adams, J. M. Bernard, Texas.

Bishop W. W. Matthews of AME Zion Church, Arkansas (Gratis).

John W. Gregg, Alabama; Francis Mehans, Robert M. Mosley, North Carolina; Harry L. Logan, Tennessee; Charles C. B. King (Grand Master of Liberia).

E. C. Blackshear, Donald Thomas, A. Leon Lowry, Georgia.

Richard L. Sterling, Washington, D.C.; A. E. Peacock Oscar McCombs, Georgia; C. S. Jones, Florida; Braxton R. Jowers, Alabama; West Anderson, Washington, D.C.

Registered at the session were:

H. C. Thompson, Jonathan McKnight, A. B. McNair, Henry Jackson, M. W. Melvin J. A. Mingo, R. Jones, J. E. Mobley, C. Wilson, Oliver, J. E. Pagan, C. Jackson, Perry Perry, H. Dallas, J. F. Jones, J. Bailey, J. Bell, J. Bell, J. C. Davis, C. Dewey Robinson, J. C. Smith, J. E. Smith, Simmons, J. A. Franklin, B. H. Hampton, J. A. Handy, I. B. Hawkins, W. J. Hill, M. L. Jackson, Sydney Jackson, J. T. Jenkins, Sr., C. Johnson, W. Johnson, Roy P. Kay, W. H. Kinnie, M. J. Keys, R. S. Kirkman, R. L. Ladd, Cleon M. Lewis, John Longstreet, Bert McCoy.

MARYLAND—E. C. Dorsey, Robert Chase, F. W. Frye, C. B. Harris, A. E. Haynes, W. T. Holland, J. W. Jackson, L. Jackson, R. H. Ford, F. Jones, L. J. Jones, J. H. Jones, J. Dorsey, J. Jones, J. H. Julius, N. T. Waldo, Dr. J. H. Lewis, W. Trimble, J. Q. Murphy, W. Wilson, J. Wilson, J. Jackson, Walter W. Paul, R. R. Thomas, Willard Allen, A. S. Stanley, P. Stuart, W. Scott, S. C. James, C. J. Smith, C. Cole, W. Walker, Wilson, Mark Boarder.

J. Smith A. Smith, J. E. Smith, C. E. Stewart, R. A. Robert Thurman, Fred Tuley, J. Tuley, M. T. Tulane, J. W. Tyler, M. T. Walker, A. S. Dickson.

L. D. Dillard, B. F. Small, F. M. Travilla, D. Corbin, V. W. Mitchell, Luther Adams, Arthur Breece, A. E. Brood, Charles Bennett, B. Butler, Clarence D. Wanser, Arthur Washington, J. Williams, W. J. Russell H. G. Williams, W. G. Woodson, J. Bennett, Benjamin Arrington, Addison W. Chapman, Henry E. Cooper, J. E. Cornish, J. R. Curtis, M. O. Culbertson, Dr. L. J. Chappelle, J. Dorsey, W. L. Louis, J. Henry Dove, Farrar, C. E. Fowler, Fred Fowler, Farrar, C. E. Ford, Virgil Foster, Frederick Foster.

VIRGINIA—Moore J. Wooten, E. Thomas Hall, D. Dillard, Jesse Lee, H. J. Plummer, W. L. Ransome, L. E. Washington, Jesse Washington, Sr., Lawyer, Joseph Fears, Ollie C. Gregory, J. B. Harris, J. Jackson Coverdale, W. M. Johnson, R. M. Jones H. M. Ladd, Robert Lee, Lawrence A. Lee, Robert Lewis S. Plummer, H. W. Plummer, Daniel Allen, D. D. Alston, Samuel Braxton, J. F. Briscoe, Sando W. Wright, J. E. Ellison, Melvin L. Keeling, E. A. Kowalski.

WEST VIRGINIA—R. W. Spears, Saul L. Weaver, H. S. Hideout, A. J. Harris, H. W. Johnson, Sr., Lawyer, Charles E. Taper.

NORTH CAROLINA—W. E. Turner, F. C. Yancy, Edward Derbigny, J. D. Riggs P. L. Stevens, D. J. Simmons, William Steele, Dr. J. F. Casper, Hall, H. Jones, Lawyer, Dr. Dodge, Dr. Hutchinson, J. Bennett, Dr. Harrison, S. S. McMillan, H. Melvin W. E. Bennett, R. M. Moore, G. A. Moore, J. T. Moore, J. Perkins, Fred Alexander.

SOUTH CAROLINA—J. E. Dowdy, Ernest Brown, Jesse Lee, Jesse Lee, Sr., Lawyer, Dr. Lawrence Cotton, Lawyer Cooper, J. W. Fraser, J. E. Johnson, S. Johnson, Prentice Gregg, J. Bell, Dr. Bernard Lee, Dr. D. C. Collins, Edmund Cotton, Luther Cooper, W. T