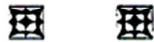


**MEMORIAL EXERCISES
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR
ASSOCIATION**



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ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Court House, Friday, April 25, 1975, 2:00 P.M.

On Friday, April 25, 1975, Memorial Services, in honor of those members of the Ramsey County Bar who died during the past year, were held in the Courthouse.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY,
District Court, Second Judicial District.

Present: Judges Ronald E. Hachey, Edward D. Mulally, Harold W. Schultz, David E. Marsden, J. Jerome Plunkett, Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Stephen L. Maxwell, Hyam Segell, James M. Lynch, Sidney P. Abramson and John W. Graff, Retired, of the Ramsey County District Court.

Judges Kenneth J. Fitzpatrick, William J. Fleming, Donald E. Gross, George O. Peterson and Bertrand Poritsky, of the Municipal Court of Ramsey County.

Also present: Officers and members of the Ramsey County Bar Association and families and friends of the deceased members of the Bar.

JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: Ladies and Gentlemen: In conformity with the custom of long-standing, we meet here today to pay thoughtful tribute to the members of the Bar who have passed away during the preceding year. As is customary, the exercises will be conducted by the Ramsey County Bar Association, and the Court at this time recognizes Mr. William C. Meier, President of the Ramsey County Bar Association. Mr. Meier:

MR. WILLIAM C. MEIER: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the Court, Your Honors, members of the Bar, families and friends: Judge Hachey has already indicated the purpose of our meeting here today. We meet here as friends to pay our respects to those who have passed on in the past year and to recall their good works. At the conclusion of this ceremony, we shall ask and move the Court to make these memorials part of the permanent records of the Court, and therefore a part of the permanent history of our County of Ramsey. Mr. Mortimer B. Miley,

Chairman of the Ramsey County Bar Association Legal History and Biography Committee, will be conducting the ceremony, and I ask Your Honor that Mr. Miley at this time be recognized.

JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: Thank you Mr. Meier, the Court at this time recognizes Mr. Mortimer B. Miley, Chairman of the Ramsey County Legal History and Biography Committee.

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: Thank you, Your Honor and Mr. Meier, and friends of the Ramsey County Bar Association: Memorials have been prepared for presentation here today, for those members of the Ramsey County Bar Association who have passed away since the Memorial Service approximately one year ago. Those to be memorialized today include the following:

Mr. Claude H. Allen

Mr. Moritz J. Blomquist

Mr. Hamilton E. Cochrane

Mr. Simon Gray

Mr. James Lynch

Mr. Aloysius H. Markert

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: A committee consisting of Mr. Vincent P. Courtney, Mr. Leonard J. Keyes and Mr. Richard E. Kyle, will present a memorial on behalf of Mr. Claude H. Allen. Mr. Richard E. Kyle will now present the memorial.

Mr. Kyle read the memorial for Claude Allen.

CLAUDE H. ALLEN passed away November 25, 1974, leaving a distinguished record of more than 50 years in the practice of law in Saint Paul and 28 years' service in the Minnesota Legislature. Claude was born of pioneer parents in north central South Dakota in 1899. Because there was no lumber available on the prairies, his childhood home was made of sod. When Claude was only 14, he participated in driving over 1000 cattle from Belle Fourche, South Dakota, halfway across the state to Mobridge. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and the St. Paul College of Law. Following admission to the Bar, he was an Assistant County Attorney in Ramsey County for several years. He then entered private practice and over the years enjoyed associations and partnerships at various times with Manley Brist, Vincent Courtney, Leonard J. Keyes, William L. Devitt and Joseph E. Salland, ending his long career with the firm of Stringer, Donnelly, Allen & Sharood. Claude's practice was general and extensive, but he particularly enjoyed corporate, banking and probate law, and was well-versed and highly regarded in all fields.

Perhaps Claude's greatest achievements were attained in his legislative service. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1936 and served for ten consecutive terms, most of that time as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, one of the most influential positions in the Legislature. Claude was meticulous and conscientious in that role and gloried in his nickname of "Watchdog of the Treasury". After a brief hiatus outside the Legislature, he was elected to the Senate and served two terms retiring undefeated.

In his first legislative session, Claude was instrumental in obtaining the funding for Greene Hall, a much needed forestry building at the University's St. Paul Campus. He was also justly proud of his leadership in making possible the Mayo Memorial Hospital at the University. His sponsorship of the Capitol Approach program and the Veterans War Memorial Administration Building are also lasting tributes to his foresight.

For many years Claude was an enthusiastic amateur chef, hunter and fisherman and, particularly in later years, a golfer. Bridge or poker helped him pass many pleasant hours. He was active in Bar Association matters and was on the State Board of Governors for several terms. He served as a director of the Cherokee State Bank for 22 years and of the Ramsey County Tuberculosis Association for many years. Claude was a Mason, serving at one time as Master of the Ancient Landmark No. 5 Lodge and was a Ruling Elder of House of Hope Presbyterian Church for 20 years.

Claude and his wife derived much enjoyment from travel. They made several trips to Europe, Hawaii, the South Pacific and the Far East. A few months before his death they sailed to the Polar Ice Cap above the Arctic Circle.

Claude H. Allen was a fine lawyer, a dedicated public servant and a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Anna M. Allen; his son, Dr. John H. Allen of Montevideo, Minnesota; his daughter, Doris Howe of North Oaks; and six granddaughters.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD E. KYLE
VINCENT P. COURTNEY
LEONARD J. KEYES

“I would like to add a personal note to this memorial. During my 48 years at this Bar, I knew Claude well. We were associated in many professional matters—sometimes on the same side and often on opposing sides. He was an exceptionally competent lawyer, a man of high integrity and a kind person. His life, professional, political and personal, furnishes a splendid example to all of us. He is and will be deeply missed not only by his family but by those who have had the privilege of knowing and associating with him.”

RICHARD E. KYLE

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: A Committee consisting of Mr. Harry T. Neimeyer, Mr. William B. Randall and Mr. John P. Vitko have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Moritz J. Blomquist, which will be presented to you at this time by Mr. William B. Randall.

Mr. Randall read the memorial for Mr. Blomquist.

MORITZ J. BLOMQUIST was born in St. Paul on September 28, 1907. He was raised on the east side and graduated from Johnson High School in 1925, and attended the

University of Minnesota. As a student at the University of Minnesota Law School, he was awarded the Order of the Coif and graduated in 1932. He first associated with the late Arthur Stewart in the practice of law, and in 1937 joined the firm of Bundlie, Kelley & Finley. In 1943 he acted with Donald B. Smith to form the firm of Smith and Blomquist. He was a senior partner of that firm until the time of his death on November 5, 1974.

He was a thoughtful and fair-minded man. He always kept the problem in mind and with an intellectual persuasion continued to return to it until it was resolved. He was very practical in his advice to clients and never concerned himself with his own gain.

He was an exceptional legal craftsman and his practice was broad and varied. In all matters, large or small, he worked diligently and deliberately to insure that his clients' interests were protected and championed. His doggedness on his clients' behalf is well demonstrated by his successful work on behalf of the plaintiff referred to him by the lawyers' reference service in the case of *Johnson v. Clement F. Scully*, 95 N.W. 2d 409 (1959), a landmark case on the doctrine of attractive nuisance.

Morry commented on the planning for his Johnson High School 50th class reunion that it seemed just like yesterday that he had graduated. He was unusually committed to the Minnesota United Methodist Church, the Methodist Builders, the Y.M.C.A., especially the Y's Men's Club, St. John's Hospital, and many other religious and charitable organizations. He gave generously of his time to them. He was an excellent golfer and tennis player and brought to those sports the same quiet enthusiasm and excellence that he displayed in his practice. Four hundred of his friends honored him by attending his memorial services and to express their loss of a friend.

Morry is survived by Alice, his wife of 40 years; his three children—Muriel Kemmzie, Peter and Charles; nine grandchildren; and his five sisters—Pearl Western, Gladys Nelson, Mildred Rosen, Doris Olson and June Imsdahl.

He died while playing tennis; he lived a full life to the end. At all times, by all who knew him, he was considered to be a gentleman.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY T. NEIMEYER
WILLIAM B. RANDALL
JOHN P. VITKO

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: A Committee consisting of Mr. Victor B. Anderson, Mr. James H. Geraghty and Mr. Sidney W. Goff have prepared a memorial on behalf of Mr. Hamilton E. Cochrane, which will be presented to you at this time by Mr. Victor B. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson read the memorial for Mr. Cochrane.

HAMILTON EDWARDS COCHRANE—Since August 17, 1974, when we speak of Hamilton Edwards Cochrane, it has been in the past tense, as a man whose existence is circumscribed by history.

His life began on March 19, 1924, in the City of St. Paul. He was the third and last son born to John Alexander Cochrane and Deborah Jenkins Cochrane. His father, an executive of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, died suddenly in 1931, and his brave and gallant mother was forced to resume her teaching career in the St. Paul Schools to support her three active sons.

From his father, he inherited a love of life and a will to achieve and from his mother, a desire for learning, good manners and a gentle nature. He and his brothers learned early to be self-reliant and competitive in all things.

He was not destined to languish in St. Paul so while still a lad of 15, he sought and secured employment on the dining cars of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and when not in school, he was traveling to the distant cities of the great Northwest.

He never graduated from high school, for World War II started and he followed his brother, John Cochrane, into the United States Merchant Marine Service in the early days of that great war. The next four years, he sailed on ships of the Merchant Marine throughout the world, including ships that convoyed war materials across the North and Baltic Seas through to Murmansk, Russia. His ship was armed and actually engaged in battle with the German U-boats and Air Force that controlled those waters. For those years, he received the United States Merchant Service Combat Bars, given only to those who actually engaged in sea battles with the forces of the enemy.

He returned to St. Paul in 1946 and in two years at St. Thomas College, he raced through his pre-law studies while working a full time job for the Griggs-Cooper Company.

By 1951, he had his law degree from the St. Paul College of Law, again while working a full time job with the

West Publishing Company, and later as a claim representative for the Royal Indemnity Company.

Shortly thereafter, he became a member of the law firm founded by the late Samuel Lipschultz, Lipschultz, Altman & Geraghty and he quickly developed into a trial lawyer with that group of professionals.

He left that firm in 1960 to become a partner with Melvin J. Silver, Sydney W. Goff and Richard B. Ryan, Silver, Goff, Ryan & Cochrane. In his last years, he practiced as an independent, associated with Terrance S. O'Toole and Victor B. Anderson.

Hamilton Edwards Cochrane, in his prime, was the ideal trial lawyer: well read in literature and learned in the law, ethical in all his relationships, industrious in his preparations, an expert in evidence and a brilliant cross-examiner, an unassuming victor and a good loser, and above all that, he had an infectious rare sense of humor.

He crowded into those 23 years before the bar, an experience that included every kind and type of case; from personal injury and property damage actions, suits for breach of contract, condemnations cases, liquor liability claims, and in his last years, he became a very able defender in criminal cases.

Shortly after joining Lipschultz, Altman & Geraghty, he married Esther Luick Cochrane. They became the parents of two boys and a girl, David Lloyd Cochrane, Susan Marie Cochrane, and Hamilton Edwards Cochrane, Jr.

For those who survive him it should be said of him for the half century in which he lived, he streaked across the horizon like a meteor, trailing the hopes and dreams of his generation. In his life, he achieved all the things that most of us dream about. He will be remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. GERAGHTY
SYDNEY W. GOFF
VICTOR B. ANDERSON

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: Mr. Everett L. Peterson, Mr. Louis E. Solomon and Mr. Ralph Stacker have made up a Committee that has prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Simon Gray. This will be presented to you at this time by Mr. Everett L. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson read the memorial for Mr. Gray.

SIMON J. GRAY was born June 5, 1904 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and some 7 years later migrated to Monticello,

Minnesota, where he attended and graduated from grade and high school. He came to St. Paul where he attended and graduated from the St. Paul College of Law in 1928. While attending the St. Paul College of Law he was employed by Stacker & Stacker, a law firm in the City of St. Paul. Upon graduation and admission to the Bar, he joined his now deceased brother, Allen Gray, in the practice of law. Later Milton Gray, another brother, joined the firm and the three brothers practiced law together until the death of brother Allen. Milton and Simon continued the practice of law together until the untimely demise of Simon on October 7, 1974.

Simon was a man of many abilities. In addition to a solid and basic knowledge of the law, he had tremendous business judgment and enjoyed a reputation as an excellent counselor in business matters. He had a great ability to relate with warm interest and affection to that wide circle of persons who were privileged to be his friends.

A lawyer in the highest tradition, he was a man who invited confidences; we who gave them knew instinctively they would be kept inviolate. We remember the incisive qualities of his mind and that when he differed with us, he always listened and made plain his respect for us. Even though he did not agree with you in certain matters, he made you feel that your conclusions were valid. He was a gentleman of the highest type.

Simon was never married and left surviving him his brother Milton, who is a respected member of the Bar and three nephews.

God rest his grand soul.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT L. PETERSON
LEWIS E. SOLOMON
RALPH STACKER

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: A Committee consisting of Mr. Edward E. Cleary, Mr. Sidney W. Goff and Mr. Richard J. Leonard have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. James F. Lynch, which will be presented to you at this time by Mr. Sidney W. Goff.

Mr. Goff read the memorial for Mr. Lynch.

JAMES F. LYNCH was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on February 7, 1893 and died here on May 27, 1974. He was one of five children, two of whom, Joseph and John, pre-

deceased him, and two of whom, May and Margaret, survive him.

Jim was raised on the East Side, graduating Johnson High School and thereafter St. Thomas College and the St. Paul College of Law, from which he graduated in 1916. Soon after his admission to the bar, when this nation became involved in World War I, Jim answered the call to duty and served honorably overseas as an infantry lieutenant in France. Following his return from the service he engaged in the general practice of law with some then well-known and successful lawyers—for varying periods with Joseph Masek, a state senator, with Lewis Drill, a former United States District Attorney, and with Gustav Axelrod who is still amongst us in the active practice.

From 1931 to the fall of 1939, Jim was Assistant County Attorney to Ramsey County Attorney Michael Kinkead and, upon the latter's appointment in September 1939 as Ramsey County Probate Judge, Jim was appointed Ramsey County Attorney, in which office he continued uninterrupted through 1958. From the very beginning and throughout his term in office he was an active and effective prosecutor. Some of us remember that St. Paul was one of the toughest criminal havens in the entire country during the thirties. Jim personally and successfully prosecuted a number of major criminal cases, including a nationally spotlighted murder case against members of Murder, Incorporated. He contributed much toward the local police clean-up and worked closely with federal authorities during those sensational thirties.

Jim also personally handled important civil cases most efficiently, securing a number of decisions favorable to the taxpayers of this county and state.

Jim was nationally recognized as an extremely able prosecutor. At the same time he was eminently fair. Those who knew and dealt with him had a high regard for his professional judgment. He protected the innocent with the same degree of zeal as he prosecuted the guilty. Along with a fine legal mind, he possessed a wit and sense of humor second to none.

Throughout his lifetime he was a man of Spartan-like qualities who never complained or sought sympathy on any personal basis. He displayed an enormous amount of vitality and endurance up to the very end. He practiced law daily through age 81.

Jim's lovely wife, Monty, to whom he was married on April 29, 1922 and whose untimely death occurred on

March 3, 1955, bore him three fine children, each of whom survive him. They are two sons, the Honorable James M. Lynch, a distinguished judge of the Ramsey County District Court, and Robert J. Lynch, and a daughter, Paula Lynch. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and by his loving second wife, Helen Lynch, to whom he was married on December 28, 1960 and with whom he enjoyed over 13 years of happiness.

During his lifetime, Jim Lynch "stood tall" as a true friend to many, as a dedicated public servant and as an esteemed lawyer. Jim will always "stand tall" in our memories.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. CLEARY
SYDNEY W. GOFF
RICHARD J. LEONARD

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: Mr. Fred A. Kueppers, Mr. Carl C. Meixner and Mr. Clinton W. Redlund have combined to prepare a memorial in behalf of Mr. Aloysius H. Markert. This will be presented to you at this time by Mr. Carl C. Meixner.

Mr. Meixner read the memorial for Mr. Markert.

ALOIS HENRY MARKERT (better known to his friends as Al) was born on June 27, 1894 near Prior Lake, Scott County, Minnesota. He was raised on the Markert farm in Scott County. He attended Cretin High School and graduated in the class of 1913. He later matriculated at St. Paul College of Law and before graduating from that college in 1921 he was delayed by a stint in the U.S. Army from 1917 to April 1919, being honorably discharged as a 1st Sergeant. While he was still in law school he was employed by various banks in the Dakotas and Minnesota and gained considerable knowledge and many friends from the banking industry. Following his graduating and admission to the Bar in 1921 he stayed in the banking business until 1938 when he embarked on private practice. He remained in private practice until his death on December 7, 1974 at the age of 80 years.

It was while he was working as a bank employee for the First State Bank of Lemmon, South Dakota that he met Frances Rose Speth who was later to become his wife. They were married on June 5, 1922 at the Church of the Holy Cross on 42nd Street in New York City.

Al Markert is survived by his wife, Frances, and their eight children. He was always justly proud of the fact that all eight of the children were college graduates. Seven of the eight children are married and he and his wife have been blessed with thirty-nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren surviving his death.

Mr. Markert, while still a young man living on the Markert farm, loved to tell of the baseball games that he played in, between the German oriented team at New Market and the Irish oriented team of Credit River. Some of the games were so hard fought that they sometimes ended up in real Donnybrooks.

Al Markert from the very beginning was an avid outdoorsman and sportsman. He especially enjoyed the spectator sports of baseball and football and was given the special enjoyment of watching some of his children excel in some of these sports in their respective high schools and colleges. As a graduating member of the Cretin High School of 1913 he had the privilege of being a member of one of Cretin High Schools first basketball teams. He was especially fond of the outdoors and would never pass up an opportunity to participate in a hunting or fishing junket. He was a member of a group that consistently went hunting and he taught his own boys how to hunt and fish and instilled in them the same love for the outdoors.

Al Markert was an inveterate optimist and had an unflinching sense of humor. It made no difference that at times the joke might be on him and one of his office associates recalls on April Fool's Day when he tried unsuccessfully throughout the day to place a call to Mr. Wolf at the Como Zoo telephone number. When the hoax was disclosed to him he was as quick to laugh as were the perpetrators.

Mr. Markert had a fierce and abiding loyalty for his clients and thus he served well as their genuine advocate for their causes. But his real forte was counseling. He was at his best delivering his counseling skills on behalf of his clients and sitting down and sympathizing with them and advising them what they should do in the matter of their legal and personal affairs.

Al Markert was always very active in his community and took a great interest in making personal contributions to the betterment of society. He was initiated into the Delta Theta Phi fraternity in 1920 and remained active in the affairs of that fraternity until a few short months prior to his death.

Mr. Markert's twin sons John and Judge Allan Markert were members of the football squad at the University of Minnesota under Bernie Bierman, Coach, during the seasons of 1947, 1948 and 1949 and both of them received their letters for the years of 1948 and 1949 and just prior to their entry into service during Korean conflict of U.S.A. Transportation Corp where they served until their honorable discharges.

Mr. Markert was an active member of the University of Minnesota Dad's Association since 1951 and served as President in 1954.

Under the late Sheriff Tom Gibbons he served as a Deputy Auxiliary Sheriff for the County of Ramsey for more than 20 years. He served as Chairman of the graduating Cretin class of 1913 and every year for their reunion always contacted the surviving members of the class and urged them to attend.

From 1938 to the time of his death on December 7, 1974, Mr. Markert's practice centered in the Minnesota Building where he was an associate of the late John A. Burns, the late Irving Gottlieb, Clifton Parks, his sons John and Allan Markert and Carl C. Meixner. But his main activities were his family, his friends and his practice, and the size of his family and the number of his friends and the length of his practice attest to the fact that he served them all well. His family, his friends, his peers will all miss him.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. KUEPPERS
CARL C. MEIXNER
CLINTON W. REDLUND

MR. MORTIMER B. MILEY: Well, ladies and gentlemen, this presentation of services will shortly be concluded. I would like to comment only to the families of those who have here today been remembered, that these memorials will be reduced to printing in booklet form and we will see to it that you are all furnished with as many copies as may be needed, so, Your Honor, this then completes the presentation of these memorials and I now move this Court, through you Judge Hachey, for an order directing the Clerk to send copies of these memorials to the families of those who have here today been remembered.

JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: The motion of Mr. Miley is granted. The record will show that the Court joins in these memorials. On behalf of the District Court of Ramsey County we express our thanks to the members of the Municipal Court of Ramsey County and to our colleague John W. Graff, Retired, who have attended and assisted in the presentation of these memorials. We also wish to express our appreciation to the Ramsey County Bar Association for so effectively continuing this splendid tradition.

As a special mark of respect for the departed, no other matters will be taken up and this Court will now adjourn without day.