

CHARLES N. ORR

Charles Noah Orr was born in Princeton, Minnesota, June 7, 1877, of sturdy pioneer parents, Abraham and Emma J. Orr.

He received his elementary and high school education at Princeton. He attended Carleton College one year and transferred to Hamline University from which he graduated in 1901 with the degree of Ph. B. The degree of L.L.B. was conferred upon him at graduation by the St. Paul College of Law in 1904.

He started his law practice in St. Paul with Herman F. Stark and later Charles S. Kidder joined them with whom he was associated until his death. He was a skilled barrister and the firm of Orr, Stark and Kidder was known as one of Minnesota's outstanding law firms.

In 1906 he married Ellen May Adams who preceded him in death June 12, 1938. To this union were born two daughters who cherish his memory: Marian (Mrs. John A. Pfaender) of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Janet (Mrs. Frank E. Leslie, Jr.) of Spokane, Washington.

He was a member of the Hamline Methodist Church. He served many years as a Trustee of Hamline University, and contributed much of his time, energy and money to the growth and development of his Alma Mater.

In fraternal circles he reached the pinnacle of fame and received highest honors. For many years he was active in Masonic work, having served as Worshipful Master of Midway Lodge, A.F.&A.M. He was Commander of Damascus Commandery, St. Paul, and Grand Commander of Minnesota in 1928. He was Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States from 1943 to 1946, which is the highest honor to be attained in that body and Senator Orr was the only Minnesotan ever to hold that office. He was an honorary 33rd degree Mason, and a member of St. George's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Osman Temple Shrine.

As a citizen of St. Paul he gave loyal and unstinted service to his home community in all public activities and programs. He served in the House of Representatives in 1911 and 1913. He was elected to the Senate in 1914 and served from 1915 until his death, January 10, 1949. His colleagues honored him by election to the office of President Pro Tempore in 1923. Senator Orr became majority leader in 1933 and held that leadership for five special and nine regular sessions. He, more than any man, was responsible for the passage of legislation for the Historical Building, the State Office Building, and particularly the Capitol Approach which was his dream for over thirty years.

The record of his brilliant achievements will stand as a perpetual memorial to his memory. He knew how to mold men of many opinions into a final unity of purpose to cooperate for the general good yet holding the admiration of friends and the respect of enemies.

Minnesota has lost one of its most brilliant statesmen and citizens. Only time can tell and history can record the full measure of his devotion to the people of this State and Nation.

"His name, time honored, stands; a tower
Impregnable, a bulwark of the State,
Untouched by envy's visionary power,
Rampired—Invulnerable—great."

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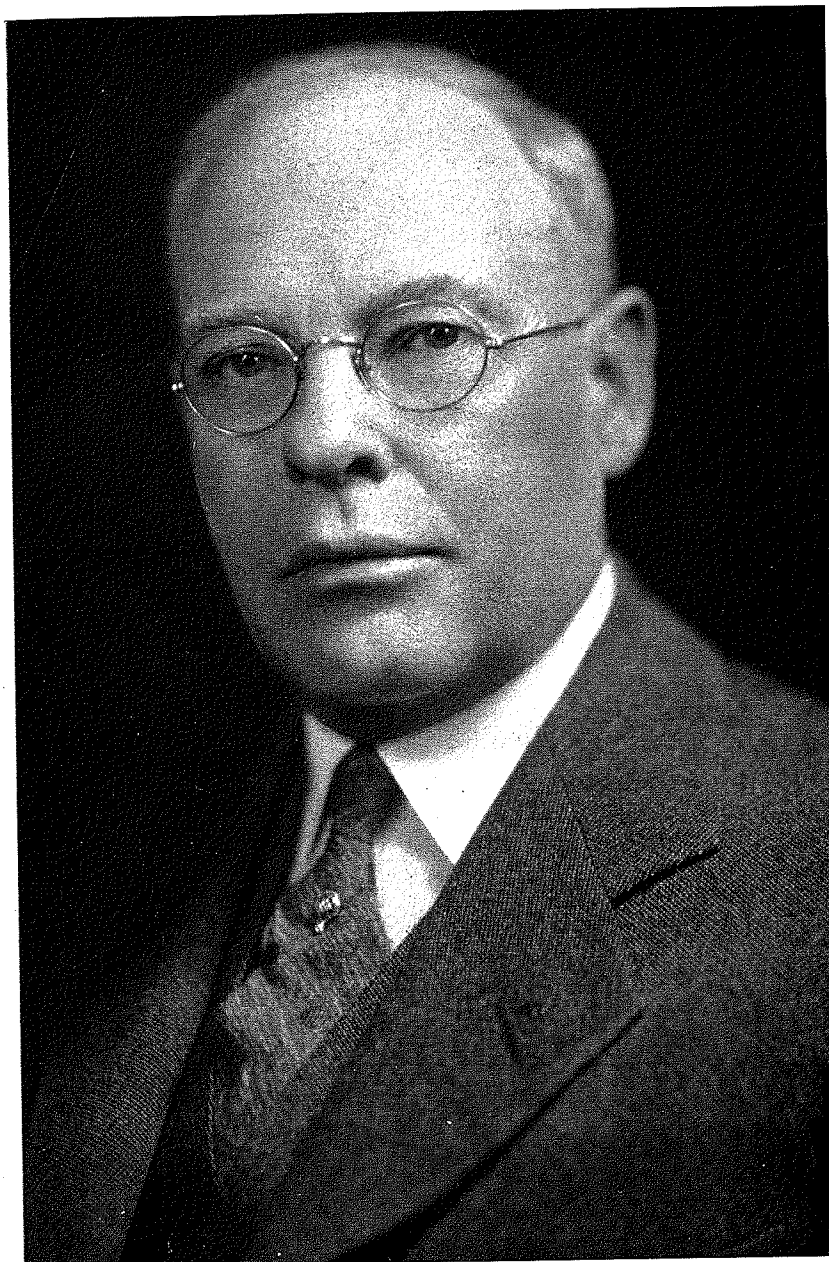
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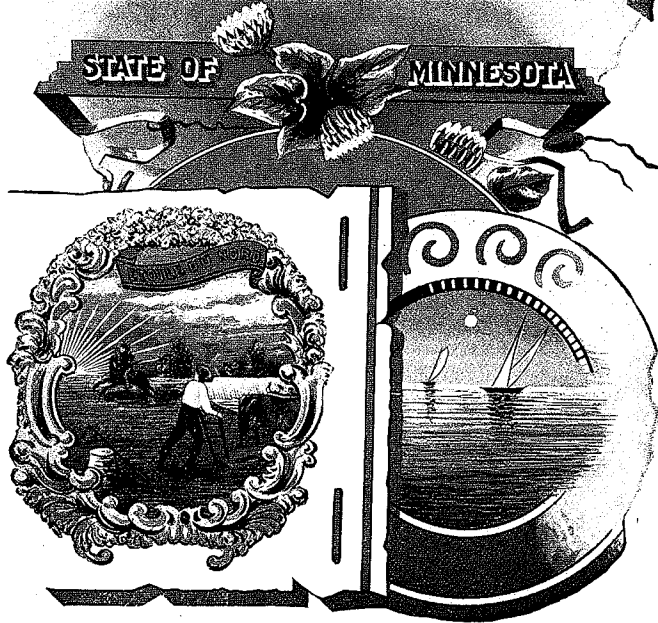
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