

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

GEORGE M. PARADISE

George M. Paradise was born on February 5, 1896 at Vizari, Rethymnon, Crete, Greece. He immigrated to the United States in 1912, coming to Sioux City, Iowa. He served in the U. S. Army during World War I. After his service he attended Morningside College from where he graduated in 1924. He then enrolled in the University of Minnesota Law School from where he received his law degree in 1927. Judge Paradise practiced law in Sioux City from 1927 to 1940 when he was appointed by Governor George Wilson to Municipal Court in Sioux City, Iowa. He served as a municipal court judge through 1958. In November of 1958 he was elected to serve as an Iowa District Judge. He served until his retirement in 1972 at the age of 75. Upon his retirement he practiced law with Emmanuel Bikakis at the Insurance Centre, Sioux City, Iowa until his death at the age of 98.

Judge Paradise was a founder and member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Sioux City, Iowa. He was an original member of the Sioux City chapter of the Order of AHEPA, which now bears his name. The AHEPA had as its purpose the instilling of responsibilities of good citizenship in Greek immigrants to the United States. Judge Paradise was past president of the local chapter and district governor of this organization.

Judge Paradise joined American Legion Monahan Post Chapter in 1919 and held all offices of the American Legion including state and national commander.

Judge Paradise was a member of Landmark Masonic Temple 103 AF AM, the Sioux City Consistory and the Scottish Rite Bodies. As a 60-year member of the consistory he attained the 33rd degree in masonry. He was active in ceremonies initiating new members.

On June 28, 1942 Judge Paradise married Creola Hess. Mrs. Paradise died on July 5, 1987.

Judge Paradise is survived by his brother, Gus Paradise, of Crete, Greece, and numerous neices and nephews.

Judge Paradise served ably and conscientiously as a judge for 32 years. He also served his community with distinction and was an inspiration to its younger members.

Wherefore, be it resolved by the Iowa Judges Association that a copy of this Resolution be made a part of the permanent records of this Association and a copy be sent to a member of his family.