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Dr. C. E. Peters Passes After Sudden Illness

RESOLUTION

In memory of our departed brother C. E. Peters, an honorary life member of our lodge, who passed away on the 8th day of April, 1939, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother of our order; that we through this resolution wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

Be It Further Resolved, that our chapter be draped in mourning for thirty days; that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the departed, entered in the minutes of the lodge, printed in the D. B. S. paper and the Viborg Enterprise. In behalf of the D.B. S. lodge No. 139 of Viborg, So.Dak.

J. P. Peterson Jr., President.
Marius Larsen, Secretary.

Large Numbers Attend Funeral on Tuesday

The entire community was shocked and saddened with the sudden illness and passing of Dr. C. E. Peters.

Christian Esbern Peters was born on the 29th day of December, 1869 at Blans, North Slesvig in the Kingdom of Denmark. In 1887, at the age of eighteen years, he came to the United States and to the city of Chicago.

He attended Wheaton College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. From Wheaton he went to the Rochester Theological Seminary at Rochester, New York to earn the degrees of Master of Arts and a Ph. D., in 1899.

In 1898 Dr. Peters was united in marriage to Effie Mae O'Brien. To this union four children were born. Namely: Helen Peters Glood, Paul Peters, Lois Peters Nelson, and Carl Peters.

After completing his formal education, Dr. Peters held several pastorates in the State of New York. From these fields the Peters family moved to the state of Nebraska to fill a charge at the city of Wahoo of that state. Here the wife and mother died in 1908 and is buried there.

In 1914 Dr. Peters assumed the duties of the pastorate of the Baptist church of Viborg, South Dakota. Here he was married, in 1919, to Agnes Hansen of Viborg. There were three children born to this union. An infant daughter, who preceeded him in death and two sons, Neil and Robert Peters. While serving the charge at Viborg, Dr. Peters was instrumental in building the present Baptist church of Viborg.

In 1920 the Peters family moved to Madison, South Dakota, serving the charge there until 1923 when they returned to Viborg.

Dr. Peters passed away on the 8th day of April 1939 at the Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, S. D., after undergoing a difficult operation. He attained the age of 69 years, 3 months and 9 days.

Besides Mrs. Peters and the children, the loss of Dr. Peters is mourned by three brothers, Carl C. Petersen of Oak Park, Illinois, Walter Petersen of Chicago, Ill and Hans Christian Petersen of North Slesvig, Denmark; and by three sisters Christine, Eline and Marie, also of North Slesvig.

Dr. Peters was an honorary life member of the Danish Brotherhood lodge No. 139 of Viborg, South Dakota, and also a member of the local chapter of Free Masons and the Consistory at Yankton, S. D.

Throughout an active and eventful life Dr. Peters has made many sincere and true friends. He has had friends among the great and among the lowly. He was capable in every way of appreciating the great among his friends, but more important than that, he was capable of loving the lowly. May God's Grace rest upon our friend here departed and may we profit by the example of the life he lived.

Dr. Peters was laid to rest on Tuesday, April 11th, 1939. Funeral took place from the Fraternal Burial parlors and the Baptist church. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery. Rev. Harris Jespersen, of the South Lutheran church officiated, assisted by Rev. Morris Kildal, of the Dell Rapids Methodist church. Rev. David Graham, of the Centerville Federated church read the Masonic rites at the grave.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our relatives and friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; for the beautiful flowers, and for the kind words of comfort spoken by Rev. Morris Kildal and Rev. Harris Jespersen, and for the assistance of Rev. Graham, of Centerville.

Mrs. C. E. Peters, Niel and Robert.
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Glood
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nelson
Paul Peters