



Obituary of Arne Foss, reedited.

Since the last issue of the magazine, "Sons of Norway" has been informed of the passing of a man who has been in the front rank of the workers within our Order, Brother Arne Foss of Nansen Lodge No. 410, Port Richmond, Staten Island, N.Y.

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Brother Arne Foss, who died January 9, was born in Durban, Natal, South Africa, May 4, 1899. When he was a year old his parents brought him to their home in Norway, Lyngdal West Agder, and at the age of eight years the family came to the United States, locating at Staten Island, N.Y. At the age of 17 he began his successful career in the insurance business. It may be noted that Brother Foss was a great-grandson of Norway's famous farmer leader Søren Jaabæk, who was a most influential member of the Norwegian Storting for 46 years.

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Brother Arne Foss was a charter member of Nansen Lodge and served as our first President for three years, following which he held all major offices. In addition, he was past Counselor and President of District Lodge No 3, and past General

Director of our Supreme Lodge. In 1950 he was elected President of Frank B. Hall & Company, Inc., insurance brokers, having been with that firm for since 1919. As director and second vice-president of the Insurance Brokers Association of New York, Brother Foss was also a member of the Drug & Chemicals Club, Downtown Athletic Club, Economic Club, Norwegian Club, American Society of Swedish Engineers and the Richmond County Country Club.

His interests were wide and his responsibilities tremendous, as indicated above, but he was never too busy to give of his time to any problem with which Nansen Lodge was confronted, or even with any individual situation which had to be cleared. Being a born leader, he was naturally the one to take the initiative in any big step taken by our members, who followed him, confident in the belief that his judgment was sound, his integrity unquestionable and his vision bright. One example of this was our acquisition of Nansen Park – a place from which so much satisfaction and pleasure has been derived. This was only one of the many instances

where his constructive thinking resulted in our going forward to bigger and better things, which was always his goal. Let us try to fulfill that dream! His tragic passing is a loss to the community and to those of us who knew him, to say nothing of the members of his family, to whom he was so

devoted. It has been said that the good that men do lives after them. That is how we will remember him. The members of Nansen extend their deepest and sincerest sympathy to his beloved widow, Astri, his four children and brother.