

XVIII.—SICK AND RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The Master shall appoint, on the night of his Installation, a Committee of three members, to whom all applications for relief shall be referred, and who shall inquire into the case of every sick or distressed brother, when notified thereof, and report to the Lodge at its next meeting. The Master may, on the recommendation of said Committee, grant such relief as may be deemed advisable, not exceeding \$5.00.

XIX.—INITIATION OR AFFILIATION.

Every petition for Initiation or Affiliation shall be signed by two Master Masons in good standing, and, after being read in open Lodge, shall be referred to a Committee of three brethren, appointed by the Master, which Committee shall make due and diligent inquiry as to character, standing, etc., etc. of the applicant, and shall report in writing, signed by at least two of said Committee, at a subsequent meeting, when, if the report be favorable to the candidate, the application shall be balloted on in all cases not less than four weeks from time of application. A deposit of Five Dollars (\$5.00), as part of Initiation fee, shall accompany every petition for Initiation.

If, after being approved by the Lodge and duly notified by the Secretary, the candidate does not present himself for Initiation within six calendar months, he must be again proposed and balloted for before he can be initiated.

An applicant for Affiliation must produce his Grand Lodge Certificate and also a Certificate of good standing in the Lodge from which he hails, or the want of such or both be satisfactorily accounted for, and deposit the amount of the joining fee with the Secretary previous to the passing of the ballot on his petition.