

SEC. 6. The funeral expenses and sick benefits shall be regulated by the By-laws of the Lodge, and all orders drawn for the above shall be by vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

OF DEGREES.

SECTION 1. A member who has been in membership four weeks may make application for election to any or all of the three subordinate Degrees, which application shall be accompanied with the amount required therefor, and be presented to the Lodge when open in that order of business, when the Lodge shall ballot upon the application; and if not more than two black balls be cast, he shall be declared elected; if he be rejected, no application shall be again received from him within three months thereafter. The Lodge may ballot for the three Degrees at one time when under that Order of Business, or under the Order of New Business, but shall not confer more than one Degree on a member at the same meeting, except in case of emergency, for which a dispensation must be obtained from the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Each Lodge shall confer the Degrees on its members, except in case of absence from the city, in which case the Brother shall be furnished with a certificate under seal, signed by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, authorizing another Lodge to confer the same, providing the same is done without charge.

SEC. 2. All business other than conferring the Degrees shall be conducted in the Third Degree. Lodges may, by By-law, confer all the Degrees without charge upon any Brother of the Initiatory Degree with a view of enabling him to assist in the working of the Lodge, but he shall not participate in any of the benefits of the Order beyond what he may be entitled to receive under the Initiatory Degree.