Conditional on  $\mathcal{F}_t$ , there are three ways  $N_k(t+1) - N_k(t)$  can be non-zero.

(I) The half-edge of the new vertex attaches to a particular k-1 degree vertex. Then,  $N_k(t)$  increases by 1 to  $N_k(t+1)$ . The probability of this event is

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \le i \le t+2: \\ D_i(t)=k-1}} \sum_{\substack{k_1,k_2,\dots,\\ k_d \in [t+2] \setminus \{i\}}} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{D_{k_j}(t)}{2(t+1)} \right\} \frac{D_i(t)}{2(t+1) - S_t(\{k_1,\dots,k_d\})}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{k_1,k_2,\dots,\\ k_d \in [t+2] \setminus \{i_0\}}} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{D_{k_j}(t)}{2(t+1)} \right\} \frac{(k-1)N_{k-1}(t)}{2(t+1) - S_t(\{k_1,\dots,k_d\})} = (k-1)N_{k-1}(t)P_{i_0}(t),$$

where  $i_0$  is a particular k-1 degree vertex at time t.