

# MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS, INC.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I -- MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 101 -- Eligibility

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- A. Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall be open to any regular member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., who has been invited to join the Order and at the time of application in the Order is made, shall be:
1. a regular member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., in good standing;
  2. with Membership Dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., fully paid;
  3. of good character and reputation;
  4. In full compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Order and the requirements found hereinafter in these Bylaws as set forth for the several Degrees of Membership.
- B. The Degrees of Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and the time and place the Degrees will be conferred are herewith and hereby established as follows:
1. The Degree of Pup to be granted to all qualified candidates at any Growl of the Pound. By limitation hereinafter set forth may also be granted the Degree at the Pack and Kennel level;
  2. The Degree of Devil Dog to be granted to all qualified candidates at any Growl of the Pack. By limitation hereinafter set forth may also be granted at the Kennel level;
  3. The Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog to be granted to all qualified candidates ONLY at the Supreme Growl of the Order.
  4. EXCEPTIONS:
    - a. Any qualified candidate who has otherwise complied with paragraphs D and E. of this Section and who is also a World War I and/or World War II Veteran, (service between 13 September 1939 to 13 September 1946 is classified as a World War II Veteran\*ref: DOD), and any service prior to 13 September 1939 would also qualify for advancement to the rank of Pedigreed Devil Dog. The aforementioned candidates would not be required to attend the Supreme Growl of the Kennel to be elevated.
    - b. Any such other candidate who is in failing health, and to whom the trip to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel would cause undue hardship and/or physical endangerment shall, by written request of the Pound with the approval endorsement of the Pack, and with the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, be permitted elevation to the next higher Degree at a Growl of the Pound, or at a special Growl of the Pack permit. (Pounds that are not part of a functioning Pack may petition the Honorable Chief Devil Dog directly.) The written request from the Pound on behalf of a Pup or Devil Dog in failing health shall be accompanied by a statement from competent medical authority specifically addressing the condition of the individual for whom the exemption is being sought. The Pound Keeper's written request shall be countersigned by the Worthy Pack Leader in states where there is a functioning Pack, or sent directly to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog where there is not a functioning Pack in the state, with a copy of the request sent directly to the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the respective Division. Once the written approval has been received from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Pound Keeper or Pack Leader, as appropriate, shall appoint an Installation Officer and Installation Team appropriate for the Degree to be conferred, with the express understanding that said Growl will be held within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog and, in the case of a Growl of the Pound, the Worthy Pack Leader should ensure that there is a representative from their respective Staff, whenever possible.
- C. A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of Pup in this Order must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:
1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A. of this Section;
  2. Fully complete and sign their Application for Membership Form in triplicate on official forms for election and initiation to the Degree of Pup;
  3. Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., for at least one (1) full year;
  4. Exhibit their current year Marine Corps League, Inc., Membership Card;
  5. Be sponsored by two members of the Order having the Degree of Devil Dog and/or Pedigreed Devil Dog;
  6. In the appropriate section of the Application, the Commandant of their Detachment must list the specific accomplishments the Candidate has preformed in the interest of the Marine Corps League and the Detachment that support the recommendation,

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7. Accompany their Application with the required years Membership Dues in this Order, and also any required election fee.
8. After filing a valid application with the Pound Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pound next following the Growl at which the application was read. The Pound Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the Application the disposition thereof over their signature, and retain the Pound Copy of the Application and supporting papers in the Pound files and forward the other copies to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber and to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

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- D. A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of Devil Dog in this Order must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:
1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A. of this Section;
  2. Fully complete and sign an Application in triplicate on official forms, for election, obligation and initiation to the Degree of Devil Dog;
  3. Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., for at least two (2) full years;
  4. Exhibit their current year Marine Corps League, Inc., Membership Card;
  5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Pup for a period of at least 12 consecutive months;
  6. Accompany their Application with any required election fee.

After filing a valid application with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the application the disposition thereof over their signature, and retain the Pack Copy and forward a copy of the Application to the member's Pound Dog Robber and to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

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- E. A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog in this Order must comply with all the following requirements and conditions:
1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A. of this Section;
  2. Fully complete and sign their Application in triplicate on official forms, for election, obligation and initiation to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog;
  3. Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., for at least three (3) full years;
  4. Exhibit their current years Membership Cards in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and this Order;
  5. Attach to their application a letter from the Worthy Pack Robber that the candidate has served as a faithful Devil Dog for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months;

After filing a valid application with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the Application the disposition thereof over their signature; retain the original application and forward copies of said application to each of the members' Worthy Pack Dog Robber and Pound Dog Robber.

- F. Exceptions: Normally, a Candidate is selected and Initiated to the Degree of Pup only at a Growl of the Pound, and a Pup is Initiated and Obligated to the Degree of Devil Dog only at a Growl of the Pack. However, certain exceptions must be considered.
1. In a state having only one functioning Pound, the natural membership area of the Pound shall be that enclosed in a fifty (50) mile radius of the municipality that is the nominal location of the Pound. All Candidates for the Degree of Pup residing in that area will file their application for membership with that Pound Dog Robber, and complete all requirements listed in Paragraph C of this Section. They may then be elected, initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pound, in accordance with these Bylaws. Candidates residing outside this area will have the option of being initiated and obligated at the home town of the Pound, or may attend the annual Department Convention, where the Pound, sitting as an Initiatory Body, may receive applications, and initiate and obligate Candidates to the Degree of Pup. Newly initiated Pups residing outside the natural membership area of the Pound will either be affiliated with that Pound until there is a Pound formed in their area, or designated Kennel Strays in accordance with these Bylaws. In either case, Candidates must meet the requirements of Paragraph C of this Section.
  2. In states not having a functioning Pound, Candidates for the Degree of Pup have three options to submit an Application for Membership.
    - a. Where there is a functioning Pound in an adjoining state, such Candidates may file their application with the Pound Dog Robber of that Pound, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pound, or
    - b. Where there is a functioning Pack in an adjoining state, such Candidates may file their application for obligation and initiation with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber of that Pack, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pack, or

- c. Such Candidates may file their application for obligation and initiation with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
  - d. Candidates applying under this Sub-Paragraph must also meet all the requirements of Paragraph C of this Section.
3. Advancement to Devil Dog
    - a. Where there is a functioning Pack in an adjoining state, Pups may file an Application with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber of that Pack, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pack, or
    - b. Pups may file an Application with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel
    - c. Pups applying for advancement under this Sub-Paragraph must also meet all the requirements of Paragraph D of this Section.
  4. In states having a functioning Pack, Candidates for the Degree of Pup may also apply directly to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber of that Pack, if application to a Pound would cause undue hardship or gross inconvenience. Such applications will be considered at the sole discretion of the Pack Staff. Candidates applying under this Sub-Paragraph must have met all the requirements of Paragraph C of this Section and have been a member of the Marine Corps League for two full years.
  5. In addition to the above provisions, Candidates for Pup and Pups applying to advance to Devil Dog may also apply directly to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber for consideration at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. Such applications are at the sole discretion of the Kennel Staff, wherein refusal would cause undue hardship and gross inconvenience. Candidates for Pup so applying must have at least three full years' membership in the Marine Corps League and meet all the other requirements of paragraph C of this Section. Pups so applying for advancement must have two full years faithful service as a Pup, and meet all the other requirements of Paragraph D of this Section.
  6. Except as may be noted otherwise elsewhere in these Bylaws, a candidate for the Degree of Pup will not normally be processed by a Pound outside their home state if there is a Functioning Pound therein. Likewise, candidates for the Degrees of Devil Dog or Pup will not normally be processed by a Pack outside their home state if there is a functioning Pack therein. Candidates should not be given the opportunity to "shop" between different Pounds or different Packs. The provisions of Paragraphs C and D of Section 101 must be applied to the consideration of any exception to this Sub-paragraph.
    - a. Candidates for the Degree of Pup initiated by other than a Pound under the provisions of this Paragraph would normally be designated Kennel Strays. Pound affiliation requires the mutual desire of the Pup and acceptance of the Pound, and
    - b. Pups advanced and initiated to the Degree of Devil Dog by other than a Pack in accordance with this Paragraph will normally retain their prior affiliation, either with their Pound or as Kennel Strays, as appropriate.
- G. Associate, Honorary or any type of Member of the Marine Corps League, Inc, other than Regular Members, shall not be eligible for Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Inc., except those members granted Honorary Life Memberships by virtue of being a recipient of the Medal of Honor. The Kennel, upon written request from the Pounds and Packs may confer the title of Honorary Pedigreed Devil Dog upon Medal of Honor recipients as appropriate. Individuals who receive the title of Honorary Pedigreed Devil Dog, and who are or who become paid Regular Members of the Marine Corps League may convert to a Regular Membership in the Order by paying the appropriate dues.

### **Section 102 - Application**

Every Application for consideration must be in writing and in triplicate on approved membership application forms, which forms must be fully completed in writing or typewritten, over the signature of the applicant and must be accompanied by supplemental papers pertinent to the Degree of membership for which application is filed and as set forth in the applicable sub-sections of Section 101 of these Bylaws.

### **Section 103 - Election, Notification, Obligation and Rejection**

#### **Election**

- A. Under the Order of Business "Election of Candidates" the Unit Dog Robber shall read all applications for obligation and initiation, certifying as to their correctness and as to the amount of membership dues and/or election fees accompanying each application.
  1. Voting shall be by secret ballot, either by a show of hands or written, and shall be under supervision of the Smart Dog and Police Dog, with the Pound Keeper, Worthy Pack Leader, or Honorable Chief Devil Dog

(the presiding officer having jurisdiction) confirming the results of the ballot.

2. It is permissible to vote for the candidates as a group. When the vote is taken for the group, a simple majority will determine the acceptance or rejection of the group. Rejection shall require a ballot for each and every candidate.

### **Notification**

- B. The Unit Dog Robber shall promptly notify all successful candidates of the time and place for obligation and it shall be the duty of the candidates to be present.
  1. Should the successful Pup candidate fail to appear at two successive Growls of the Pound without just and valid reason, the approval shall be withdrawn, the membership dues refunded and the election fee forfeited to the Pound. They shall not be eligible for approval for a period of six calendar months from the last Growl of the Pound to which they were instructed to appear. They shall also be required to pay their proper membership dues and election fees.
  2. Should the successful Devil Dog candidate fail to appear at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack to which they were instructed to appear, the approval shall be withdrawn and their election fee forfeited to the Pack. They will not be eligible again for obligation and initiation until one calendar year has elapsed or until the next succeeding Grand Growl of the Pack, whichever shall be last occurring, and the payment of a proper election fee.
  3. Should the successful Pedigreed Devil Dog candidate fail to appear at the current Supreme Growl, the approval shall be withdrawn and their election fee shall be forfeited to the Kennel. They will not be eligible for obligation and initiation until the next succeeding Supreme Growl of the Kennel and the payment of a proper election fee.

### **Obligation**

- C. Any successful candidate, having appeared at the time and place fixed for the assembly of the Growl of the unit of obligation and initiation into the Degree called for in their application, shall be initiated under supervision of the Unit Mad Dog into the mysteries of said Degree in accordance with the traditions of the Order and after the initiation, shall be obligated to the Degree as set forth in the Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Inc., by the Unit presiding officer or by any past presiding officer of a superior unit.

### **Rejection**

- D. Should the application of any candidate be rejected by the Unit to which the application has been made, the election fees and in the case of the application for the Degree of Pup, the membership dues accompanying the application shall be immediately returned to the applicant by the Unit Dog Robber and the name of the rejected candidate cannot again be presented for consideration for such a period as may be applicable under paragraph B-1, B-2, and B-3 of this section.

### **Unit Dog Robber**

- E. It shall be the duty of the Unit Dog Robber to place the date and over their signature, certify as to the disposition made of the application. The original papers shall be retained in the files and copies of the application, duly certified and signed, be forthwith sent to the Dog Robbers of their superior and/or junior jurisdiction.

### **Section 104 - Election Fees and Membership Dues**

- A. Each Pound shall fix the amount to be charged for election fees and annual membership dues. The Pound membership dues shall include the sum of the Pack and Kennel dues.
- B. Each Pack shall fix the amount to be charged for election fees and annual membership dues. The Pack membership dues shall include the sum of the Kennel membership dues.
- C. The Kennel shall fix the amount to be charged for election fees and annual membership dues. Kennel membership dues are to be collected by the Pound Dog Robber and transmitted to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber through channels.

- D. Pounds and Packs shall forward Paid Life Membership Dues to the Kennel, making sure that they certify the status as Paid Life Member in the Marine Corps League, including the Paid Life Membership Number, of each Pedigreed Devil Dog so transmitted. The required procedures and the amount of the Paid Life Memberships are found in Sections 105 and 1209 of these Bylaws.

#### **Section 105 - Forwarding Membership Dues**

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- A. After obtaining current Marine Corps League, Inc., membership card numbers, the Pound Dog Robber, shall by separate remittance, promptly forward all Pack and Kennel membership dues together with pertinent Marine Corps League, Inc., membership card numbers, through channels, to the Pack and Kennel Dog Robbers.
- B. Paid Life Memberships shall be submitted on transmittal forms separate from regular renewing members in the Order. Date of entry into the Marine Corps League, Inc., membership shall be stated thereon, as well as the League PLM number, issued by National Headquarters of the League and members date of birth. A check(s) for the full amount for each Paid Life Member in the Order will accompany each Paid Life Member so transmitted. (See Section 1209)

#### **Section 106 - Good Standing**

- A. All members of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall keep their membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order, paid for the current fiscal year and shall also otherwise maintain their membership in both organizations in good standing.
- B. Any member may transfer from his present Pound to another Pound without payment of additional dues or transfer fees upon application and approval by the Pound to which he seeks transfer, provided he is in good standing at the time such application is made. If the transferring member is delinquent in his dues, he shall place himself in good standing before his transfer may be approved.
- C. A receipt from the Pound from which the transfer is made, showing that the member's dues are paid in full, and that he has no indebtedness to the losing Pound, shall entitle the member, if the transfer is accepted by the receiving Pound, to all rights and privileges of the Pound to which he has transferred during the period for which his dues are paid.
- D. If the losing Pound does not respond to the request for transfer, the member shall have the right of appeal to the Pack, or Kennel if there is no Pack, to verify his dues status.

#### **Section 107 - Delinquency**

- A. Any member of the Order who does not have their Membership dues in the Order paid for the current Membership Year, as stipulated in ARTICLE V – FISCAL AND FINANCE, Section 503, shall be determined to be delinquent.
- B. Should the delinquency extend beyond the last day of the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel, they shall be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of membership dues.

#### **Section 108 – Re-Instatement**

- A. Any member of the Order who has been dropped from the membership rolls of the Order for the non-payment of dues may reinstate their membership at the degree held at the time they were dropped from the rolls by complying with the following:
- (1) Submit a request to the presiding officers of the Pound having jurisdiction over them asking for reinstatement to the degree of membership held at the time they were dropped from the rolls for non-payment of membership dues, which request must be approved by the Pound having jurisdiction.
  - (2) Present evidence they are in good standing and that their current membership dues are paid in the Marine Corps League, Inc.
  - (3) Pay a Reinstatement Fee of \$2.00 per year for each year they have been dropped from the rolls along with the Kennel dues for that year. The maximum period for the reinstatement fee is three (3) years, with a Reinstatement Fee of \$2.00 and a maximum Reinstatement Fee of \$6.00 along with any dues owed for that period. The reinstatement Fee shall be paid to the Kennel for the general uses and purposes of the Kennel.
  - (4) Any member who has been approved by the Pound having jurisdiction for reinstatement, who has then paid the appropriate reinstatement fees and delinquent dues must serve at least one year as a contributing member in good standing before being recommended for elevation to the next higher degree.

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- B. Any member of the Order not in good standing and/or who have been dropped from the membership rolls of the Order for ANY CAUSE shall not be eligible to wear any emblems, insignia, sign or uniform of the Order until and unless they become a member of the Order in good standing.
- C. When a member who has been dropped from the rolls does not reside in the geographical area of the Pound of which they were a member, they may be reinstated by another Pound that is geographically close to their residence. In this case, the Dues Transmittal for the reinstatement will be accompanied by a Request for Transfer Form, with the identification of the former (losing) Pound completed. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber will provide a copy of the transfer form to the losing Pound with their next regular mailing.

### **Section 109 - Removing Ineligibles**

- A. Any member of the Order may be required to prove eligibility at any time. Should it be determined after careful investigation that the member has obtained membership in the Order in violation of any part of Section 101 or 106 of this Article or any other proven misrepresentation, their name shall be removed from the rolls of the Order by the Unit Dog Robber having jurisdiction over their membership immediately, with notification of such action being sent to the Dog Robber of his superior or junior jurisdiction
- B. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall keep a permanent alphabetical file of such removals for future record and reference. No person whose name has been removed from the rolls of the Order under the provisions of this section shall be again eligible for consideration for membership in this Order.

### **Section 110 - Right of Appeal**

- A. It shall be the right of any member of the Order to appeal, through channels, from the acts and decisions of any Unit and/or its officers, which appeal shall be first taken to the next higher authority.
- B. The levels of authority shall be:
  - 1. Sir Pound Keeper
  - 2. Growl of the Pound
  - 3. Worthy Pack Leader
  - 4. Grand Growl of the Pack
  - 5. Honorable Chief Devil Dog
  - 6. Honorable Kennel Staff
  - 7. Supreme Growl of the Kennel
- C. The acts and decisions of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be final and binding unless and until reversed or altered by any subsequent Supreme Growl of the Kennel.

## **ARTICLE II - POUNDS**

### **Section 201 - Definition**

- A. The Pound of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. shall correspond in character and function in the Order as does the Detachment in the Organization of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
- B. The Pound shall bear a number as determined by the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, being issued in sequence and in addition shall bear such name as the members of the Pound may choose, except that no Pound shall bear the name of a living person or of a Pound already in use. It is preferable, but not mandatory, that the Pound bear the name of the Detachment of the Marine Corps League, Inc., from which it obtains the majority of its members.
- C. When there are at least ten qualified members of the Order residing under the jurisdiction of the relative Department of the Marine Corps League, Inc., where there is no instituted functional Pound, an application for a Pound Charter should be filed.
  - 1. Effective leadership is always a prerequisite for a successful Pound. This is particularly true where the Membership of the Pound will probably be spread across a wide geographical area. Individual Devil Dogs who are qualified to accept the challenges implicit with this situation should be identified, and they should be queried to determine that they are willing to serve in leadership positions before a Pound Charter Application is submitted.
  - 2. When such a Pound is chartered and instituted, it shall be known as "Name of the State" Pound, and by reason of the wide geographical residency of the membership making it difficult to hold a "called" or "stated" Growl of the Pound, it shall be in order for such a Pound to convene any Growl of the Pound, only in concert with a Convention of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
- D. When the paid up membership of any Pound in the Kennel shall fall below the number of five (5) members, then the Charter of such Pound may be impounded at the Kennel Headquarters at the request of either the Pound Keeper of the affected Pound, or the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, until such time as the Pound can be reactivated. The current members of such Pound shall be carried as Kennel Strays, listed under the State in which the Pound was situated.

### **Section 202 - Charter**

- A. Application for a Charter, on forms supplied by the Kennel, shall be signed by seven members of the Order, five or more of whom shall have the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog with all signers of the application for Charter indicating their degree of membership. The application accompanied by the required charter fees shall then be forwarded through channels to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber for action.
- B. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall determine as to whether the issuance of the proposed Charter is in the best interest of the Order and of the Marine Corps League, Inc., and if his determination is favorable, shall cause the proposed Charter to be issued over his signature and countersigned by the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and dated as to the date of approval and issue.
- C. Should the location of the proposed Pound be where there is no functioning Pound, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall proceed with the issuance of the Charter as under the provisions of paragraph "B" of this section.
- D. Should the location of the proposed Pound be in a state where there is a functioning Pound and the proposed Pound be within the natural membership area of the functioning Pound (Section 101 F-1) the approval and consent of the functioning Pound must be sought. When approval and consent are obtained, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall proceed with the Charter in accordance with Paragraph B of this section. If the functioning Pound refuses to approve and consent, or fails to respond to this request, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, with the advice of the Pack Leader, if such exists, may proceed to issue the Charter if such is felt to be in the best interests of the Order.
- E. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog, after issuance of a Charter, shall name an instituting officer of said Pound for the presentation of the Charter and the installation of the officers.

### **Instituting**

- F. The Instituting Officer shall be the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, or if he/she is not available, the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Respective Division. In any case where the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog cannot attend, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall appoint the Instituting Officer, who shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog and will be a Kennel Officer, a Past Kennel Officer, a Pack Officer, a Past Pack Officer, a Pound Keeper or a Past Pound Keeper, in that order.

- G. Upon receipt of the Charter and Commission from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Instituting Officer, cooperating with the Charter petitioners and at the time and place designated by them, shall institute the Pound, present the Charter and install its officers in accordance with the Ritual of the Order and shall make a full and complete report of the institution, presentation of the Charter, and installation of officers, to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, with copies thereof being sent to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, via the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division, Worthy Pack Leader and Worthy Pack Dog Robber of the Pack having jurisdiction.
- H. During the performance of his duties as Instituting Officer, he shall be known as, and have title of, Honorable Deputy Chief Devil Dog and he shall choose as his aide, one who shall be addressed as Honorable Deputy Kennel Police Dog.

### **Section 203 - Bylaws**

Each Pound may adopt Bylaws, provided they in no way violate or conflict with the Kennel Bylaws and Bylaws of the Pack having jurisdiction, and providing further that the Kennel and Pack having jurisdiction be furnished with a copy of such Bylaws and such amendments thereto as may be from time to time adopted.

### **Section 204 - Authority of the Pound**

- A. Any Pound after having been formally instituted presented with its Charter and after the installation of its officers, shall be a functioning Pound in this order. It shall have the full power and authority and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a constituent unit of the Order.
- B. The functioning Pound shall have the sole right to determine the amount of membership dues to be assessed each member annually for the fiscal year, which membership dues shall include membership dues for the Pack (if the Pound is a member of a Pack) and the annual membership dues of the Kennel. Membership dues are for the full fiscal year and cannot be pro-rated.
- C. The functioning Pound shall have the sole right to determine the amount of election fee to be paid for each candidate applying for initiation and obligation to the Degree of PUP, which election fee shall be used to apply toward the expenses of the initiation.
- D. Any functioning Pound shall have the right, power, and authority to initiate and obligate qualified applicants for the Degree of PUP in this Order.

### **Section 205 - Growls - Regular, Annual, Special and Staff**

- A. REGULAR - Each Pound shall hold no less than four regular assemblies during any fiscal year, which assemblies shall include the annual assembly of the Pound, for the election of officers.
- B. ANNUAL - Each Pound shall hold one annual assembly to be held during the three months following the month of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. This assembly may be one of the regular assemblies specified in Paragraph A, above, and shall be designated a Growl of the Pound. At this annual Growl of the Pound the full order of business shall be called and acted upon, including the nomination, election and installation of Officers, and at which Growl the outgoing officers shall make full and proper reports and accounting to the Pound. The Installation Report for the new officers shall be submitted to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber no later than the end of the month immediately following the Growl. The Installation Report shall be submitted via the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, if there is such, and a copy shall be sent to the respective Division Vice Chief Devil Dog.
- C. SPECIAL GROWL - POUND AND/OR STAFF
  - 1. Special Growls of the Pound may be called at the discretion of the Pound Keeper or upon the written request of not less than four members of the Pound then in good standing, and setting forth the reason for such special growl. Notice of special growls, giving the time, place and purpose, shall be mailed to each member of the Pound, then in good standing, not less than seven days prior to the date of such growl, with no other business being transacted except that for which the growl was called.
  - 2. Growls of the Pound Staff may be called at the discretion of the Pound Keeper or upon written request of three or more members of the Pound Staff. Notice of each growl of the Pound Staff shall be mailed to members of the Pound Staff not less than seven days prior to the date of the growl.

### **Section 206 - Quorum**

Each Pound may set a minimum number of members required to be present at any assembly of the Growl of the Pound in order to legally transact business of the Pound, provided, however, that such quorum is of record in the Bylaws of the Pound, and further provided that no quorum shall be set at less than five members.

## **Section 207 - Charter - Surrender, Suspension or Revocation**

### **Surrender**

- A. Any Pound may surrender its Charter only if and when, the proposal to surrender has been presented in writing at any given Growl of the Pound, followed by full notice by mail to each and every member of the Pound, then in good standing, that such proposal to surrender is to be heard under NEW BUSINESS at the next regular Growl of the Pound, or shall be the subject of business at a special Growl of the Pound to be called for that purpose and in compliance with paragraph "C" of Section 205 of these Bylaws.
- B. If, at the ensuing Growl at which the proposal to surrender the Pound Charter was considered, the proposal was adopted over the objection of four or less members to surrender the Charter, the Pound Keeper, with the attestation of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, of the desire to surrender the Charter and supplying with such notice, certified copies of the minutes of the meetings pertinent to the action to surrender the Charter.

### **Suspension**

- C. The Charter of any Pound may be suspended for any period not exceeding ninety days for violation of the Laws of the Order or the violation or refusal to carry out the lawful orders of superior authority or for conduct or actions detrimental to the best interests of the Order, or for violation of the laws of the state in which it is located, or the laws of the United States.
- D. Suspension of the Charter of a Pound is effected by official written notice over the signature of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and attestation by the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and shall fully state the cause or causes of such suspension and the period thereof
- E. Should an adjudication of the reason for such suspension not be made within the initial period of suspension, the suspension SHALL BE continued until such time as there has been an adjudication of the reason of suspension.

### **Revocation**

- F. Revocation
  - 1. The Charter of any Pound may be revoked by order of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog if the Pound and/or the members thereof fail to file a response within Thirty Days of the date of suspension.
  - 2. Upon receipt of evidence in the response, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall either:
  - 3. Vacate the suspension and restore the Pound to good standing.
  - 4. Continue the suspension for additional period not exceeding ninety days for the presentation of additional evidence.
  - 5. Revoke Charter.
- G. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall have the right to file in writing, within sixty days of the date of the revocation, an appeal from the decision of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog to the Kennel Staff.
- H. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall have the right to file, in writing, at the next session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, an appeal from the decision of the Kennel Staff and the action of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be final and not eligible for appeal.
- I. The ruling of the lower authority shall be in full force and effect unless, and until, reversed and/or modified by higher authority.

## **Section 208 - Eligibility to Hold Office**

- A. All members of the Pound shall be eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Pound, Subject, however, to the following limitations and restrictions:
  - 1. The Pound Keeper must have the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog, with the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog being preferred.
  - 2. It is preferable that the Pound Dog Robber has the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.
  - 3. To be eligible for an elective or appointive office, a Pup must have been a faithful Pup for at least one calendar year. This restriction may be waived ONLY when the fifth person making application for a Pound Charter is a Pup, who may be a proper Charter Applicant, and the Pup Charter Applicant may hold any Appointive Office other than that of the Pound Dog Robber. A Pup will be eligible to hold any office in the Pound that is elective other than the Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber.

4. All officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order.
5. Any officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the ORDER, to lapse, shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.
6. Any nominee for any elective office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons. The DOG ROBBER provided they have stated by written word their acceptance of the office if elected, may be nominated and elected in absentia.

### **Section 209 - Pound Officers - Elected and Appointed**

- A. ELECTED - The Elected Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Keeper, Senior Vice Pound Keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog.
- B. APPOINTED - The Appointive Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Dog Robber, Pound Watch Dog and the Pound Barking Dog and such other subordinate officers as the Pound Keeper, in his discretion, may choose to appoint.

It is preferable that the Pound Keeper make all appointments following the election so as to permit the installation of the appointive officers with the elective officers. The appointive officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Pound Keeper.

- C. STAFF - The Pound Staff shall consist of all elected officers, together with the Pound Dog Robber, Pound Watch Dog and the Pound Barking Dog, together with all Past Pound Keepers.
- D. POUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES - When the Pound is incorporated, the Pound Board of Trustees shall consist of the Elected Pound Officers and the Junior Past Pound Keeper. The Pound Dog Robber, if that office is not elected, will be an ex-Officio member of the Pound Board of Trustees, without a vote.
- E. MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP - With Pounds having minimal membership, the following officers must be chosen: Pound Keeper, Pound Dog Robber, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Mad Dog, and Pound Watch Dog, with no objection to a member holding one additional office, exclusive of the Pound Keeper, who shall be limited to that office alone
- F. SUCCESSION - All Pound Officers may succeed themselves in office for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected or appointed.

### **Section 210 - Election**

- A. The annual Growl of the Pound shall be held during the three months following the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. (See Section 205)
- B. At the annual Growl of the Pound, the officers of the Pound shall be nominated, elected and installed.
- C. All nominations for elective office shall be from the floor.
- D. The elective officers shall be chosen by secret ballot.
- E. The ballot may be cast for the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.
- F. Should the Pound fail to nominate for any office, after the election of officers, the Pound Keeper elect shall appoint an eligible member of the Pound to the office for which no nomination had been made?
- G. The Pound Police Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Growl while the Pound Officers are being nominated and elected.

### **Section 211 - Duties and Authority of Pound Officers, Tenure**

The authority and duties of all Pound officers shall be comparable to those of corresponding Pack and Kennel officers within the scope of their jurisdiction and shall include the tenure of office therein specified.

### **Section 212 - Past Pound Officers**

A Past Pound Officer is one who, having been elected or appointed and installed, has served to the end of their full normal term or whose term of office is terminated by death.

### **Section 213 - Vacancy**

- A. In case of any elective or appointive office (except that of Pound Keeper) being declared vacant during the fiscal year, the Pound Keeper, with the approval of the Pound Staff, shall appoint promptly, a successor for the uncompleted term of office.

- B. In case the vacant office be that of Pound Keeper, the Senior Vice Pound Keeper shall assume all of the title, rights and privileges of the office of Pound Keeper for the uncompleted term thereof The Pound shall immediately fill the office of Senior Vice Pound Keeper by election.
- C. In case the vacancy in the office of Pound Keeper occurs in a Pound not having a Senior Vice Pound Keeper, the Pound shall immediately fill the office of Pound Keeper by election.
- D. Pound offices shall be declared vacant for any of the following reasons:
  - 1. The Pound Officers permit themselves to become in arrears in their membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and/or this Order; or lose their status as a member in good standing in the League, and/or in this Order.
  - 2. The Pound Officer absents themselves from two consecutive Growls of the Pound without valid reason.
  - 3. For any other just cause or reason.

**Section 214 - Voting**

Each and every member of the Pound present at the Grawl and in good standing in the League and this Order shall have one vote.

- 1. Election of candidates for membership or for office shall be by secret ballot.
- 2. All other voting on Pound business shall be by voice vote.
- 3. Two or more members present and eligible to vote may call for a secret ballot on any matter.

**Section 215 - Initiation**

- A. Approved candidates for the Degree of Pup may be initiated at any Grawl of the Pound.
- B. In States where there is only one functioning Pound and there are annual assemblies of the Department of the Marine Corps League, Inc., that Pound for so long as it remains the sole functioning Pound in the state, is hereby and herewith authorized and empowered to initiate into the Degree of Pup any approved candidate for that Degree as may present themselves for initiation at such annual assemblies of the Department. Such Pound sitting as such Initiatory Body can only initiate to the degree of Pup.

**Section 216 - Grawl of the Pound**

- A. All assemblies of the Pound shall be officially known as the Grawl of the Pound.
- B. The assembly place of the Grawl of the Pound shall be officially known as the Pound.
- C. A Grawl of the Pound shall be considered a formal assemblage, empowered to consider motions and expend funds ONLY if the Holy Bible, Bone and Charter (or certified copy) are present. Absence of these three (3) Sacred Articles shall render the assemblage an informal gathering.

**Section 217 - Acts of the Pound**

In all the acts, actions and activities of the Pound, it shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, Bylaws and Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and the Constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

**Section 218 – Pound Default**

- A. A Pound shall be in Default if:
  - 1. It is indebted to either Kennel or its Pack.
  - 2. It does not have a valid Installation Report on file with Kennel by 30 June.
- B. No Dog of a defaulted Pound may serve as a Kennel or Pack Officer.
- C. Notification of any Pound without an Installation Report must appear in the Spring Edition of the *WOOF-O-GRAM*.

## **Section 219 - Order of Business**

The Order of Business for any Growl of the Pound shall be:

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Reading or Publishing Minutes of the previous Growl(s)
4. Memorial Services
5. Unfinished Business; Officers and Committee Reports, Other Unfinished Business.
6. New Business; Resolutions, Other New Business, Nomination, Election and Installation of officers
7. # Initiation of Candidates to Degree of Pup
8. # Obligation of Candidates to Degree of Pup
9. \*Good of the Order, Including Announcement of next Growl
10. Closing Ceremony

*# Initiation and Obligation of candidates shall be under the jurisdiction of the retiring Pound Keeper and Staff.*

*\* At the discretion of the Pound Keeper, a recess of the Growl may be called before the order of business, "Nomination, Election, and Installation of Officers" and/or before the Order of Business, "Good of the Order."*

The Order of Business of any special Growl of the Pound or any Growl of the Staff may be called up for attention and action at the next ensuing regular Growl of the Pound under the Order of Business, "Reading or Publishing of Minutes of Previous Growl(s).

## ARTICLE III - PACKS

### Section 301 - Definition

- A. The Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall correspond in character and function in this Order as does the Department in the organization of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
- B. The individual Pack shall bear the name of (using the name of the State in which it is to be chartered) Pack.
- C. Any member of the Order to be eligible for membership in the Pack must:
  - 1. Be in good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in this Order.
  - 2. Their membership dues in both organizations must be paid currently.
  - 3. They must hold the Degree of Pup, Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.
- D. The Pack shall be the official representative of the Kennel within the limits of it's (the Pack's) jurisdiction.

### Section 302 - Formation, Charter, Instituting

- A. A Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., may be formed in any State having two or more functioning Pounds, by an application for a charter signed by the Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers of the petitioning Pounds. Pounds making such an application shall follow the procedure listed in either Paragraph C or D of this Section.
- B. No group shall be deemed to have the legal entity of a Pack until it is operating under a valid and un-forfeited Charter.

#### **Charter**

- C. A joint application, over the signatures of the Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers of at least two (2) functioning Pounds in the State together with copies of extracts from the minutes of the petitioning Pounds, that the Pound joins in the Petition for the formation of a Pack and the issuance of a Charter.
- D. Separate applications over the signature of the Pound Keeper and the Pound Dog Robber of at least two (2) functioning Pounds in the State together with copies of extracts of the minutes of the functioning Pounds, that the Pound authorized the petition for the grant of a Charter for the Pack.
- E. The required fee for the grant of the Charter must accompany the Petition. Petitioning Pounds may share the expenses of the granting of a Charter.
- F. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall then determine whether the issuance of the proposed Charter is in the best interests of the Order and of the Marine Corps League, Inc., and should the Chief's determination be favorable, the Charter shall be issued over the signature of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and countersignature of the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and to be dated as of the date of issue.
- G. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog, after the issuance of the Charter, shall name an instituting Officer (see paragraph H of this section) and forward the Charter to them with full and complete instructions as to the instituting of the Pack, presentation of the Charter and the installation of the officers.

#### **Instituting**

- H. The Instituting Officer shall be the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, or if he/she is not available, the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Respective Division. In any case where the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog cannot attend, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall appoint the Instituting Officer, who shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog and will be a Kennel Officer, a Past Kennel Officer, a Pack Officer, a Past Pack Officer, a Pound Keeper or a Past Pound Keeper in that order.
- I. Upon receipt of the Charter and commission from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the instituting Officer, cooperating with the Charter Petitioners and at the time and place designated by them, shall institute the Pack, present the Charter and install its officers in accordance with the ritual of the Order and shall make a full and complete report of the instituting, presentation and installation to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, via the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division, with a copy thereof being supplied the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.
- J. During the performance of his duties as instituting Officer, they shall be known and have the title as "Honorable Deputy Chief Devil Dog," and they shall choose aides, who shall be addressed as "Honorable Deputy Kennel Police Dog."

### **Section 303 - Bylaws**

Each Pack may adopt Bylaws provided they in no way conflict with or violate the Constitution and Bylaws of the Kennel, and provided a copy of such Bylaws is furnished the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

### **Section 304 - Authority of the Pack**

- A. Any Pack after having been formally instituted presented with its Charter and after the installation of its officers, shall be a functioning Pack in this Order. It shall have full power and authority and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a constituent unit of this Order.
- B. A functioning Pack shall have jurisdiction over all Pounds chartered within the State of its jurisdiction and of the membership thereof.
- C. The functioning Pack shall have the sole right to determine the amount of election fees to be paid by each candidate applying for initiation and obligation to the Degree of Devil Dog (and by Exception to the Degree of Pup) which election fee shall be used to apply toward the expense of initiation.
- D. The functioning Pack shall have the sole right to determine the amount of membership dues to be assessed each member annually. (The Pound Dog Robber is charged with the duty of collecting and remitting to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, by separate remittance, the Pack and Kennel dues of their membership).
- E. Any functioning Pack shall have the right, power and authority to initiate and obligate qualified candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog (and by Exception to the Degree of Pup) in this Order.
- F. Exceptions: Qualified Candidates for Pup, and in special cases for Pedigreed Devil Dog, may also be obligated and initiated at the Grawl of the Pack or the Grand Grawl of the Pack, but only within the provisions and restrictions of Article I, Section 101 of these Bylaws.

### **Section 305 - Growls, -Annual, Special, Other**

#### **Annual**

- A. Each Pack shall hold one annual Grawl, to be known as the Grand Grawl of the Pack, at which time the Pack shall transact all pertinent business, nominate, elect, and install officers for the ensuing year, obligate and initiate approved candidates to the Degree of Devil Dog and shall participate in such other proper activities as may be desirable. Candidates for the Degree of Pup, and in special cases for the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, may also be initiated and obligated, but only within the provisions and restrictions cited in Section 101 of Article 1 of these Bylaws. The Grand Grawl of the Pack will normally be held in concert with and at the time and place of the Department Convention of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
  1. Should the Pack encounter extreme difficulties scheduling the Grand Grawl of the Pack in concert with the Department Convention, the Worthy Pack Leader will so inform the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, in writing, of the circumstances, and will provide an alternate time and place for the Grand Grawl of the Pack for the Honorable Chief Devil Dog's approval.
  2. At the discretion of the Pack, it may hold an initiation of qualified candidates and Rite of Obligation for the Degree of Devil Dog at a special Grawl of the Pack, in addition to the Grand Grawl of the Pack. Candidates for the Degree of Pup, and in special cases for the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, may also be initiated and obligated, but only within the provisions and restrictions cited in Section 101 of Article 1 of these Bylaws

#### **Special and Other**

- B. Other or special Growls of the Pack, to be known as the Grawl of the Pack or of the Pack Staff, may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Pack Leader or in the case of a special Grawl of the Pack upon written request addressed to the Worthy Pack Leader, of five (5) members of the Pack, or in the case of a Grawl of the Pack Staff, upon the written request addressed to the Worthy Pack Leader, of three (3) members of the Pack Staff, and giving the reason for the call of the special Grawl.
- C. The Worthy Pack Leader shall thereupon issue a call for such Grawl, setting the time and place thereof. Notice of the time and place and the purpose of the Grawl shall be mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed. For a Grawl of the Pack, notices by mail shall be given to the Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers of the several Pounds comprising the Pack and to the Pack Officers, and for a Grawl of the Pack Staff, notices by mail shall be given to members of the Pack Staff.

### **Section 306 - Quorum**

- A. Each Pack may establish its own minimum requirements for the transaction of official business.
- B. The Quorum rule of the Pack must be a part of the official minutes of the Pack and of its approved Bylaws.

### **Section 307 - Charter - Surrender -Revocation**

#### **Surrender**

- A. No Pack Charter shall be surrendered unless, or until a majority of the functioning Pounds within the Pack at the time of such action, have given written consent, attached thereto, certified by the Pound Dog Robber, an extract from the minutes of the meeting, showing the action of the Pound relative to the surrender of the Pack Charter.
- B. The consent of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall be affixed to the request for the surrender of a Pack Charter.

#### **Suspension**

- C. Section 207-C with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
- D. Section 207-D with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
- E. Section 207-E with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
- F. Section 207-F with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
- G. Section 207-G with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
- H. Section 207-H with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
- I. Section 207-I with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.

### **Section 308 - Eligibility to Hold Office**

All members of the several Pounds and Strays, comprising the membership of the Pack and holding the Degree of Devil Dog, or Pedigreed Devil Dog shall be eligible for election to any office of the Pack, subject however, to the following limitations and restrictions:

- 1. The Worthy Pack Leader must have the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog.
  - a. If the Pack does not have any qualified Pedigreed Devil Dogs who are able and willing to serve as Pack Leader, then a Devil Dog who has at least two years service in the Degree of Devil Dog may be elected as an Interim Pack Leader. An Interim Pack Leader may serve one year, and may not be reelected unless he/she has advanced to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog by his/her reelection. At the time an Interim Pack Leader with the Degree of Devil Dog attains the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, the wording "Interim" shall not apply for the remainder of their term.
  - b. If a Pedigreed Devil Dog is still not available to serve as Pack Leader after the term of the Interim Pack Leader is complete, that Division Vice Chief Devil Dog will, at the direction of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, appoint a Pedigreed Devil Dog or a Devil Dog from the Pack Staff to serve as Acting Pack Leader until the Pack has obtained a Pedigreed Devil Dog available to fill the Office.
- 2. To be eligible for an appointive office, a Devil Dog must have at least six (6) months service in that Degree and to be eligible for elective office, a Devil Dog must have at least one (1) full year of service in that Degree. This restriction may be waived only at the institution of a Pack.
- 3. Section 208-A-4 applies.
- 4. Section 208-A-5 applies.
- 5. Section 208-A-6 applies.

### **Section 309 -Pack Officers - Elected and Appointed Staff**

- A. ELECTED - The elected officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Leader, Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Smart Dog, Worthy Pack Dog Trainer, Worthy Pack Police Dog, and Worthy Pack Mad Dog.
- B. APPOINTED - The Appointed Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, Worthy Pack Watch Dog and the Worthy Pack Barking Dog, and such other subordinate officers as the Worthy Pack Leader may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Worthy Pack Leader-elect make the appointments following the election so as to permit the installation of the full staff of officers. The Appointed Officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Worthy Pack Leader.
- C. STAFF - The Pack Staff shall consist of all elective officers, together with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, Worthy Pack Watch Dog, Worthy Pack Barking Dog and all Past Worthy Pack Leaders.

- D. PACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES - When the Pack is incorporated, the Pack Board of Trustees shall consist of the Elected Pack Officers and the Junior Past Pack Leader. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber, if that office is not elected, will be an ex-Officio member of the Pack Board of Trustees, without a vote.

### **Section 310 - Election**

- A. At the Grand Grawl of the Pack, the annual nomination, election, appointment and installation of officers for the ensuing year shall take place.
- B. All nominations for elective office shall be from the floor.
- C. The elective officers shall be chosen by secret ballot.
- D. The ballot may be cast for the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.
- E. Should the Pack fail to nominate for any elective office, after the election of officers, the Worthy Pack Leader-elect shall appoint an eligible member to the office for which no nomination had been made.
- F. The Worthy Pack Police Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Den while the Worthy Pack Officers are being nominated and elected.

### **Section 311 – Duties and Authority, Tenure**

The duties and authority of the Pack Officers shall be comparable to the corresponding Kennel Officers within the scope of their jurisdiction and shall include the tenure of office therein specified.

### **Section 312 - Past Pack Officers**

Section 212, with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used shall apply.

### **Section 313 -Vacancy**

- A. In case of any elective or appointive office (except that of Worthy Pack Leader) shall be declared vacant during the fiscal year, the Worthy Pack Leader, with the approval of the Worthy Pack Staff, shall appoint promptly a successor for the uncompleted term of office.
- B. In case the vacant office be that of Worthy Pack Leader; the Senior Vice Pack Leader shall assume all of the titles, rights and privileges of the Office of the Worthy Pack Leader for the uncompleted term thereof The Worthy Pack Staff shall immediately fill the Office of Senior Vice Pack Leader.
- C. Pack offices shall be declared vacant for any of the following reasons:
  - 1. The Pack officers permit themselves to become in arrears in their membership dues in the Order and/or the Marine Corps League, Inc., and/or loses their status as a member in good standing in this Order, and/or in the Marine Corps League, Inc.
  - 2. The Pack officers absent themselves from two consecutive meetings of the Pack and/or the Pack Staff without valid reason.
  - 3. For any other just cause or reason.

### **Section 314 - Voting**

Each and every member of the Pack present at the Grawl and is in good standing in the League and this Order shall have one (1) vote

- 1. Election of candidates for membership or for office shall be by secret ballot.
- 2. All other voting on Pack business shall be by voice vote.
- 3. Ten or more members present and eligible to vote may call for a secret ballot on any matter

### **Section 315 - Initiation**

- A. Approved candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog shall be initiated in accordance with Section 305 (A) of this article.
- B. Subject to Section 416 (B), and Section 101 (F-4), only a properly chartered and functioning Pack shall have the authority to confer the Degree of Devil Dog.

### **Section 316 – Growl of the Pack**

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- A. The annual Assembly of the Pack held during the period of the annual Department Convention of the Marine Corps League, Inc., shall be known as the Grand Growl of the Pack.
  - B. All other Assemblies of the Pack shall be known as the Growl of the Pack, and any Assembly of the Pack Staff shall be known as the Growl of the Pack Staff.
  - C. The Assembly place of the Pack shall be known as the Den.
  - D. All Growls of the Pack shall be considered a formal assemblage, empowered to consider motions and expend funds ONLY if the Holy Bible, Bone and Charter (or certified copy) are present. Absence of these three (3) Sacred Articles shall fender the assemblage an informal gathering.

### **Section 317 - Acts of the Pack**

In all the acts, actions and activities of the Pack, it shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

### **Section 318 - Order of Business**

- A. The Order of Business of the Grand Growl of the Pack shall be:
  - 1. Opening Ceremony
  - 2. Roll Call of Officers
  - 3. Reading or publishing of minutes (scratchings) of the previous Growl(s)
  - 4. Memorial Services
  - 5. Old Business: Officers and Committee Reports: Other Old Business
  - 6. New Business: Resolutions, Other New Business
  - 7. Nomination, election and installation of officers
  - 8. Good of the Order
  - 9. Closing ceremony

At the discretion of the Worthy Pack Leader, a recess of the Grand Growl of the Pack may be called before the Order of business "Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers" and/or before the Order of Business "Good of the Order." Nomination, election and installation of officers is under the direction and jurisdiction of the retiring Pack Leader and Staff.

- B. Any session of the Growl of the Pack, or Growl of the Pack Staff, shall use the following Order of Business:
  - 1. Opening Ceremony
  - 2. Roll Call of Officers
  - 3. Recording of the minutes of the session
  - 4. Conduct of the business for which the session was called
  - 5. Closing Ceremony

The minutes of any session of the Growl of the Pack and/or Growl of the Pack Staff may be called up for attention and action at the next ensuing Grand Growl of the Pack under Order of Business "Reading and/or publishing of the minutes of the previous Growl(s)"

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## **ARTICLE IV - THE KENNEL**

### **Section 401 - Definition**

- A. The National Organization of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall be known as the Kennel.
- B. The Assembly place of the National organization shall be known as the Kennel.

### **Section 402 - Formation**

- A. The entity of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., is established by the granting of a Charter by the National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, Inc., under the name and title of The Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.
- B. By and under the authority of the Charter, a Constitution and Bylaws have been adopted, determining the formation of the organization, the constituent units thereof, the several Degrees of Membership, and establishing rules and regulations for the government and control of the constituent units and of the membership thereof, and of this Order.
- C. By and under the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., the Kennel hereby and herewith assumes full jurisdiction and authority over the several chartered constituent units and of the membership of the Order.

### **Section 403 - Bylaws**

- A. The Kennel shall determine and adopt a Constitution and Bylaws for the government of the Kennel, the subordinate units, and of the individual members.
- B. The Kennel Bylaws may be altered, amended or revoked, in whole or in part, as may be determined by Article ~XIII, Section 1301 of these Bylaws.
- C. The several subordinate units of the Kennel shall have the right to establish and adopt By Laws which shall in no way violate or conflict with the effective Kennel Bylaws.
- D. A copy of the Bylaws of a subordinate unit, after approval by the Honorable Kennel Smart Dog, shall be retained in a proper file in the office of the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.
- E. The Kennel Smart Dog shall have the authority to make typographical, grammatical and formatting changes to by-laws that do not change the meaning of the by-laws as passed by the Kennel in Supreme Growl assembled.

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### **Section 404 - Authority**

- A. The Kennel shall have supervision of, and jurisdiction over, all subordinate units of the Order (Packs and Pounds) which have been duly chartered under the authority of the Kennel and of all individual members of the Order, whether in good standing, or not.
- B. The Kennel, under the supervision of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, and the Kennel Board of Trustees, shall administer the business, execute the policies, and enforce the laws and regulations of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., between Supreme Growls of the Kennel.
- C. The Kennel Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected Kennel Officers and the Junior Past Chief Devil Dog. The Kennel Dog Robber/Executive Secretary shall be a member without vote.

### **Section 405 - Governing Body**

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall be governed by a National Convention of the Order, to be known as and designated the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, in which shall be vested the legislative and policy making powers of the Order.

### **Section 406 - Supreme Growl, Composition**

- A. The Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be composed of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, all Honorable Kennel officers present and all registered Pedigreed Devil Dogs attending the session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
- B. All Pedigreed Devil Dogs shall be eligible to attend the sessions of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel provided that (1) They are a member of the Order in good standing; (2) Their membership dues in the Order be currently paid; (3) Exhibits their membership card in the Marine Corps League, Inc., to show that dues in the organization are current; (4) Pays the required registration fee (Honorable Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Kennel Dog Robber and all Past Chief Devil Dogs and Past Kennel Dog Robbers shall not be required to pay the registration fee).

#### **Section 407 - Assemblies of the Kennel**

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- A. The Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be held annually during the period of the National Convention of the Marine Corps League, Inc., at such time and place as may be arranged in the Convention program of the League.
  - B. Growls of the Kennel may be held at any time, upon call by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, or upon written request of five (5) members of the Kennel Staff, addressed to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and stating the reason and/or purpose of the call. Notice of the time, place, reason and/or purpose of the called Growl of the Kennel shall be mailed to all Kennel Officers, Pack Leaders, Pack Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers, having a current mailing address on file with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Should the publication deadline permit, a notice of said Growl of the Kennel shall be given publication in the "The Marine Corps League Publication" and/or the official news organ of the Marine Corps League, Inc., as will permit its publication prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Notice will also be given in a special publication of the *WOOF-O-GRAM*, to be mailed to all Packs and Pounds.
  - C. Growls of the Kennel Staff may be held at any time, upon call by Honorable Chief Devil Dog, or upon written request of three (3) members of the Kennel Staff, addressed to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and stating the reason and/or purpose of the call. Notice of the time, place, reason and/or purpose of any called Growl of the Kennel Staff shall be mailed to all members of the Kennel Staff at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed for such Growl.
  - D. All Growls of the Kennel shall be considered a formal assemblage, empowered to consider motions and expend funds ONLY if the Holy Bible, Bone and Charter (or certified copy) are present. Absence of these three (3) Sacred Articles shall render the assemblage an informal gathering.

#### **Section 408 - Eligibility to Hold Office**

- A. All members of the Order having the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dogs shall be eligible for election or appointment to any office of the Kennel, subject however, to the following limitations and restrictions:
  - 1. Present their membership cards evidencing that they are a member in good standing and that dues are currently paid in full in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order.
  - 2. Deposit with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, sufficient funds as will pay their full membership dues in this Order for the fiscal year of their term of office.
  - 3. Promptly pay their full membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., for the fiscal year of their term of office and exhibit to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, a Marine Corps League, Inc., membership card for that year, or advice as to the number of the League membership card.
  - 4. Their Degree of membership as a Pedigreed Devil Dog shall date not less than from the date of the preceding Supreme Growl of the Kennel, to that of the time of their election to office in the Kennel.
  - 5. They must be present at the session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which their name is presented in nomination.
  - 6. By reason of the importance and need of the continuing in office an efficient and competent Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the rule that they be present at the session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at the time of appointment, is waived, subject to the consent of the session, that the rule be waived, and of their written consent stating they will accept the office for an additional term and giving a valid reason for their absence from the session.
  - 7. Any Pedigreed Devil Dog may decline nomination for any office to which they are eligible, at their own discretion, bearing well in mind the honor and confidence with which such nomination was put forward.

#### **Section 409 - Kennel Officers, Elected and Appointed Staff**

- A. ELECTED - The elected officers of the Kennel shall be: Honorable Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Kennel Smart Dog, Honorable Kennel Dog Trainer, Honorable Kennel Police Dog, and Honorable Kennel Mad Dog.
- B. APPOINTED - After the election, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog-elect shall appoint an Honorable Kennel Dog Robber/Honorable National Executive Secretary, Honorable Kennel Watch Dog, and an Honorable Kennel Barking Dog, in such time as will permit their installation into office with the elective officers, and these officers shall serve at the convenience and pleasure of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.
  - 1. It is preferable that the Honorable Chief Devil Dog-elect shall appoint to the office of Honorable Kennel Dog Robber/Honorable National Executive Secretary a Pedigreed Devil Dog who is experienced in the

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duties and responsibilities of the Dog Robber at either the Pound or Pack level.

2. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog after assuming office may appoint such other Honorable Kennel Officers, and Vice Chief Devil Dogs of Divisions. Aides as he/she may see fit may also be appointed as may be fit and proper, and such appointed officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.

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- C. STAFF – The Honorable Kennel Staff shall consist of the Honorable Kennel Board of Trustees, together with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber/Honorable National Executive Secretary, the Honorable Kennel Watch Dog, the Honorable Kennel Barking Dog, and the Honorable Kennel Quartermaster. In the appointment of these officers who will be members of the Kennel Staff, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Kennel Board of Trustees will consider the specific requirements for each position, and select Members who possess the appropriate skills for each position. All Past Chief Devil Dogs will be ex-Officio members of the Kennel Staff. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog may also designate certain officers, such as legal counsels, as ex-Officio members of the Kennel Staff.

## **Section 410 - Nomination, Election, Installation and Tenure**

### **Nomination**

- A. Nomination, election and installation of the Honorable Kennel Officers shall be the last order of business under the title New Business of the Order of Business hereinafter proscribed for all sessions of the Supreme Growl.
- B. Nominations and elections of officers shall be made by the method of nomination and election of one (1) officer at a time.
- C. The sequence of officers as named in Section 409-A of these Bylaws shall be the order in which the nomination and election of the Honorable Kennel Officers will be made.
- D. Nominations for the respective offices shall be made from the floor.
- E. Should the Supreme Growl fail to nominate for any elective office, after the election of officers, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog-elect shall appoint an eligible Pedigreed Devil Dog to the office for which no nomination had been made.
- F. There shall be no nominating committee.

### **Election**

- G. The voting for nominees for office shall be by secret ballot. Each Pedigreed Devil Dog registered and present at the session at the time of voting shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting by raising of hands or by standing will be permissible. When a visual vote is taken, the nominees shall withdraw from the room under escort of the Honorable Kennel Police Dog and not return until the results of the ballot is known.
- H. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election.
- I. The Honorable Kennel Police Dog will permit no one to enter or leave the session while the Honorable Kennel Officers are being nominated and elected.

### **Installation**

- J. The installation of the newly chosen Officers shall be held immediately after the completion of the election of officers and after the Honorable Chief Devil Dog-elect has appointed those officers specified in Section 409-B and Section 410-E.
- K. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog-elect shall have the privilege of naming the Honorable Installing Chief Devil Dog, which choice must be made from the Honorable Past Chief Devil Dogs or Honorable Past Kennel Officers present at the session.
- L. Should the Honorable Chief Devil Dog-elect fail to exercise this privilege, then the senior Honorable Past Chief Devil Dog present shall act as the Honorable Installing Chief Devil Dog.
- M. The Honorable Installing Chief Devil Dog shall name the Honorable Installing Kennel Police Dog from the Honorable Past Kennel Officers present at the session.

### **Tenure**

- N. All elective Honorable Kennel Officers shall serve until their successor has been elected and installed or until removed from office for cause.
- O. All appointive Honorable Kennel Officer shall serve at the discretion of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, but for no longer than the term of office to which the Honorable Chief Devil Dog has been elected.

- P. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall be a permanent, paid position, subject to the annual approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall be appointed from the ranks of qualified Pedigreed Devil Dog who are extremely knowledgeable in the administrative affairs and duties of the Order. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall be paid an annual honorarium of not less than \$2,250.00, to be paid in two installments, one half at mid-fiscal year and one half at the end of the fiscal year. Should the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber decline the position for another term, he/she must, within thirty (30) days after the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel turn over all monies and records to the newly appointed Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.
- Q. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog may succeed himself/herself for one (1) consecutive term of office.
- R. All other Honorable Kennel Officers may succeed themselves for as many terms of office as they are elected or appointed.

#### **Section 411 - Past Kennel Officers**

- A. Honorable Past Kennel Officers shall be one who, having been elected or appointed and installed, has served to the end of their full normal term of office or their term of office has been terminated by death.
- B. The Kennel Board of Trustees may, with the concurrence of a majority of the Past Chief Devil Dogs, appoint a Pedigreed Devil Dog an Honorary Chief Devil Dog in recognition of that Pedigreed Devil Dog's extraordinary service to the Order. The individual so designated shall be authorized to wear the National Marine Corps League Officer's (Gold) cover with the embroidered inscription, "Honorary Chief Devil Dog", but they shall not be permitted to wear the special gold, red and black Dog Collar earned by Past Chief Devil Dog following their term of office. Any Pedigreed Devil Dog so honored shall be granted a Life Membership by the Kennel including the waiver of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues and registration fees at any Grawl of any unit of the Order. Posthumous awards will not be authorized.

#### **Section 412 - Kennel Officers - Duties**

- A. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall preside at all Growls of the Kennel, Kennel Staff and at all Kennel initiations. It shall be the Chief's duty to require the observance of and obedience to all laws, rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Order and of the Marine Corps League, Inc. The Chief may appoint other officers and committees as deemed necessary, if not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws. The Chief shall issue the call for all Growls of the Kennel Staff as deemed necessary. The Chief shall be the custodian of, with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, all monies, property, securities and records of the Kennel and shall countersign all orders for the disbursement of monies when approved by proper authority, perform such other duties and issue such other orders as are necessary and proper for the harmonious and efficient functioning of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., the constituent units thereof, and of the membership of the Order.
- B. The Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog shall assist the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, shall preside at the Growls of the Kennel, and Kennel Staff in the absence of he Honorable Chief Devil Dog or at the Chief's request, and shall be responsible to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel for the growth and expansion of the Kennel, Packs and Pounds, and shall perform such other duties for the good of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., as the Honorable Chief Devil Dog may direct.
- C. The Honorable Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog shall assist the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, shall be responsible for all activities seeking to increase the revenue of the Kennel, and for the supervision of all entertainment and amusement provided at all Growls of the Kennel, and Kennel Staff, and shall perform such other duties as the Honorable Chief Devil Dog may direct.
- D. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber/Honorable National Executive Secretary
  - 1. Shall be responsible to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel for all records and accounts of the Order, shall keep a brief but proper record of all pertinent minutes of all Kennel Growls and Kennel Staff Growls, and shall be the custodian with the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, of all monies, property, securities and records of the Kennel. They shall keep on deposit in a reputable bank, all monies and securities of the order, and shall make all disbursements for all accounts owing when approved by proper authority, by check, which shall be countersigned by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. They shall keep an accurate and current file on all members of the Order, and shall issue all membership cards. They shall perform such duties customarily executed by recording secretaries, financial secretaries and treasurers. They shall make a full and correct accounting and report, including financial statements, to each Supreme Grawl of the Kennel and at such other times as may be directed by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog or the Kennel Staff. They shall forward an up-to-date financial report to all members of the Kennel Staff, all Worthy Pack Leaders, all Worthy Pack Dog Robbers, all Pound Keepers, and all Pound Dog Robbers semi-annually, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, or by other competent authority. The Kennel Dog Robber shall not disburse any funds after the close of the Supreme

- Growl of the Kennel except those approved by the Supreme Growl. They shall serve as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation.
2. Due to the technical requirements of the position, the Kennel Board of Trustees may, upon the recommendation of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, divide the responsibilities of this position between two members of the Order. The listed duties and the titles will be assigned to the two offices by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel Board of Trustees, and all other provisions of these Bylaws will apply to both offices.
  3. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall propagate a Dog Robbers Manual to provide instruction and guidance for Pack and Pound Dog Robbers in the performance of their administrative duties, and the Dog Robbers shall be required to follow the instructions contained therein. Said Manual and all subsequent changes shall have the approval of the Kennel Board of Trustees.”
  4. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber/Honorable National Executive Secretary will, in the first *WOOF-O-GRAM* following each Growl of the Kennel and each Growl of the Kennel Staff, publish the Scratchings to the Membership.
- E. The Honorable Kennel Smart Dog shall interpret and explain the Constitution and Bylaws of the Kennel and any and all rules and regulations established by the Kennel, the Kennel Staff or the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, when requested by competent authority. Such interpretation and explanation shall not be binding, shall not have the effect of law and shall be considered only as advisory opinion, unless, and until approved by the Kennel in session.
  - F. The Honorable Kennel Dog Trainer shall administer to the spiritual needs of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and shall prepare and conduct suitable Memorial Services at each Supreme Growl of the Kennel, shall supervise the welfare and relief programs of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall inform and assist all Worthy Pack and Pound Dog Trainers in the proper performance of their duties, shall perform such other duties as the Honorable Chief Devil Dog may direct.
  - G. The Honorable Kennel Police Dog shall maintain order and decorum in all Growls of the Kennel and Kennel Staff, shall expel from any Growl any Dog exceeding the bounds of decency, creating a disturbance, or hindering the orderly conduct of the Growl, shall perform such other duties as the Honorable Chief Devil Dog may direct.
  - H. The Honorable Kennel Mad Dog shall direct and supervise the public and private initiation of candidates to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog (Devil Dog and Pup when those degrees are under the supervision of the Supreme Growl). Additional aides as may be requested and designated by the Honorable Kennel Mad Dog with the approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. Such initiation shall be in a manner that is entertaining and impressive with due regard to the well being and safety of the candidate. The Initiation shall not be repulsive or against the dignity and modesty of the candidate. All other duties shall be performed in line with the office as the Honorable Chief Devil Dog may direct.
  - I. The Honorable Kennel Watch Dog shall guard the portals of the Kennel at all times, permitting no one to enter or leave without proper authority, and shall be responsible to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel for the worthiness and eligibility of every person present at any Kennel or Kennel Staff Growl and shall perform such other duties as the Honorable Chief Devil Dog may direct.
  - J. The Honorable Kennel Barking Dog shall supervise and direct all publicity and public relations of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., under the direction of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, shall perform the functions commonly executed by Public Relations and Publicity Directors, shall inform and assist all Worthy Pack and Pound Barking Dogs in such manner as to insure a uniform and effective public relations program, and shall perform such other duties as the Honorable Chief Devil Dog may direct.
  - K. The Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of Divisions:
    1. Shall be held accountable to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog for the administration of their Division.
    2. Shall attend Division Conferences, Pack Growls and Pound Growls in their respective Division where practicable. The Vice Chief Devil Dogs shall be responsible for planning methods of strengthening the membership of the Order within their area.
    3. Arrange for detailed schools of instruction to all Pounds and Packs within their respective Division, with the respective Packs assuming responsibility for all necessary arrangements.
    4. Shall make a continuing effort to establish new Packs and Pounds within their respective Division. Shall institute a Pack in any state having two or more Pounds. They may institute a Provisional Pack in any state having one Pound established and a second Pound in the process of forming or has established leads thereof. In the case of a Provisional Pack, a permanent Pack must be established within one year or the Provisional Pack will be withdrawn on the anniversary of the establishment of the Provisional Pack.

5. The Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the respective Division will review all requests for new Charters for Pounds and Packs within their Division. The Honorable Division Vice Chief of the respective Division will forward the Application for Charter along with the required Fee, the transmittal of Dues and any requests for transfers of members of the Order to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. See Article II, Section 202 (D).
6. Shall not appoint any other Division officers not specifically provided for in these Bylaws, nor shall they handle Pound or Pack monies, unless they have been elected to that Pound or Pack office to handle monies.
7. They shall perform such other duties as directed by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel Board of Trustees.
8. The Packs assigned (or in states where only one (1) Pound exists) to each Vice Chief Devil Dog shall correspond to the Divisional breakdown of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
9. In addition to his other duties, it shall be the duty of the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Host Division of the National Convention, to coordinate, or with the approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog to appoint a Pedigreed Devil Dog to coordinate the following:
  - a. The Devil Dog and Flea Luncheon on Thursday of the Convention week to include seating, menu and cost.
  - b. Select a children's hospital suitable for a visit from the Chief Devil Dog and those selected by the Chief Devil Dog for the visit and presentation.

### **Section 413 - Committees**

The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall appoint such standing and/or special committees as may be deemed necessary and proper for the conduct of the Kennel and of this Order.

The respective Worthy Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers shall appoint such standing and/or special committees as are deemed necessary and proper for the conduct of the business of the Order as may come within the scope and jurisdiction of their authority.

### **Section 414 - Vacancy**

- A. In case any elective or appointive office (except that of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog) shall be declared vacant during the year of their term of office, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall promptly appoint a qualified Pedigreed Devil Dog as successor to complete the term of office so declared vacant.
- B. In case the vacant office be that of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog shall assume all titles, rights and privileges of the Office of the HONORABLE CHIEF DEVIL DOG for the uncompleted term thereof. The Honorable Kennel Board of Trustees shall immediately fill the office of Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog.
- C. Kennel Officers shall be declared vacant if the Honorable Kennel Officers permit themselves to become in arrears in their membership dues in the Order and/or the Marine Corps League, and/or loses their status as a member in good standing in this Order and/or the Marine Corps League for any other just cause or reason.

### **Section 415 - Voting**

- A. Each and every Pedigreed Devil Dog who is present at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel or Growl of the Kennel and is in good standing in the ORDER and the Marine Corps League shall have one (1) vote.
- B. Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, the election of Candidates for membership, candidates for advancement and Kennel Officers shall be by secret ballot.
- C. All other voting on Kennel business shall be by voice vote.
- D. Ten (10) or more Pedigreed Devil Dogs present and eligible to vote may call for secret ballot on any matter.

### **Section 416 - Initiation**

- A. Approved candidates for the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog may be initiated and obligated, under supervision of the Honorable Kennel Mad Dog, at the annual Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
- B. Subject to the provisions and restrictions of Section 101 of Article I of these Bylaws, candidates for lesser Degrees may be initiated and obligated to the lesser Degree and with the consent of the Kennel Staff, be initiated and obligated to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. Such initiation will be under the supervision and control of the Honorable Kennel Mad Dog.

- C. Application for initiation as Pedigreed Devil Dog, Devil Dog and Pup as provided for in Article I of these Bylaws, shall be submitted via the Chain of Command to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber not later than 1 July annually prior to the Supreme Growl. Any application received after 1 July will not be eligible for advancement without the prior approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Kennel Dog Robber and the Honorable Kennel Mad Dog.
- D. All applicants for Initiation to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, Devil Dog and Pup at the Supreme Growl, in accordance with Article I and Subparagraph 416 C of these Bylaws, must register first with the Marine Corps League, Inc., and then immediately proceed to the Kennel Dog House and register for the Supreme Growl and initiation. This registration must be completed **no** later than 1700 **two days** prior to the Supreme Growl. Anyone not registering by 1700 **or at least in line to register on that day will not** be initiated during the Supreme Growl without the express approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber and the Honorable Kennel Mad Dog **on an individual case by case basis**. Packs and Pounds holding Growls and Initiation concurrently with Marine Corps League organizations (Divisions, Departments, etc.) should include similar provisions within their Bylaws, which are consistent with the local requirements and scheduling.

### **Section 417 - Kennel Awards**

- A. The Kennel shall support the presentation of the Kennel Dog of the Year Award, first presented in 1978. The Kennel shall also support the awards of the Past Chief Devil Dog Society, established in 1988, which shall propose not less than five (5) deserving Pedigreed Devil Dogs for recognition at each Supreme Growl, beginning in 1989.
- B. Guidelines – Dog of the Year Awards
  - 1. **Qualifications and/or Eligibility** -A candidate on any level (Pound, Pack or Kennel) shall be a Member of the Order and must be in good standing in the Pound, Pack or Kennel. Pounds may set their own criteria for the selection process within the Pack; however, that criteria shall not be different than the Pack's, if there is one, or differ from the Kennel criteria if there is no Pack in the state where the Pound is located. Packs may establish a criteria for themselves and for all Pounds within their jurisdiction; but that criteria may not differ from that of the Kennel. A Proposed candidate shall be a Dog of integrity, principles and who has contributed to the Order.
  - 2. **Pounds** -Each Pound may select a Pound Dog of the Year according to Subparagraph (1). The Pound Dog of the Year may be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, a Devil Dog or a Pup. The Pound Dog of the Year selectee may be submitted to the Pack (if one exists in the State where the POUND is situated) for consideration as Pack Dog of the Year; however, only a Pedigreed Devil Dog or Devil Dog may be submitted to the Pack. The Pound will submit its Nomination for Kennel Dog of the Year directly to the Kennel in accordance with subparagraphs (4) and (5), and will provide a copy of the Nomination to its respective Pack, if there is a Pack in that State. Only a Pedigreed Devil Dog may be nominated for Kennel Dog of the Year. In all cases **ONLY** the Pound may make nominations for Kennel Dog of the Year. Only one (1) nomination per Pound per year is permitted.
  - 3. **Packs** -Each Pack may select a Pack Dog of the Year according to its established criteria from candidates submitted by the Pounds within its jurisdiction. The Pack selection process shall be guided by subparagraph (1). Only Pedigreed Devil Dogs and Devil Dogs may be selected as a Pack Dog of the Year.
  - 4. **Letters of Nomination** – Kennel -Each Pound's nomination shall be typewritten, signed by the Pound Keeper and the Pound Dog Robber; and, placed in an envelope marked, "Candidate - KENNEL DOG OF THE YEAR Award" (current year). That envelope shall then be placed into a second envelope, which shall be marked, "Chairman, KENNEL DOG OF THE YEAR Committee (current year) c/o the HONORABLE KENNEL DOG ROBBER." All such letters received by the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, according to subparagraph (5), shall be brought to the Supreme Growl, unopened, and delivered to the Kennel Dog of the Year Award Committee Chairman.
  - 5. **Delivery of Nomination Letters to Kennel** - Each nomination letter addressed c/o the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber at their current mailing address shall be sent Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested in sufficient time to reach the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber two (2) weeks prior to the Supreme Growl. Nomination letters, prepared in accordance with subparagraph (4), may be hand-delivered to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, in the Kennel Dog House at the Supreme Growl **NO LATER** than **NOON**, the **DAY BEFORE** the Supreme Growl.
  - 6. **Exceptions** - In the event that a Pound fails to submit a nomination (but the Pound has a qualified nominee); any three (3) Pedigreed Devil Dogs (themselves in good standing according to subparagraph [1]) may submit a nomination within the dictates of subparagraphs (4) and (5).

7. **Kennel Dog of the Year Award Selection** - The Selection Committee shall be comprised of all Past Kennel Dogs of the Year in attendance at the Supreme Growl. The Senior Past Kennel Dog of the Year shall serve as Chairman of the Committee and, the incumbent Kennel Dog of the Year shall serve as Vice Chairman or as Chairman in the Senior Past Kennel Dog of the Year's absence. The method of judging nominations received shall be left to the discretion of the Committee.
  8. **Awards** -The presentation to the selectee (Pound, Pack and Kennel) shall consist of the awards currently available through the Honorable Kennel Quartermaster. Pounds and Packs shall purchase their awards from that officer. The Kennel Dog of the Year award shall be purchased from the Honorable Kennel Quartermaster's account and retained by that officer until the award is to be made.
  9. **Time and Place of Awards** - Pounds and Packs shall establish their own timetable for presentations. The Kennel Dog of the Year Award shall be presented by the current recipient (or by a Past Kennel Dog of the Year of that Pedigreed Devil Dog's choosing) at the Grand Banquet of the Marine Corps League National Convention.
- C. The Kennel shall create a suitable award for presentation, at the 56th Supreme, beginning in August 1995, in memory of and designated as the PDD Howard D. Goslin Trophy to the Pack properly securing the most new members during the previous fiscal year (1 July to 30 June). This award shall be rotated yearly and shall be properly cared for by the incumbent recipient, by whom it shall be returned each year to the Supreme Growl for representation annually.

### **Section 418 - Acts of the Kennel**

In all the acts, actions and activities of the Kennel, it shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, Bylaws and Ritual of the Order, and the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

### **Section 419 - Order of Business**

- A. The order of business for the Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be:
1. Opening Ceremony
  2. Roll call of officers
  3. Reading or publishing of minutes(scratchings) of previous growl(s)
  4. Memorial Services
  5. Old business: Officers reports, Committee reports,
  6. Other old business
  7. New business: Resolutions, Other new business, \*Nomination, election, installation of officers
  8. #Initiation of candidates to Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog
  9. #Obligation of candidates to Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog
  10. Good of the Order including announcement of next Growl
  11. Closing ceremony

*\*At the discretion of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, a recess of the Growl may be called before the order of business, "Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers," and/or before the order of business, "Good of the Order".*

*# Initiation and obligation of candidates to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog shall be under the supervision of the retiring Honorable Chief Devil Dog and Staff.*

- B. Any session of the Growl of the Kennel or Growl of the Kennel Staff shall use the following order of business:
1. Opening ceremony
  2. Roll call of officers
  3. Recording of minutes (scratchings) of the session
  4. Conduct of business for which session was called
  5. Closing ceremony

The minutes of any session of the Growl of the Kennel or Growl of the Kennel Staff may be called up for attention and action at the next ensuing session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel under the heading "Reading or publishing of minutes (scratchings) of the previous Growl(s)."

#### **Section 420 - Growls at Division Functions**

- A. Growls held in concert with a Conference or other assembly of a Division, or multiple Divisions, of the Marine Corps League shall be a Growl of the hosting Pack or Pound, and not a Growl of the Kennel. As such, any Initiation or Advancement held in conjunction with the Growl will be limited to that normally authorized in Article I, and in either Article II or Article III as applicable, for the hosting Pack or Pound.
- B. A hosting Pound may also accept Applications from any prospective Pup, and a hosting Pack from any prospective Pup or Devil Dog within the participating Division(s), but only if the Application and supporting documentation listed in Article I, Section 101 are complete and in proper order. The Dog Robber of the hosting organization may publish a schedule and cut-off date to submit Applications.
- C. Except for bona fide Strays, all candidates will have the written approval and acceptance of their Pound, and candidates for Devil Dog will also have the approval and acceptance of their Pack, if there is a Pack in their home state."

#### **Section 421 – Past Chief Devil Dogs Society**

The Kennel recognizes the Past Chief Devil Dogs Society as an official body within the Order, with its membership consisting of all Past Chief Devil Dog Society in good standing. The Society will serve to recognize deserving Pedigreed Devil Dogs for exceptional service to the Order, and may be called on by the Chief Devil Dog to provide advice and comment on other matters concerning the Order. The Society will develop its own guidelines to grant awards and for other functions, provided that such guidelines are not inconsistent with or in conflict with the Kennel Bylaws.

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## ARTICLE V - FISCAL AND FINANCE

### Section 501 - Fiscal Year

The Fiscal year of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall be for the same time and identical to the fiscal year of the Marine Corps League Inc.

### Section 502 - Revenue

The revenue of this Order shall derive from the collection of membership dues, election fees, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel, the administration of the Staff of the Kennel, the Grand Grawl of the Pack, the Staff of the Pack, the Grawl of the Pound, or the Staff of the Pound.

- A. Limitation - The Kennel and the several Packs in the Order shall be limited to the spending of not over seventy-five (75) per cent of all monies received during its administration and including monies received from the previous administration and that at least twenty-five (25) percent of such gross receipts shall be turned over to the new administration each year.
- B. Expenses of Kennel Officers:
  1. Expenses of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, whose attendance at the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel is mandatory, shall be limited to transportation to and from the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel at a rate of fifteen (15) cents per mile, or that of coach airfare.
  2. Expenses of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog when he/she is representing the Kennel at a Marine Corps League function shall be limited to transportation to and from the function reimbursed at a rate of fifteen (15) cents per mile, or that of coach airfare. These functions will be normally limited to Division or higher functions. All other events will be at the Honorable Chief Devil Dog's discretion as funds permit.
- C. Administrative Expenses - The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties. The expenses to be covered will be for telephone, postage, copying and supplies. Payment will be made upon submission of an expense voucher to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, subject to the approval of the Kennel Board of Trustees or the Kennel Board of Auditors.

### Section 503 - Dues, Amount and Payment

- A. The amount of Kennel membership dues shall be determined at the annual Supreme Grawl of the Kennel.
- B. The amount of Pack membership dues shall be determined at the annual Grand Grawl of the Pack and shall include the annual membership dues of the Kennel.
- C. The amount of Pound membership dues shall be determined at the annual Grawl of the Pound and shall include the annual membership dues of the Pack and the Kennel.
- D. Any increase in membership dues in the Pack and/or Kennel shall not be effective until one fiscal year has elapsed following the adoption of the motion or resolution increasing said dues.
- E. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall bill and collect the annual membership dues of all Stray members.
- F. The Pound Dog Robber shall collect the full amount of annual dues of the members of the Order on the rolls of the Pound. The dues shall promptly be remitted to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber (where the Pound is a member of a Pack) by separate remittance, the Pack and Kennel membership dues of the members of the Order on the membership rolls and shall also report the Marine Corps League Inc., membership card number of the members being remitted.

Where the Pound is not a member of a Pack, the Pound Dog Robber shall remit to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, the Kennel portion of their membership dues along with their Marine Corps League, Inc., membership card number.

- G. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall promptly transmit to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, the Kennel membership dues received from the Pound Dog Robber and the Marine Corps League, Inc., membership card number of the several members being remitted.
- H. While the fiscal year is defined in Section 501, the Order shall utilize a Membership Year that will begin the month after the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel. Currently, this starts at 1 September and ends on the following 31 August. Membership dues are payable in advance and only for the current Membership Year. Dues shall not be pro-rated, except that any new applicant for Pup in the Order being initiated after 1 March will be assessed one half (1/2) the annual Kennel dues at the Kennel Headquarters.

- I. Membership Dues are payable on or before 1 September. Membership dues become delinquent if unpaid, and the member loses standing as a member of the Order in good standing until the dues are paid. Should the dues remain unpaid after the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, the delinquent member shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Members of the Order who have been dropped from the membership rolls for non-payment of dues may be reinstated as a member in good standing by complying with the provisions of Section 108 of Article 1 of these Bylaws.
- J. Persons not holding a paid up current Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and Marine Corps League, Inc., dues card shall be excluded from all Growls of this Order until such time as they have been restored to good standing.

#### **Section 504 - Kennel Board of Auditors**

- A. With the approval of the Kennel Board of Trustees, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog will appoint a Kennel Auditor. While it is stressed that a Pedigreed Devil Dog should be selected, due to experience requirements this individual may or may not be a member of the Order, and may or may not be a Pedigreed Devil Dog. The appointee should have a great deal of accounting and auditing field experience.
- B. The Kennel Auditor will:
  - 1. Approve all vouchers and audit all books and records of the Kennel several times during the fiscal year. This includes any Kennel Function or Office that collects or disburses funds, or maintains inventories of property held for sale (including but not limited to the Kennel Executive Secretary, Kennel Dog Robber and Kennel Quartermaster).
  - 2. Certify that all Federal (and state in applicable) financial reports are completed correctly and filed on time.
  - 3. Certify all inventories, accounts and other investments are accurate and have been in keeping with generally accepted accounting practices.
- C. The Kennel will maintain an allowance of \$500.00 per annum for expenses incurred by the Auditor in the annual Kennel Budget.

#### **Section 505 - Passports and Visa Stamps**

- A. All Devil Dogs shall procure a MODD Passport at a cost regulated by the Kennel, which will distribute them to the Packs and the Pounds. The fine for attending any Kennel, Pack or Pound Growl will be one dollar (\$1.00) without a passport in any attending Devil Dogs possession.
- B. The Kennel, Packs and Pounds will procure a Visa Stamp to stamp all Passports with the date of all Growls attended by said Devil Dog presenting their Passport. Cost of Visa stamping shall be one dollar (\$1.00).
- C. All monies collected for Passport, or Visa stamping shall be forwarded biannually, by 30 January and 30 June, to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, who will hold these monies in a special Passport account
- D. All monies collected will be used each year at the Marine Corps League, Inc., National Convention, where a check for a sizable portion of that account will be presented first, to a children's hospital in the convention city, or to another suitable local charity as the Executive Board of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., may select. The check shall be accompanied by a letter stipulating that the Order's contribution is to be used for special equipment purchases only and for no other purpose.
- E. Any Devil Dog Passport that is lost, or misplaced, not stolen, if turned into either the Kennel, Pack or Pound Dog Robber, shall be stamped four times and returned at a cost of two dollars (\$2.00), as a finders fee.

#### **Section 506 – Kennel Budget**

The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall appoint a Budget Committee to work in conjunction with the Kennel Board of Trustees to provide a reasonable working budget for the Kennel, based on the expected revenues of the Kennel. This proposed Kennel Budget would be presented to the Membership in the Supreme Growl of the Kennel consideration and approval. In between Supreme Growls of the Kennel, the Kennel Board of Trustees may make adjustments in the Kennel Budget to compensate for changes in the obligated requirements of the Kennel. Such adjustments are not expected to exceed the total expenditures in the approved Kennel Budget, unless there are binding obligations that must be covered. All adjustments to the Kennel Budget will be reported in the next issue of the “WOOF-O-GRAM.”

### **Section 507 – Incorporation**

Incorporation is not required of Packs and Pounds; however, they are encouraged to incorporate in accordance with the provisions of the state in which they are located, for the mutual protection of all concerned. As a subsidiary of the Marine Corps League, the ORDER and its subordinates are covered under the blanket IRS determination. The applicable IRS regulation for this determination is 501 (c) 4.

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## **ARTICLE VI - INITIATION**

### **PREAMBLE**

In order to fulfill the purposes and to further strengthen the ideals of the Marine Corps League, Inc., and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., there shall no longer exist in the initiation procedures of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., any form of "Hard Core" hazing. This will include Kennel, Pack and Pound initiations. To insure that this takes place, there is no longer any touching of advancing Devil Dogs allowed. The need to help the "Sick, Lamé or Lazy" who are advancing, where it is in a helping manner, is acceptable. This preamble is to insure that there will be no objects, smells or foreign materials of any type placed on any advancing Dogs. It is the purpose of this Initiation Preamble to insure that all Dogs are created equal, and will be treated as such.

It will be the duty of the Kennel Staff and every Devil Dog within the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., to insure the Initiation Preamble is adhered to, for the "Good of the Order".

#### **Section 601 - Pounds**

Under the provisions of Article I, any Pound may initiate and obligate qualified candidates to the Degree of Pup.

#### **Section 602 - Packs**

Under the provisions of Article I, any Pack may initiate and obligate qualified candidates to the Degree of Devil Dog, and with the limitations of Article I, may initiate and obligate qualified candidates to the degree of Pup.

#### **Section 603 - Kennel**

Under the provisions of Article I, the Kennel may initiate and obligate qualified candidates to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, and within the limitations of Article I, may initiate and obligate qualified candidates to the Degrees of Pup and Devil Dog.

#### **Section 604 - Certification**

- A. The Dog Robber of the lower unit, shall, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Growl of the superior unit, at which initiation and obligation of candidates will be held, certify to the Dog Robber of the superior unit, the names of all qualified candidates from the lower unit who are eligible for initiation and obligation to the higher Degree.
- B. Within the period of thirty (30) days after the initiation and obligation of the candidates, the Dog Robber of the initiating unit shall report to the Dog Robber of the applicable units, the disposition made of the application.
- C. Where there is no Pack, the Pound Dog Robber makes certification direct to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber and also where there is a Pack, has the list of candidates for the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog approved by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber.

#### **Section 605 - Stray**

A Stray shall be any member of the Order, who for good and proper reasons cannot be attached to any functioning Pound.

#### **Section 606 - Numbering**

- A. The candidates initiated and obligated at any Growl of any constituent unit of the Order not having a number shall be issued a number, in sequence, beginning with number one (1) and prefixed by the last two digits of the new fiscal year and bearing the Degree of membership conferred.
- B. The number assigned to a member shall be retained by them for life and upon their death shall not be issued or re-issued to another. Should a member be dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of membership dues, their reinstatement to membership will revive their number. As a member progresses from Degree to Degree, the only change resulting in his designation will be the indication of the Degree of membership held.

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## ARTICLE VII -UNIFORM

### Section 701 - Insignia

The official insignia of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. shall be the head of an English Bull Dog, wearing a Trench Helmet.

### Section 702 - Uniform

The official uniform of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. shall be as follows:

- A. An embroidered official insignia may be worn on the right sleeve of the shirt with the top of the insignia one and one-half (1-1/2) inches below the shoulder seam.
- B. Shirts worn as part of the uniform shall be white. The Sunburst insignia will be worn on the collar. MCL ribbons or USMC ribbons may be worn, but not a mixture of both. Shirts bearing the embroidered official insignia and lettering of the Order on the back may also be worn.
- C. The cap patch of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., is to be sewn on the right-hand side of the Marine Corps League cap, centered over the piping, (gold piping in the Detachment member cover and the Department Officer cover, red piping on the National Officer cover); so that one-half (1/2) of the patch extends from either side of the piping. The eyes of the Bull Dog on the Patch should be level to the "deck" and the Gold Trench Helmet will be canted to the left side of the Bull Dog's head. The bottom line of the helmet touching the Bull dogs head on either side should be parallel to the piping on the cover. No pins, stars, medals, or any other devices shall be worn on the cover without the official approval of the Kennel. Gold caps may be worn by Kennel Officers, but they must revert to the cap they are authorized after their term of office with the exception of the Chief Devil Dog. Past Chief Devil Dogs are authorized to wear the Gold with Black Crown Cover with red piping. The dates of tenure must be sewn on the cap in red lettering. (See the illustration at the end of the Ritual).
- D. The individuals name and Pound number may appear above the left pocket of the shirt and officer's title may appear above the right breast pocket with the height of the letters not to exceed three quarters of an inch (3/4"). Letters must be all one color, gold, red or black.
- E. A Gold Beret with gold tassel and red lettering shall be optional headgear for all Pedigreed Devil Dogs while in that Degree.
- F. A Red Beret with a red tassel and blue lettering shall be optional headgear for all Devil Dogs while in that Degree.
- G. A Black Beret with a black tassel and white lettering shall be optional headgear for all Pups while in that Degree.
- H. Attached to the Beret shall be a Devil Dog shoulder patch, the affixing of which will indicate the front of the Beret.
- I. Lettering in colors indicated by "E", "F" and "G" of this section and appearing on the left side of the Beret shall indicate the office held and the dates of tenure and lettering on the right side of the Beret will indicate the Pound name and number.
- J. Marine Corps Dress Blue with red stripe or black trousers may be worn with the Devil Dog uniform.

### Section 703 - Identification Disc and Dog Collar,

- A. The official identification disc of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. shall be a metal one, which can be gold or silver-plated. The disc shall be one and one fourth (1-1/4) inches in diameter, on the face of which is the official insignia surrounded by the lettering of the official title of the Order and below the insignia the words "Pound No." allowing space for the number of the member's Pound. On the top of the reverse side shall appear the words "Presented to" below which shall be a space for the name and state (all dog tags engraved prior to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Growl (13 August 1992) may retain the home city), of the member, at the bottom the words "License No." which space is for the member's license number. The disc is to be perforated and suspended by a one (1) inch ribbon of approximately 36 inches in length to permit the disc to be worn as a pendant about the neck in colors herein described:
  1. All active Pedigreed Devil Dogs shall wear a gold ribbon.
  2. All active Devil Dogs shall wear a red ribbon.
  3. All active Pups shall wear a black ribbon.
  4. Gold plated discs shall be worn by all Past and Present Kennel Staff. The Pound Number, the name and Dog Tag Number of the member shall be engraved on the disk upon receipt. At the completion of service on the Kennel Staff or at the termination of office as Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, the name of the highest

- office held and the Fiscal Year of tenure should be engraved on the second line on the reverse side of the disk.
5. The Regular Identification Discs, having silver or nickel plating, shall be worn by all Past Pack Officers and all past Pound Officers and shall be similarly inscribed with the highest Pack Office or Pound Office held and the Fiscal Year(s) of tenure on the second line on the reverse side of the disk.
  6. The Regular Identification Discs, having silver or nickel plating, shall be worn by all other members of the Order and shall be inscribed as delineated in the primary paragraph of this Section.
- B. The metal disc, which had been given to all delegates registered at the National Convention of the Marine Corps League, Inc., in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1948, and one and one half (1-1/2) inches in diameter, having on the face thereof the official insignia of the Order, being seventeen sixteenths (17/16) inches in diameter and surrounded by the wording "I am a Devil Dog", "Marine Corps League", with the reverse side thereof being without design or lettering and mounted on a double, metal loop with a "Leatherette" ribbon, five-eighths (5/8) inches wide, in several different colored "Leatherette" shall be permissive uniform. The difference in the colored ribbons in which the Milwaukee souvenir tag were issued shall be without significance in the determination of Degree of membership held by wearer when the color is not in keeping with the provisions of Section 703 A (1), (2), and (3), Article VII of these Bylaws.
  - C. A maximum of two (2) emblems, plus one official Dog Tag Disc, may be worn at any one time, on the Dog Collar. Emblems may include the American Flag, Marine Corps emblem, Marine Corps League Inc., membership pin, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., membership pin, the POW/MIA pin, the VAVS award for hours served (white oval pin with blue figure and red heart indicating number of hours served), and the Bull Dog. Except as may be specifically authorized elsewhere in these Bylaws, no other devices or emblems may be worn on the Dog Collar. All other emblems shall be subject to one fine for each unauthorized emblem.
  - D. The incumbent Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall wear the Chief's Badge of Office, presented to the Kennel by Past Chief Devil Dog Edwin F. Gallagher, on 27 August 1982, in Dearborn, Michigan. This Gold Medallion, with gold chain shall be passed on to each Honorable Chief Devil Dog.
  - E. Only Past Chief Devil Dogs may wear the special gold, red and black Dog Collar, from which shall be suspended the miniature Chief's Badge of Office, one and three eighths (1-3/8) inches in diameter authorized at the 5 1st Supreme Growl in Sacramento, CA. All others are subject to disciplinary action.
  - F. The fiftieth anniversary medallion issued to all present and registered at the Supreme Growl in Dallas, Texas, in 1989, may be worn with, or in lieu of, the official identification disc (Dog Tag) of the Order.

#### **Section 704 - Ordering**

In the interest of uniformity, all supplies described herein shall be ordered direct from the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, or the Kennel Quartermaster.

#### **Section 705 - Eligibility For Uniform Items**

Only members of this Order in good standing, as defined in these Bylaws are eligible to wear any Uniform Items, including all insignia and items described in this Article. No member of the Order shall provide any of these items for wear by anyone not a member of this Order in good standing, except as may be authorized by the Kennel Board of Trustees.

## **ARTICLE VIII - REPORTS**

### **Section 801 - Pounds**

Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of each Supreme Growl, each Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber shall report to their Worthy Pack Leader and to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, a full account of the year's activity including the number of Pups and Devil Dogs in good standing, the names of Devil Dogs eligible for initiation into the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dogs, all gains and losses on the roll of the Pound, including deaths, all projects or assistance to the League, changes in office with names and addresses.

### **Section 802 - Packs**

Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of each Supreme Growl, each Worthy Pack Leader and Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall submit to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, a full account of the year's activity including the number of Pounds currently active, losses and gains in active Pounds, number of active members in each Pound with losses and gains, number of Growls held, projects completed, changes in office with names and addresses, and a statement of the Pack's financial condition.

### **Section 803 - Kennel**

The Honorable Kennel Officers shall cause to be made available to the Supreme Growl, Packs and Pounds, a full accounting of their stewardship during their term of office.

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## **ARTICLE IX - INSTALLING OFFICERS**

### **Section 901 - Pound**

The Officer installing the new Officers of a Pound shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, shall be a Past Pound Keeper, or an incumbent or Past Pack Officer. Immediately following the installation, the Installing Officer shall make a full report to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber and the Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division. The report shall include the date and place, names, addresses and titles of all Officers installed.

### **Section 902 - Pack**

The Officer installing the new Pack officers shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, shall be a Past Pack Officer or an incumbent or Past Kennel Officer. Immediately following the installation, the Installing officer shall make a full report to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, via the Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division, including the date and place, names and addresses and titles of all Officers installed and the current condition of the Pack.

### **Section 903 - Kennel**

The Officer installing the new Kennel officers shall be a Past Chief Devil Dog when possible or a Past Elected Kennel Officer. The newly installed Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall inscribe in the records of the Kennel the name of the Installing Officer, the date and place of installation, and the names, addresses and titles of the Officers installed.

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## **ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINE**

### **Section 1001 - Offences**

The offenses recognized and punishable by this Order:

1. Disloyalty to the United States of America
2. Willful disobedience or disregard of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Kennel, Pack, Pound, or the Marine Corps League, Inc.
3. Violation of the Oath of Obligation as a member or Officer of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., or the Marine Corps League, Inc.
4. Conduct unbecoming a Marine or a DEVIL DOG, or conduct detrimental to the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., or the Marine Corps League, Inc.
5. Conviction of a crime or felony
6. Participating in, aiding or abetting any subversive activity or organization.

### **Section 1002 - Charges**

Charges shall be in writing in triplicate signed by the plaintiff and filed with the Dog Robber of the lowest unit having jurisdiction. The Dog Robber shall supply one copy of the charges to the Defendant.

### **Section 1003 - Procedure**

1. The Staff at the level of jurisdiction shall act as the Trial Board.
2. All hearings of the trial shall be open to all Devil Dogs.
3. The Defendant may select counsel from the membership of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.
4. The Smart Dog of the level of jurisdiction shall act as prosecutor unless excused for cause.
5. The Staff's highest available Officer shall preside at the trial.
6. The Staff shall hear all evidence in sessions open to all Devil Dogs.
7. The Staff shall weigh all evidence and reach their decision as to guilt or innocence in secret session.
8. Judgment shall be pronounced in open session, in the presence of the Defendant, if possible.
9. The Defendant shall be given every fair opportunity to prepare their defense and to be present, but their absence after due and sufficient notice shall not be a reason for delay.
10. Appeal from any judgment may be taken by filing notice of same with the Staff of jurisdiction within thirty (30) days, of the date of the judgment, whereupon the Staff of next higher jurisdiction shall without undue delay hear the appeal and render judgment. Further recourse from any judgment may be had under the provision of Section 110, Article I.
11. Exceptions to the procedure are:
  - a. The Pound Staff may not try the Pound Keeper. The Worthy Pack Leader, or in the absence of a Pack, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall designate another Staff Officer to act.
  - b. The Pack Staff may not try the Pack Leader. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall designate another Officer to act.
  - c. The Kennel Staff may not try the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Junior Past Chief Devil Dog shall summon four other available Past Chief Devil Dogs preceding him. These five shall sit as the Trial Court with the senior presiding. Any appeal may be taken from the judgment of the Court to the Supreme Growl of which the judgment of which shall be final.

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### **Section 1004 - Penalties**

Should the judgment of the Trial Court be GUILTY, it shall fix and declare the penalty to be one of the following:

1. Permanent dishonorable expulsion from the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.
2. Removal from office.
3. Suspension from the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., for a definite time specified.
4. Reprimand.

Should the judgment of the Trial Court be NOT GUILTY, all rights, privileges, prerogatives, and offices previously enjoyed or held shall be restored to the member so adjudged as if no charges had ever been made.

**Section 1005 - Record**

A careful record of all trial proceedings shall be kept and, at the close of all action, shall be filed with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber who shall retain them permanently in a special file for that exclusive purpose.

**Section 1006 - Officer Pending Trial**

Should charges be preferred against any officer, they shall cease and desist from all activities of said office pending outcome of the trial. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall designate a temporary acting officer to fill the vacancy pending outcome of the trial. Should the Honorable Chief Devil Dog be the accused, The Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog shall function instead pending outcome of the trial.

## **ARTICLE XI - POLICY**

### **Section 1101 - Commitments**

No officer or member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall commit or obligate this Order in any manner, financially or otherwise, to any outside agency, unless and until authorized to do so by proper authority, in writing.

### **Section 1102 - League Politics**

No Officer or member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall be permitted to mention or discuss the politics or anything pertaining to the politics of the Marine Corps League, Inc., in any Growl of this Order at any level of jurisdiction.

### **Section 1103 - League Business**

No matter of League business shall be discussed in any Growl of this Order at any level of jurisdiction, unless this Order is officially requested to do so by the Marine Corps League, Inc.

### **Section 1104 - Outside Political Activity**

Every citizen should register and vote their convictions on all public issues. The active participation of every Devil Dog in the civic affairs of the State and Nation is encouraged and urged.

No officer or member of this Order shall use this Organization in any manner for partisan politics or for their personal political advancement.

No endorsement of any person for any political office shall be made or given by any unit of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.

No officer or member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall ever involve this Order in any partisan political, sectarian, or labor dispute, nor shall any such matter be discussed in any Growl of this order.

### **Section 1105 - Support of the League**

Every officer and member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall at all times give enthusiastic support to the policies and activities of the Marine Corps League, Inc., and shall seek by every means to build and strengthen it.

### **Section 1106 - Loyalty**

Every officer and member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall give unwavering loyalty to the Constitution and Government of the United States of America, and shall preserve and defend it against all enemies whomsoever.

### **Section 1107 - Sacred Articles**

2010 The Holy Bible, the Charter (or certified copy) and the Bone shall be considered "sacred." They shall not be taken from their customary place for ransom or for any other reason without the express permission or at the direction of the presiding officer. They shall also not be attached to anything or anyone by any means whatsoever.

### **Section 1108 - Outside Organizations**

The Order shall not permit any other Organizations to become a part of the Order, for any reason.

### **Section 1109 - Ritual**

- A. The Military Order of the Devil Dogs Ritual (Current Edition) is an official Manual of the Order, and shall provide guidance in the conduct of the various formal activities of GROWLS and Ceremonies of the Order. However, except as noted elsewhere in this Section, certain parts of the guidelines, i.e. Order of Business or specific wording, may be modified to better fit the local circumstances, as long as such changes do not affect the spirit of the guidelines.
- B. The detailed guidelines providing for the Rite of Initiation (See the Preamble of Article VI – Initiation of these Bylaws) contained within the Ritual shall be considered to have the same force as these Bylaws. The conduct of the Initiating Team headed by the Unit Mad Dog shall be governed by those detailed guidelines; and deviation from them, bringing discredit or dishonor to the Order shall be considered a violation of these Bylaws, specifically Article X, Section 1001, 4.
- C. In all cases, whenever a conflict is found between the Ritual and the Constitution or Bylaws, the Constitution and Bylaws shall prevail.
- D. All changes to the Ritual must be approved by the Kennel Board of Trustees.

## **ARTICLE XII - GENERAL**

### **Section 1201 - Charter Fee**

All applications for Charter for Packs and/or Pounds shall be accompanied by a Charter Fee to be set by the Kennel Staff.

### **Section 1202 - Bond**

Bond shall be required of all members of the Order who are designated to handle monetary funds at the Kennel, Pack, or Pound level. This will include the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, all Worthy Pack Leaders and Worthy Pack Dog Robbers, and all Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers, as well as any additional Members that the respective Kennel, Pack or Pound shall so designate in their Bylaws.

### **Section 1203 - Titles**

The titles recognized by the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., are:

1. PUP - Addressed to those obligated in the Degree of Pup.
2. DOG - Addressed to those in the Degree of Devil Dog and Pedigreed Devil Dog.
3. SIR - Prefix used before the title of all Pound Officers.
4. WORTHY - Prefix used before the title of all Pack Officers.
5. HONORABLE - Prefix used before the title of all Kennel Officers.

### **Section 1204 - Opening and Closing Ceremony**

The Opening Ceremony of every Growl of this Order shall include the Pledge to the American Flag.

The Closing Ceremony of every Growl of this Order shall include the Salute to the American Flag.

### **Section 1205 - Language**

The English language shall be the only language permitted in any Growl of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.

### **Section 1206 - Rules of Order**

The Rules of Order, which shall apply in the conduct of business of all Growls of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall be that in use by the Marine Corps League, Inc.

### **Section 1207 - Rights of Pups**

- A. After being initiated and obligated in the Degree of Pup, a Pup shall have full right of franchise in the Pound, and the Pack.
- B. After being initiated and obligated in the Degree of Pup, the right of a Pup, to hold office in the Pound shall be subject to the limitations set forth in Article II, Section 208, paragraph A, 3 of these Bylaws.

### **Section 1208 - Proxies**

There shall be no proxy voting in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.

### **Section 1209 - Life Memberships**

- A. Kennel  
At the conclusion of their full term of office, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall be given a Kennel life membership, including the waiver of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues and registration fees at any Growl of any unit of this order.

B. Pack

The Pack is authorized, by appropriate action, to grant to any Worthy Pack Leader and any Worthy Pack Dog Robber, at the conclusion of their full term of office, an honorary life membership in the Pack, providing the pack shall pay the Kennel membership dues of the officer so being honored. Appropriate action of the Pack shall determine the waiver of the Pack and Pound membership dues.

C. Pound

The Pound is authorized, by appropriate action, to grant to any Pound Keeper and any Pound Dog Robber, at the conclusion of their full term of office, an honorary life membership in the Pound, with appropriate action by the Pound as to the payment of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues of the officer being honored.

D. Limitation

Any life membership in the Kennel and honorary life memberships in the Pack and Pound shall remain in force and effect so long as the recipient remains in good standing in the Order, and the Marine Corps League, Inc.

E. Paid Life Memberships shall be made available at a cost of \$150.00 each for those Members of the ORDER who are up to and including age 60 years, and for \$125.00 for those Members who are age 61 years and above. All applicants shall meet the following criteria.

NOTE: Because the Paid Life Membership is classified as Dues (Section 104), the current flat rate of \$100.00 will remain in effect until the close of the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel in 2005 and the increase shall become effective at that time.

1. The member shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, shall be a Life Member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., and shall have maintained at least five (5) years continuous membership in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and shall have no outstanding obligations to either the Order or the League.

2. Once Life Memberships in the Order are transmitted to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber; the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall remit \$30.00 to the Pound, and \$30.00 to the Pack in which the Pound is located. The Kennel shall retain the balance. In the case of a Dog belonging to a Pound in a State where there is no established Pack, the Kennel shall retain the amount allocated for a Pack. In the case of Kennel Strays purchasing Life Memberships, the Kennel Dog Robber shall make no distribution.

3. The transmittal of Paid Life Memberships shall be the responsibility of the Pound, via the Pack, to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber. Pounds in States having no established Pack shall transmit directly to the Kennel.

4. Permanent metal Paid Life Member plates and cardboard type membership cards will be issued to the Pedigreed Devil Dog only at the time of their original transmittal.

5. Pedigreed Devil Dogs holding Paid Life Membership Status in the Order are exempt from future Kennel, Pack and Pound Membership Dues.

F. Honorary Life Membership can be awarded to all members of the Marine Corps League, Inc., who served in United States Marine Corps units in the American Expeditionary Force, in France, during the First World War. These Honorary members shall have no voice or vote in any Grawl of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., unless they shall have previously held a Degree in the Order.

### **Section 1210 - Declination of Nomination**

Any Pup, Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog may decline nomination for any office to which they are eligible at any level of jurisdiction, at their own discretion, bearing well in mind the Honor and confidence with which such nomination was put forward.

### **Section 1211 - Prior Enactments**

All existing Bylaws of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., which have been adopted or enacted prior to the date hereof are hereby repealed and of no effect.

### **Section 1212 - Effective Date**

These Bylaws shall be in full force and effective from and after Midnight of the Sixth (6th) day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven (1997).

### **Section 1213 - Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of the Order, the remaining net assets shall be distributed to such nonprofit corporations or associations as are exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board of Trustees in the exercise of its discretion may determine, and no part of such net assets may inure to the benefit of any individual member or person,

## ARTICLE XIII - AMENDING OF BYLAWS

### Section 1301 - Method of Amending

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- A. All Devil Dogs, Pounds and Packs may seek to revise, repeal or amend these Bylaws by submitting their proposals in typewritten or legible form, using the exact wording intended for the change, to the Honorable Kennel Smart Dog no later than 1 March prior to the opening date of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which their proposals are to be considered. All proposals must contain the identity of the maker or submitter, otherwise they will not be considered. The Honorable Kennel Smart Dog will propagate the proposals without comment by having the Honorable Kennel Barking Dog publish all proposals in the Woof-O-gram, the Order's house organ, and/or by mailing all proposals to each Pound Keeper and Pack Leader. In both cases, the proposed changes shall be distributed so that they are received by each Pack Leader and Pound Keeper no later than 1 May prior to the opening date of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which such proposed revision, repeal or amendment is to be considered. The said notice shall include the proposed changes to the Articles, Sections and Paragraphs to be revised, repealed or amended. In addition to this, proposed changes may be posted on an official Kennel Web Site in their entirety.
- B. The provisions of sub-paragraph "A" above will be construed to have been met, provided that the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber makes every reasonable effort to notify the Pedigreed Devil Dogs in each Pound and Pack that proposed Bylaw amendments to be considered at the ensuing Supreme Growl of the Kennel have been provided to the Pound and Pack Dog Robbers and, that copies of said amendments shall be available upon written request from the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber by mail up to two (2) weeks prior to the Supreme Growl of the Kennel or, by request, in person from the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber's staff in the Kennel Dog House prior to the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
- C. Upon the written request of any Kennel Stray to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, copies of said amendments shall be provided as outlined in paragraph B.

### Section 1302 - Suspension or Waiver of Bylaws

NO Article or Section, and no part of any Article or Section of these Bylaws may be suspended or waived by any Supreme Growl of this Order unless two-thirds (2/3) present at the SUPREME GROWL vote for a suspension or waiver.

**END OF BYLAWS**