

- 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 Growl 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 Growl 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 - Growl of the Pound

- A. All assemblies of the Pound shall be officially known as the Growl of the Pound.
- B. The assembly place of the Growl of the Pound shall be officially known as the Pound.
- C. A Growl 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).

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.

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

- 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)."

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.