

# **Military Order of the Devil Dogs**



## **Constitution and Bylaws**

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# MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I: PREAMBLE

- A. We, bona fide, paid-up and active regular members of the Marine Corps League, Inc. (MCL), do hereby unite to form a permanent organization to be known as the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. (MODD).
- B. This, MODD, is hereby created and organized in 1939, and chartered on the 19th day March 1940, in Boston Massachusetts. The MODD was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan on the 7th day of October 1986.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

- A. It shall be the purpose of this organization to:

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1. Observe, obey and support the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the MCL.
2. Preserve and strengthen the principles and ideals of the MCL.
3. Aid and assist in the accomplishment of all programs and objectives of the MCL.
4. As the fun and honor society of the MCL, to promote sociability, comradeship, and good fellowship, provide amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the MCL when and where proper and advisable.
5. Maintain true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws; to foster and extend American institutions of freedom; and to defend America against all enemies whomsoever.

## ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

- A. The recognized official bodies of this association shall consist of and be:
  1. Local organizations to be known as (*Name*) Pound No. of the MODD, the meeting place of which shall be known as the Pound and the meetings of which shall be known as the Growl of the Pound, provided no Pound shall adopt or use a name already in use by another Pound.
  2. State organizations to be known as (*State*) Pack of the MODD, the meeting place of which shall be known as the Den, and the meetings of which shall be known as the Growl of the Pack.
  3. The National Organization to be known as the Kennel of the MODD, the meeting place of which shall be known as the Kennel and the meetings of which shall be known as the Supreme Growl.

## ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

A. Only Regular Members of the MCL in good standing are eligible for membership in the MODD. Associate

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and Honorary MCL members are not eligible.

B. Potential candidates must have at least 12 months of membership in the MCL and be in good standing to be eligible for consideration for and election to membership in the MODD. Additional membership requirements are listed in Article I of the Kennel bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V: LANGUAGE

A. The only language permissible in the conduct of any official meeting of any Pound, Pack, or Kennel shall be the English language.

#### ARTICLE VI: TRADEMARK/TRADENAME

A. The titles “Military Order of the Devil Dog, Inc.,” “Military Order of the Devil Dogs” and “Military Order of Devil Dogs” and the official seal and logo of the MODD are the property of the MODD and are claimed as trademarks and tradenames of the MODD. Use of such titles, seal, and logo for commercial gain or profit is strictly prohibited without the prior approval in writing of the MODD.

#### ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

A. This Constitution may be amended in the following manner:

1. Devil Dogs, Pounds, and Packs seeking to revise, repeal, or amend this Constitution shall submit their proposals in typewritten, or legible, form to the Honorable Smart Dog no later than 15 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 Smart Dog will have the Honorable Barking Dog publish all proposals in the “Woof-O-Gram,” the MODD’s house organ, and / or by transmitting all proposals to each Pound Keeper, Pack Leader, and Division Vice Chief Devil Dog no later than 15 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 reference the articles and paragraphs to be revised, repealed, or amended.
2. The Honorable Dog Robber will be guided by the instructions contained in ARTICLE XIII of the Bylaws in ensuring that proper notifications have been made in a timely fashion.
3. Provisions one and two of this Article having been complied with, the proponents and opponents of each proposed amendment shall have no more than fifteen (15) minutes each to state their case. Each individual member recognized by the Chair shall limit comments to three (3) minutes.

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The Chair may extend debate for an additional ten (10) minutes per side if he/she deems it in the best interest of the body assembled. Upon conclusion of debate, and parliamentary rules have been followed, a standing vote FOR and a standing vote AGAINST shall be taken. The tallies shall be announced to the body and a correct record of the votes FOR and AGAINST shall be posted in the minutes (Scratchings) of the Supreme Growl. In each case where it is found that upon a careful count two-thirds (2/3) of the total properly registered and present members have voted FOR a proposed amendment, said proposed amendment shall be considered to be approved; all Packs and Pounds shall be supplied without delay, copies of any amendments approved by the Supreme Growl. Proposed amendments that do not receive two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval shall be void and without effect and shall not be considered again until after the expiration of no less than six (6) months.

4. It shall not be permissible for any session of the Supreme Growl to waive any of the forgoing provisions.

# MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

### Section 101: Eligibility

- A. Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dog (MODD), shall be open to any regular member of the Marine Corps League (MCL), who has been invited to join the MODD and at the time of application in the MODD is made, shall be:
1. A regular member of the MCL, in good standing.
  2. With membership dues in the MCL fully paid.
  3. Of good character and reputation.
  4. In full compliance with the requirements of the constitution of the MODD and the requirements found hereinafter in these Bylaws as set forth for the several degrees of membership.
- B. The degrees of membership in the MODD 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 MODD.
  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 Veteran, World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran (*service between 27 June 1950 to 27 July 1954 - dates eligible for the Korean Service Medal: ref DOD*), and any service prior to 27 June 1950 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. All requests for medical, World War II, and Korean War service exemptions shall be sent directly to the Honorable Dog Robber for factual verification. Once the Honorable Dog Robber validates, both, the faithful service of the Devil Dog for whom the medical exemption is sought and has determined that the medical evidence provided is compelling and complete; the Honorable Dog Robber shall obtain from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog such approval (*either in hard copy or digitally*) of the request of either the Pound or the Pack as determined to be sufficient for record-keeping purposes and, by direction, notify the Pound or the Pack as soon as possible that the request for World War II, Korean War Veteran wartime service and/or medical exemption has been granted. 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 the MODD 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 MCL, for at least one (1) full year.
4. Exhibit their current year MCL membership card.
5. Be sponsored by two members of the MODD having the degree of Devil Dog and/or Pedigreed Devil Dog.

6. In the appropriate section of the application, the Commandant of the Detachment must list the specific accomplishments the candidate has performed in the interest of the MCL and the Detachment that supports the recommendation,
  7. Accompany their application with the required years membership dues in the MODD, 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 Pack Dog Robber and to the Honorable Dog Robber.
- D. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Devil Dog in the MODD 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 MCL for at least two (2) full years.
  4. Exhibit their current year MCL 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 twelve (12) consecutive months.
  6. Accompany their application with any required election fee.
  7. After filing a valid application with the Pack Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack. The 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 Dog Robber.
- E. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog in the MODD 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 MCL for at least three (3) full years.
  4. Exhibit their current year's MCL and the MODD membership cards.

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 Devil Dog for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.
  6. Accompany their application with any required election fee.
  7. After filing a valid application with the Honorable Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. The Honorable 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' 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 (1) 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 hometown 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 (3) 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 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 Dog Robber, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
  - d. Candidates applying under this subparagraph 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 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 Dog Robber, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel
  - c. Pups applying for advancement under this subparagraph 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 Pack Dog Robber of that Pack, if application to a Pound would cause undue hardship or gross inconvenience.
  - a. Such applications will be considered at the sole discretion of the Pack Staff. Candidates applying under this subparagraph must have met all the requirements of paragraph C of this section and have been a member of the MCL for two (2) 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 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 (3) full years' membership in the MCL and meet all the other requirements of paragraph C of this section. Pups so applying for advancement must have two (2) 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 subparagraph.

- 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 MCL, other than Regular members, shall not be eligible for membership in the MODD 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 MCL may convert to a regular membership in the MODD by paying the appropriate dues.

#### Section 102: Application

- A. 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 subsections of section 101 of these bylaws.

#### Section 103: Election / Notification / Obligation / Rejection

##### A. Elections

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- 1. Under the order of business "Election of Candidates" the Pound/Pack/Kennel 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.
  - a. 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.

##### B. Notifications

1. The Pound/Pack/Kennel 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.
  - a. Should the successful Pup candidate fail to appear at two (2) 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 (6) 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.
  - b. 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 (1) 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.
  - c. 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.

#### C. Obligation

1. Any successful candidate, having appeared at the time and place fixed for the assembly of the Growl of the Pound/Pack/Kennel for obligation and initiation into the degree called for in their application, shall be initiated under supervision of the Pound/Pack/Kennel Mad Dog into the mysteries of said degree in accordance with the traditions of the MODD and after the initiation, shall be obligated to the degree as set forth in the Ritual of the MODD by the Pound/Pack/Kennel Presiding Officer or by any Past Presiding Officer of a superior Pound/Pack/Kennel.

#### D. Rejection

1. Should the application of any candidate be rejected by the Pound/Pack/Kennel 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 Pound/Pack/Kennel 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-a-c of this section.

#### E. Pound/Pack/Kennel Dog Robber

1. It shall be the duty of the Pound/Pack/Kennel 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 / 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 Dog Robber through channels.
- D. Pounds and Packs shall forward Paid Life Member (*PLM*) Dues to the Kennel, making sure that they certify the status as PLM in the MCL, including the PLM Number, of each Pedigreed Devil Dog so transmitted. The required procedures and the amount of the PLMs are found in Sections 105 and 1209 of these Bylaws.

#### Section 105: Forwarding Membership Dues

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

#### Section 106: Good Standing

- A. All members of the MODD shall keep their membership dues in the MCL and in the MODD 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/she seeks transfer, provided he/she is in good standing at the time such application is made. If the transferring member is delinquent in their dues, he/she shall place himself in good standing before the 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/she 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/she has transferred during the period for which his/her 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/her dues status.

#### Section 107: Delinquency

- A. Any member of the MODD who does not have their membership dues in the MODD 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 Growl 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 MODD who has been dropped from the membership rolls of the MODD 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 MCL.
  - 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 (1) 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 MODD not in good standing and/or who have been dropped from the membership rolls of the MODD for ANY CAUSE shall not be eligible to wear any emblems, insignia, sign or uniform of the MODD until and unless they become a member of the MODD in good standing. Any member upon reinstatement after being suspended from the MODD must serve at least one (1) year as a contributing member in good standing before being recommended for elevation to the next higher degree.
  - 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 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 MODD may be required to prove eligibility at any time. Should it be determined after careful investigation that the member has obtained membership in the MODD 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 MODD by the unit Dog Robber having jurisdiction over their membership immediately, with notification of such action being sent to the Dog Robber of the superior or junior jurisdiction.
- B. The Honorable 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 MODD under the provisions of this section shall be again eligible for consideration for membership in the MODD.

#### Section 110: Right of Appeal

- A. It shall be the right of any member of the MODD 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/Madame Pound Keeper.
  - 2. Growl of the Pound.
  - 3. Worthy Pack Leader.
  - 4. Grand Growl of the Pack.
  - 5. Honorable Chief Devil Dog.
  - 6. 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.

### Section 111: Dual Membership

- A. Members who fulfill the requirements listed in Section 101 – Eligibility may join more than one (1) Pound or Pack in the MODD if they so wish.

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1. The member will keep their current degree of obligation (*Pedigreed Devil Dog, Devil Dog, or Pup*).
2. The member will pay separate dues to each Pound or Pack of which they hold membership.
3. Separate life membership can be held in multiple Pounds or Packs.
4. Since the MODD is a one (1) vote per person democracy, there is no reason to declare voting rights with any one Pound or Pack.
5. Elected or appointed Officers can be held in each Pound or Pack if there is no conflict of interest, and all duties of multiple offices can be upheld in a satisfactory manner.

## ARTICLE II – POUNDS

### Section 201: Definition

- A. The Pound of the MODD shall correspond in character and function in the MODD as does the Detachment in the MCL.
- B. The Pound shall bear a number as determined by the Honorable 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 MCL from which it obtains the majority of its members.
- C. When there are at least ten (10) qualified members of the MODD residing under the jurisdiction of the relative Department of the MCL, 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 MCL.

- 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 (7) members of the MODD, five (5) or more of who 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 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 MODD and of the MCL, and if his/her determination is favorable, shall cause the proposed Charter to be issued over his/her signature and countersigned by the Honorable 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 MODD.
- 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.
- 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, Past Kennel Officer, Pack Officer, Past Pack Officer, Pound Keeper, or 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 MODD 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 Dog Robber, via the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division, Worthy Pack Leader, and Pack Dog Robber of the Pack having jurisdiction.
- H. During the performance of his duties as Instituting Officer, he/she shall be known as, and have title of, Honorable Deputy Chief Devil Dog and he/she shall choose as his aide, one who shall be addressed as Honorable Deputy Police Dog.

### Section 203: Bylaws

- A. Each Pound may adopt Bylaws, provided they, in no way, violate the constitution or conflict with the Bylaws of the Pack having jurisdiction and Kennel Bylaws. Further that the Pack having jurisdiction and the Kennel be furnished with a copy of such Bylaws and 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 the MODD. It shall have the full power and authority and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a constituent unit of the MODD.
- 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 the MODD.

### Section 205: Growls – Regular / Annual / Special / Staff

- A. REGULAR - Each Pound shall hold no less than four (4) regular assemblies (Growls) 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 (1) annual assembly to be held during the three (3) 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 Dog Robber no later than the end of the month immediately following the Growl. The Installation Report shall be submitted via the 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 (4) 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 (7) 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 (3) 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 (7) days prior to the date of the Growl.

#### Section 206: Quorum

- A. 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 (5) members.

#### Section 207: Charter – Surrender / Suspension / Revocation

- A. Surrender
1. 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.

2. 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 (4) 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 (Scratchings) of the meetings pertinent to the action to surrender the Charter.

#### B. Suspension

1. The Charter of any Pound may be suspended for any period not exceeding ninety (90) days for violation of the laws of the MODD 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 MODD, or for violation of the laws of the state in which it is located, or the laws of the United States.
2. Suspension of the Charter of a Pound is affected by official written notice over the signature of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and attestation by the Honorable Dog Robber, and shall fully state the cause or causes of such suspension and the period thereof
3. 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.

#### C. 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 (30) days of the date of suspension.
2. Upon receipt of evidence in the response, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall either:
  - i. Vacate the suspension and restore the Pound to good standing.
  - ii. Continue the suspension for additional period not exceeding ninety (90) days for the presentation of additional evidence.
  - iii. Revoke Charter.
3. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall have the right to file in writing, within sixty (60) days of the date of the revocation, an appeal from the decision of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog to the Kennel Staff.
4. 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.

5. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall surrender to the Pack having jurisdictional authority over said Pound, or to the Kennel Executive Director on behalf of the Kennel Board of Trustees as jurisdictional authority, should no Pack having jurisdictional authority exist, all properties and assets to said jurisdictional authority, all properties and assets to said jurisdictional authority, to be held for a period of one (1) year or until a new Pound is formed. Should a new Pound be formed during that period, the new Pound retains the old Pound name and number. ALL properties and assets will be returned. After the one (1) year, the properties and assets shall revert to the jurisdictional authority, Pack or Kennel. The Charter will be returned to the Kennel Executive Director and placed in the archives. All assets will then become the property of the jurisdictional authority, Pack or Kennel.
6. 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 elected or appointed office, a Pup must have been a faithful Pup for at least one (1) 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 appointed office other than that of the Pound Dog Robber. A Pup will be eligible to hold any office in the Pound that is elected other than the Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber.
4. All Officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the MCL, and in the MODD.
5. Any Officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the MCL and in the MODD, to lapse shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.
6. Any nominee for any elected 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 / Appointed

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- A. ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Keeper (*who shall not concurrently hold the office of Pound Dog Robber*), Senior Vice Pound Keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog.
  - B. APPOINTED - The appointed Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Dog Robber (*who shall not concurrently hold the office of Pound Keeper*), Pound Watch Dog, Pound Barking Dog, and such other subordinate Officers as the Pound Keeper, in his/her 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 appointed Officers with the elected Officers. The appointed 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 (1) 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 (3) months following the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
- B. At the Annual Growl of the Pound, the Officers of the Pound shall be nominated, elected and installed.
- C. All nominations for elected office shall be from the floor.
- D. The elected 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

- A. 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. 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 elected or appointed 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 MCL, and/or the MODD; or lose their status as a member in good standing in the MCL, and/or in the MODD.
  - 2. The Pound Officer absents themselves from two (2) consecutive Growls of the Pound without valid reason.
  - 3. For any other just cause or reason.

### Section 214: Voting

- A. Each and every member of the Pound present at the Growl and in good standing in the MCL and the MODD shall have one (1) 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 (2) 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 MCL, 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

- A. In all the acts, actions, and activities of the Pound, it shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, Bylaws and Ritual of the MODD, and the Constitution, Bylaws, rules and regulations of the MCL.

#### Section 218: Pound

- A. A Pound shall be in default if:

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1. It is indebted to either Kennel or its Pack.
2. It does not have a valid Installation Report on file with Kennel by 1 March.

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3. No Employment Identification Number (EIN) or EIN has been revoked.
4. Failure to submit IRS Form 990 or 990N Postcard.
5. Failure to be incorporated.
6. Incorporation is delinquent.

- 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

- A. MODD of Business for any Growl of the Pound shall be:
1. Opening Ceremony
  2. Roll Call of Officers (Each Officer will Report as a Dog)
  3. Recognition of Dignitaries (Kennel, Pack and Pound)

- a. The Chief Devil Dog
- b. Past Chief Devil Dogs
- c. Kennel Officers
- d. Past Kennel Dog Robbers
- e. Pack Leader and Past Pack Leaders
- f. Pack Officers
- g. Distinguished Devil Dogs (Kennel, Pack and Pound Dogs of the Year)
- 4. Reading or publishing Scratchings (Minutes) of the previous Growl(s)
- 5. Memorial Services (For Dogs who have passed away since the previous Growl)
- 6. Sickness and in Distress
- 7. Reports (All Officers, Dog Robber Report and Committees)
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Special Business
  - a. Nominations, Election and Installation of Officers
  - b. Initiation and Obligation to the Degree of Pup
- 11. Good of the Order
- 12. Announcements (Upcoming events and date of the next Growl)
- 13. Closing Ceremony
- B. Initiation and obligation of candidates shall be under the jurisdiction of the retiring Pound Keeper and Staff.
- C. 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".
- D. 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 (Scratchings) of Previous Growl(s).

## ARTICLE III – PACKS

### Section 301: Definition

- A. The Pack of the MODD shall correspond in character and function in the MODD as does the Department in the organization of the MCL.
- 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 MODD to be eligible for membership in the Pack must:
  - 1. Be in good standing in the MCL and in the MODD.
  - 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 its (*Pack's*) jurisdiction.

## Section 302: Formation / Charter / Instituting

### A. Formation

- 1. A Pack of the MODD, may be formed in any state having two (2) 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 paragraph B of this section.
- 2. No group shall be deemed to have the legal entity of a Pack until it is operating under a valid and un-forfeited Charter.

### B. Charter

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 (Scratchings) of the functioning Pounds, that the Pound authorized the petition for the grant of a Charter for the Pack.
- 3. 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.
- 4. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall then determine whether the issuance of the proposed Charter is in the best interests of the MODD and of the MCL, 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 Dog Robber, and to be dated as of the date of issue.
- 5. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog, after the issuance of the Charter, shall name an Instituting Officer (*see paragraph C 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.

### C. Instituting

1. 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, 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, Past Kennel Officer, Pack Officer, Past Pack Officer, a Pound Keeper, or a Past Pound Keeper in that order.
2. 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 MODD 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 Dog Robber.
3. 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 Police Dog.

### Section 303: Bylaws

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| 2018 | A. 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 Smart Dog. |
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### 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 the MODD. It shall have full power and authority and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a constituent unit of the MODD.
- 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 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 the MODD.

- F. Exceptions: Qualified candidates for Pup, and in special cases for Pedigreed Devil Dog, may also be obligated and initiated at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack, but only within the provisions and restrictions of Article I, Section 101 of these Bylaws.

### Section 305: Growls – Annual / Special / Other

#### A. Annual

1. Each Pack shall hold one annual Growl, to be known as the Grand Growl 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 Growl of the Pack will normally be held in concert with and at the time and place of the Department Convention of the MCL.
  - a. Should the Pack encounter extreme difficulties scheduling the Grand Growl 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 Growl of the Pack for the Honorable Chief Devil Dog's approval.
  - b. 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 Growl of the Pack, in addition to the Grand Growl 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.
  - c. A combined Pack/Pound Growl may not be held.

#### B. Special and Other

1. Other or Special Growls of the Pack, to be known as the Growl 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 Growl 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 Growl 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 Growl.

2. The Worthy Pack Leader shall thereupon issue a call for such Growl, setting the time and place thereof. Notice of the time and place and the purpose of the Growl shall be mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed. For a Growl 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 Growl 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.
- C. All Pack Growls must have representation present from a minimum of two (2) Pounds.

#### Section 307: Charter – Surrender / Revocation

- A. Surrender
  1. 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 (Scratchings) of the meeting, showing the action of the Pound relative to the surrender of the Pack Charter.
  2. The consent of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall be affixed to the request for the surrender of a Pack Charter.

- B. Suspension

1. Section 207-B-1 with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
2. Section 207-B-2 with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
3. Section 207-B-3 with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
4. Section 207-C-1 with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
5. Section 207-C-3 with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
6. Section 207-C-4 with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used, will apply.
7. Any Pack, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall surrender to the Kennel Executive Director on behalf of the Kennel Board of Trustees having jurisdictional authority over said Pack, all properties and assets. The affected properties will devolve to the control of the Kennel Board of Trustees until a new Pack is formed at which time the affected properties and assets revert to the newly formed Pack.
8. Section 207-C-6 with the substitution of the word Pack where the word Pound is used will apply.

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### Section 308: Eligibility to Hold Office

A. All members of the several Pounds comprising the membership of the Pack and holding the degree of

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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 (1) 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 appointed office, a Devil Dog must have at least six (6) months service in that Degree and to be eligible for elected 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 / Appointed Staff

A. ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Leader (who shall not concurrently

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hold the Office of Pack Dog Robber), Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Smart Dog, Worthy Dog Trainer, Worthy Police Dog, and Worthy Mad Dog.

B. APPOINTED - The Appointed Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Dog Robber (who shall not

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concurrently hold the office of Pack Leader), Worthy Watch Dog and the Worthy 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 elected Officers, together with the Worthy Dog Robber, Worthy Watch Dog, Worthy 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 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 Growl of the Pack, the annual nomination, election, appointment and Installation of Officers for the ensuing year shall take place.
- B. All nominations for elected office shall be from the floor.
- C. The elected 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 elected 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 Police Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Den while the Pack Officers are being nominated and elected.

#### Section 311: Duties / Authority / Tenure

- A. 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

- A. 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 elected or appointed 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 MODD and/or the MCL, and/or loses their status as a member in good standing in the MODD, and/or in the MCL.
2. The Pack Officers absent themselves from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Pack and/or the Pack Staff without valid reason.
3. For any other just cause or reason.

#### Section 314: Voting

- A. Each and every member of the Pack present at the Growl and in good standing in the MCL and the MODD 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 (10) 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

- A. The annual assembly of the Pack held during the period of the annual Department Convention of the MCL 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

- A. In all the acts, actions and activities of the Pack, it shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Ritual of the MODD, and the Constitution, Bylaws, rules, and regulations of the MCL.

## 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 (Each Officer will Report as a Dog)
  3. Recognition of Dignitaries (Kennel, Pack and Pound)
    - a. The Chief Devil Dog
    - b. Past Chief Devil Dogs
    - c. Kennel Officers
    - d. Past Kennel Dog Robbers
    - e. Past Pack Leaders
    - g. Distinguished Devil Dogs (Kennel and Pack Dogs of the Year)
  4. Reading or publishing Scratchings (Minutes) of the previous Growl(s)
  5. Memorial Services (For Dogs who have passed away since the previous Growl)
  6. Sickness and in Distress
  7. Reports (All Officers, Dog Robber Report and Committees)
  8. Unfinished Business
  9. New Business
  10. Special Business
    - a. Nominations, Election and Installation of Officers
    - b. Initiation and Obligation to the Degree of Devil Dog
  11. Good of the Order
  12. Announcements (Upcoming events and date of the next Growl)
  13. Closing Ceremony
- B. 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.
- C. 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 (Scratchings) of the session.
  4. Conduct of the Business for which the session was called.
  5. Closing Ceremony.

- D. The Minutes (Scratchings) 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)"

#### Section 319: Pack Default

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

### ARTICLE IV – THE KENNEL

#### Section 401: Definition

- A. The National organization of the MODD 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 MODD, is established by the granting of a Charter by the National Headquarters of the MCL, under the name and title of the MODD.
- B. By and under the authority of the Charter, 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 the MODD.
- C. By and under the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the MODD, the Kennel hereby and herewith assumes full jurisdiction and authority over the several chartered constituent units and of the membership of the MODD.

#### 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 Bylaws 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 Smart Dog, shall be retained in a proper file in the office of the Honorable Dog Robber.
- E. The Kennel Smart Dog shall have the authority to make typographical, grammatical, and formatting changes to Bylaws that do not change the meaning of the Bylaws 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 MODD (*Packs and Pounds*) which have been duly chartered under the authority of the Kennel and of all individual members of the MODD, 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 MODD, 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 and Kennel Executive Director shall be members without vote.

#### Section 405: Governing Body

- A. The MODD shall be governed by a National Convention of the MODD, 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 MODD.

#### Section 406: Supreme Growl Composition

- A. The Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be composed of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, all 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 MODD in good standing.
  - 2. Their membership dues in the MODD be currently paid.
  - 3. Exhibits their membership card in the MCL, to show that dues in the organization are current.
  - 4. Pays the required registration fee (*Honorable Chief Devil Dog, Honorable 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

- A. The Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be held annually during the period of the National Convention of the MCL, at such time and place as may be arranged in the convention program of the MCL.
- 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 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 MCL Publication" and/or the official news organ of the MCL, 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 MODD 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 MCL and in the MODD.
  - 2. Deposit with the Honorable Dog Robber, sufficient funds as will pay their full membership dues in the MODD for the fiscal year of their term of office.
  - 3. Promptly pay their full membership dues in the MCL, for the fiscal year of their term of office and exhibit to the Honorable Dog Robber, an MCL, membership card for that year, or advice as to the number of the MCL 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 / 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 Smart Dog, Honorable Dog Trainer, Honorable Police Dog, and Honorable Mad Dog.

2024 B. APPOINTED – After the election, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog will appoint, with approval of the Board of Trustees, an Honorable Executive Director.

C. APPOINTED - After the election, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog-elect shall appoint an Honorable Dog Robber, Honorable Watch Dog, and an Honorable Barking Dog, in such time as will permit their Installation into office with the elected 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 Dog Robber a Pedigreed Devil Dog who is experienced in the 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 Kennel Officers and Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dogs of Divisions and 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.

D. STAFF – The Kennel Staff shall consist of the Kennel Board of Trustees, together with the Honorable Dog Robber, Honorable Executive Director, Honorable Watch Dog, Honorable Barking Dog, and Honorable Quartermaster. In the appointment of these Officers who will be members of the Kennel Staff, the

Honorable Chief Devil Dog and 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 / Tenure

##### A. Nominations

1. Nomination, election, and Installation of the 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.
2. Nominations and elections of Officers shall be made by the method of nomination and election of one (1) Officer at a time.
3. 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 Kennel Officers will be made.
4. Nominations for the respective offices shall be made from the floor.
5. Should the Supreme Growl fail to nominate for any elected 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.
6. There shall be no nominating committee.

##### B. Election

1. The voting for nominees for office shall be by raising hands or by standing. Each Pedigreed Devil Dog registered and present at the session at the time of voting shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Immediately prior to the vote, nominees shall withdraw from the Dog House under escort of the Honorable Police Dog and not return until the result of the ballot is known.
2. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election.
3. The Honorable Police Dog will permit no one to enter or leave the session while the Kennel Officers are being nominated and elected.

##### C. Installation

1. 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-A-5.
2. 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 Past Kennel Officers present at the session.

3. 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.
4. The Honorable Installing Chief Devil Dog shall name the Honorable Installing Police Dog from the Past Kennel Officers present at the session.

#### D. Tenure

1. All elected Kennel Officers shall serve until their successor has been elected and installed or until removed from office for cause.
2. All appointed Kennel Officers 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.
3. The Honorable Dog Robber shall be a permanent, compensated position, subject to the annual approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Dog Robber shall be appointed from the ranks of qualified Pedigreed Devil Dogs who are extremely knowledgeable in the administrative affairs and duties of the MODD. The Honorable Dog Robber shall be paid an annual honorarium as defined in the Kennel's annual budget. Should the Honorable Dog Robber decline the position for another term, he/she must, within thirty (30) days after the Supreme Growl of the Kennel turn over all monies and records to the newly appointed Honorable Dog Robber.
4. The Honorable Executive Director shall be a permanent, compensated position, subject to the annual approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Executive Director shall be appointed from the ranks of qualified Pedigreed Devil Dogs who are extremely knowledgeable in the administrative affairs and duties of the MODD. The Honorable Executive Director shall be paid an annual honorarium as defined in the Kennel's annual budget. Should the Honorable Executive Director decline the position for another term, he/she must, within thirty (30) days after the Supreme Growl of the Kennel turn over all monies and records to the newly appointed Honorable Executive Director.
5. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog may succeed himself/herself for one (1) consecutive term of office.
6. All other Kennel Officers may succeed themselves for as many terms of office as they are elected or appointed.

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#### Section 411: Past Kennel Officers

- A. 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 MODD. The individual so designated shall be authorized to wear the gold

cover with black crown 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's 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 Growl of any unit of the MODD. 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 MODD and of the MCL. 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 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 MODD, the constituent units thereof, and of the membership of the MODD.
- 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 the 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 order, 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 Dog Robber/Honorable Executive Director
  - 1. Shall be responsible to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel for all records and accounts of the MODD, 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 MODD, 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

MODD 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 Growl 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 Pack Leaders, all 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 (2) members of the MODD. The listed duties and the titles will be assigned to the two (2) 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 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 all changes shall have the approval of the Kennel Board of Trustees.
  4. The Honorable Dog Robber/Honorable Executive Director will, in the first WOOF-O-GRAM following each Growl of the Kennel and each Growl of the Kennel Staff, publish the Scratching's to the membership.
- E. The Honorable 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 publication on the Kennel website and in the spring edition of the Woof-O-Gram. He/she shall receive all proposed Bylaws and amendments no later than 15 March and submit them for publication on the Kennel website and in the spring edition of the Woof-O-Gram. He/she will update the Bylaws immediately following the last Supreme Growl in which he/she held the office of Kennel Smart Dog if any amendments were approved to the current Bylaws and forward them to the Kennel Quartermaster and to the Webmaster for posting.
- F. The Honorable Dog Trainer shall administer to the spiritual needs of the MODD and shall prepare and

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 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 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 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 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 Barking Dog shall supervise and direct all publicity and public relations of the MODD, 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 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 MODD 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 MODD 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 MCL.
9. In addition to his/her 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

- A. 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 the MODD. 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 MODD as may come within the scope and jurisdiction of their authority.

#### Section 414: Vacancy

- A. In case any elected or appointed 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 Kennel Board of Trustees shall immediately fill the office of Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog.
- C. Kennel offices shall be declared vacant if the Kennel Officers permit themselves to become in arrears in their membership dues in the MODD and/or the MCL, and/or loses their status as a member in good standing in the MODD and/or the MCL 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 MODD and the MCL shall have one (1) vote.
- B. Voting for Kennel Officers, candidates for membership, and candidates for advancement will be by raising hands or by standing.
- C. All other voting on Kennel business shall be by voice vote.

#### Section 416: Initiation

- A. Approved candidates for the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog may be initiated and obligated, under supervision of the Honorable 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 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 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 Dog Robber, and the Honorable 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 MCL, 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 (2) 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 Dog Robber and the Honorable Mad Dog on an individual case by case basis. Packs and Pounds holding Growls

and initiation concurrently with the MCL 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 more 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 MODD 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 (1), or differ from the Kennel criteria if there is no Pack in the state where the Pound is located. Packs may establish a criterion 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 MODD.
  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 (1) 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 4-5 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. Kennel: Kennel Dog of the Year Committee
    - a. The Kennel Dog of the Year Committee shall be comprised of all past recipients of the 

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 Kennel Dog of the Year award attending the National Convention who attend the Committee meeting,

- b. Said meeting will be scheduled by the Chair prior to the Supreme Growl with reasonable notice given to all eligible members.
- c. The Committee shall have no less than three (3) members.
- d. Each member must be a member in good standing of the MCL and the MODD.
- e. The selection process for the Kennel Dog of the Year shall be determined by the Kennel Dog of the Year Committee.

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#### 5. Nominations – Kennel

- a. A proposed candidate shall be a Dog of integrity, principles and who has contributed to the MODD.
- b. Each candidate must be a member in good standing of the MCL and the MODD.

#### 6. Submissions:

- a. A Letter of Nomination for the Kennel Dog of the Year award must be submitted in the Following manner.
  - 1. Letters of Nominations will only be accepted from a Pound.
  - 2. Exceptions – In the event that a Pound fails to submit a nomination (*but the Pound has a qualified nominee*); any three (3) Pedigree Devil Dogs (*themselves in good standing*) may submit a nominee from their Pound.
  - 3. All Letters of Nomination shall contain a statement of certification from the Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber stating the nominee, for Kennel Dog of the Year, was approved by the Pound by a majority vote. (*In the event the nominee is the Pound Keeper, the Letter of Nomination shall be signed by the Senior Vice Pound Keeper and the Dog Robber. In event the nominee is the Pound Dog Robber, the Letter of Nomination shall be signed by the Pound Keeper and Senior Vice Pound Keeper*).
  - 4. Once the Letter of Nomination is submitted, it becomes the exclusive property of the Kennel Dog of the Year Committee for retention or destruction at the sole discretion of the said committee.
  - 5. Letters of Nomination – Each Pound’s nomination shall be typewritten, signed by the Pound Keeper and the Pound Dog Robber and then placed in a sealed envelope marked, “Candidate – KENNEL DOG OF THE YEAR Award (*current year*).” That envelope shall be placed into a second envelope and sealed, which shall be marked. “Chairperson, KENNEL DOG OF THE YEAR Committee (*current year*) c/o the HONORABLE DOG ROBBER.”

6. Delivery of Nomination Letters to Kennel - Each Nomination Letter addressed c/o the Honorable Dog Robber at their current mailing address shall be sent certified mail, return receipt requested in sufficient time to reach the Honorable Dog Robber two (2) weeks prior to the Supreme Growl. Nomination letters may be hand-delivered to the Honorable Dog Robber, in the Kennel Dog House at the Supreme Growl NO LATER than NOON, the DAY BEFORE the Supreme Growl. All such letters received by the Honorable Dog Robber shall be brought to the Supreme Growl, sealed, unopened, and delivered to the Kennel Dog of the Year Award Committee Chairperson.
  - b. The Society will not accept any nomination which was not submitted and/or received as is stipulated herein:
7. Selection Process –
  - a. The Chairperson of the Committee shall ensure that a current copy of the Kennel Bylaws is present during the deliberations of the Committee to ensure adherence.
  - b. No member of the Committee may reveal to anyone not serving on the Committee the names of the nominees, the discussions held regarding the worthiness or qualifications of the candidates, the ultimate selection or the criteria by which the nominations were judged.
  - c. The method of judging nominations shall be a majority vote of the Committee and shall adhere strictly to subparagraphs 5 and 6.
8. Awards:
  - a. The presentation to the selectee (*Pound, Pack, and Kennel*) shall consist of the awards currently available through the Kennel Quartermaster. Pounds and Packs shall purchase their awards from that Officer. The Kennel Dog of the Year Award shall be purchased from the Kennel Quartermaster's account and retained by that Officer until the award is to be made.
9. Time and Place of Awards:
  - a. Pounds and Packs shall establish their own timetable for presentations. The Kennel Dog of the Year Award shall be presented by the Kennel Dog of the Year Society at the Grand Banquet of the MCL National Convention.

#### Section 418: Acts of the Kennel

- A. In all the acts, actions and activities of the Kennel, it shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Ritual of the MODD, and the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of the MCL.

### 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. Unfinished 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.
- B. 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".
- C. 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.
- D. 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
- E. 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 MCL 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

- A. The Kennel recognizes the Past Chief Devil Dogs Society as an official body within the MODD, with its membership consisting of all Past Chief Devil Dogs in good standing. The Society will serve to recognize deserving Pedigreed Devil Dogs for exceptional service to the MODD and may be called on by the Chief Devil Dog to provide advice and comment on other matters concerning the MODD. 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.

#### Section 422: Cancellation of the Supreme Growl

- A. In the event that the Supreme Growl of the Kennel needs to be cancelled due to natural, manmade, or other unforeseen circumstances, the following will apply:
  - 1. All proposed changes to the Kennel Bylaws that had been submitted within the guidelines of Section 402 will be held to be heard at the next Supreme Growl.
  - 2. All elected and appointed Officers of the Kennel will continue in their current offices until the next Supreme Growl.
    - a. This will apply even if the Kennel Officers have served two (2) consecutive terms.
    - b. This extension will count as one term.
  - 3. All Kennel awards will continue to be awarded on an annual basis and distributed per the Chief Devil Dog's discretion.

## ARTICLE V – FISCAL AND FINANCE

#### Section 501: Fiscal Year

- A. The fiscal year of the MODD shall be for the same time and identical to the fiscal year of the MCL.

## Section 502: Revenue

- A. The revenue of the MODD shall derive from the collection of membership dues, election fees, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, the administration of the Staff of the Kennel, the Grand Growl of the Pack, the Staff of the Pack, the Growl of the Pound, or the Staff of the Pound.
1. Limitation - The Kennel and the several Packs in the MODD 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.
  2. Expenses of Kennel Officers:
    - a. Expenses of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Dog Robber, whose attendance at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel is mandatory, shall be limited to transportation to and from the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at a rate of fifteen (15) cents per mile, or that of coach airfare.
    - b. Expenses of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog when he/she is representing the Kennel at a MCL 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.
  3. 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 Dog Robber, subject to the approval of the Kennel Board of Trustees or the Kennel Board of Auditors.

## Section 503: Dues – Amount / Payment

- A. The amount of Kennel membership dues shall be determined at the annual Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
- B. The amount of Pack membership dues shall be determined at the annual Grand Growl 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 Growl 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 (1) fiscal year has elapsed following the adoption of the motion or resolution increasing said dues.

- E. The Honorable 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 MODD on the rolls of the Pound. The dues shall promptly be remitted to the 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 MODD on the membership rolls and shall also report the MCL membership card number of the members being remitted.
- G. Where the Pound is not a member of a Pack, the Pound Dog Robber shall remit to the Honorable Dog Robber the Kennel portion of their membership dues along with their MCL membership card number.
- H. The Pack Dog Robber shall promptly transmit to the Honorable Dog Robber, the Kennel membership dues received from the Pound Dog Robber and the MCL membership card number of the several members being remitted.
- I. While the fiscal year is defined in Section 501, the MODD shall utilize a membership year that will begin the month after the Supreme Growl 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 MODD being initiated after 1 March will be assessed one-half (1/2) the annual Kennel dues at the Kennel headquarters.
- J. 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 MODD 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 MODD 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 I of these bylaws.
- K. Persons not holding a paid up current the MODD and MCL dues card shall be excluded from all Growls of the MODD until such time as they have been restored to good standing.

#### Section 504: Kennel Auditor

- 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 MODD 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. Review 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 Director, Kennel Dog Robber and Kennel Quartermaster).

2. Certify that all federal (*and state if 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.

2019 C. The Kennel will provide an allowance for expenses incurred by the auditor in the annual Kennel budget.

#### Section 505: Passports / Visa Stamps

- A. All Devil Dogs shall procure a the 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 after each Growl to the Honorable Dog Robber, who will hold these monies in a special Passport account.
- D. All monies collected will be used each year at the MCL 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 MODD, may select. The check shall be accompanied by a letter stipulating that the MODD'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 finder's fee.

#### Section 506: Kennel Budget

- A. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall appoint a Finance Committee to work in conjunction with the Kennel Board of Trustees, the Kennel Executive Director, the Kennel Quartermaster and the Kennel Auditor 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

- 2019 A. Incorporation is required in all Packs and Pounds. As a subsidiary of the MCL, the MODD and its subordinates are covered under the blanket IRS determination. The applicable IRS regulation for this determination is 501(c)(4). Effective immediately, any Pack or Pound which has not provided the Honorable Dog Robber, with proof of its incorporation by January 1, 2018, will be billed in the amount of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars and a like amount annually until such proof of Incorporation is on file with the Honorable Dog Robber. All fines will be forwarded to the Kennel Dog Robber. A Pound which fails to remit its payment to the Kennel Dog Robber shall be in default as is provided in Article II, Section 218 – Pound Default. A Pack which fails to remit its payment to the Kennel Dog Robber shall be in default as is provided in Article III, Section 319 – Pack Default. A new Pound or Pack will have two (2) years from the issue ate of their new Charter unless their local state or commonwealth requires Incorporation upon formation.

#### Section 508: Employer Identification Number (EIN)

- 2018 A. Each Pound and Pack, in addition to their Incorporation must obtain and maintain their own EIN number under the MCL’s group exemption Number 0955. No Pound or Pack shall utilize the EIN number of the National MCL or the MODD Kennel.

### ARTICLE VI – INITIATION

- A. PREAMBLE In order to fulfill the purposes and to further strengthen the ideals of the MCL and the MODD, there shall no longer exist in the initiation procedures of the MODD, any form of "Hard Core" hazing. This will include Kennel, Pack, and Pound initiations. To ensure 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 ensure 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 ensure 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 MODD, to ensure the Initiation Preamble is adhered to, for the "Good of The Order".

#### Section 601: Pounds

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

#### Section 602: Packs

- A. 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

- A. 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 Dog Robber and also where there is a Pack, has the list of candidates for the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog approved by the Pack Dog Robber.

#### Section 605: Stray

- A. A Stray shall be any member of the MODD, 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 MODD 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.

## ARTICLE VII – UNIFORM

### Section 701: Insignia

- A. The official insignia of the MODD shall be the head of an English Bull Dog, wearing a trench helmet.

### Section 702: Uniform

- A. The official uniform of the MODD shall be as follows:

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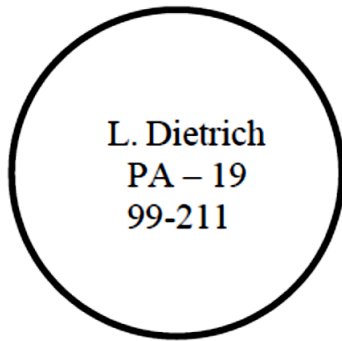
1. The MCL approved cover and appropriate Dog Collar device.

### Section 703: Identification Disc / Dog Collar

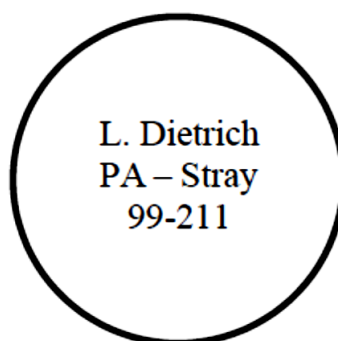
- A. The official identification disc of the MODD shall be a metal one, which can be gold or silver-plated. The disc shall be one and one fourth (1-1/4) inches in diameter, on the face of which is the official insignia is surrounded by the lettering of the official title of the MODD and below the insignia 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 53rd 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 disc.

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 disc.
6. The regular identification discs, having silver or nickel plating, shall be worn by all other members of the MODD and shall be inscribed as delineated in the primary paragraph of this section.
7. Should the 75th Anniversary Medallion be the only identification disc worn, the back side of the disc should be engraved as follows: Line 1 – first initial and last name, Line 2 – the two-digit state abbreviation and Pound number or stray if dog is registered as a “stray”, and Line 3 – license number.

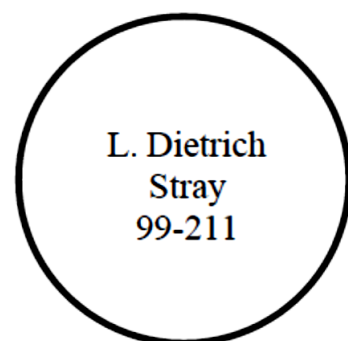
#### Belonging to a Pound



#### Pack Stray



#### Kennel Stray



- B. The metal disc, which had been given to all delegates registered at the National Convention of the MCL, 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 MODD, being seventeen sixteenths (17/16) inches in diameter and surrounded by the wording "I am a Devil Dog", "MCL", 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-1-3, Article VII of these Bylaws.
- C. A maximum of two (2) emblems, plus one official Dog Tag Disc, and/or authorized Anniversary Medallions, may be worn at any one time, on the Dog Collar. Emblems may include the American Flag, Marine Corps emblem, MCL pins, MODD pins, POW/MIA pin, VAVS award for hours served (*white oval pin with blue figure and red heart indicating number of hours served*), Military Service pins, and the Bulldog. 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 (1) fine for each unauthorized emblem.

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- 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 of the MODD 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 51st Supreme Growl in Sacramento, CA, and the miniature Chief's Badge of Office, one and three fourths (1-3/4) inches in diameter authorized at the 75th Supreme Growl in Charleston, WV, in addition to the Anniversary Medallion(s) that they are qualified to wear. All others are subject to disciplinary action.
- F. The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 MODD.
- G. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medallion issued to all present and registered at the Supreme Growl in Charleston, West Virginia, in 2014, may be worn with, or in lieu of, the official identification disc (*Dog Tag*) of the MODD and/or the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medallion described in Article VII – Uniform, Section 703-F.

#### Section 704: Ordering

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

#### Section 705: Eligibility for Uniform Items

- A. Only members of the MODD 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 MODD shall provide any of these items for wear by anyone not a member of the MODD in good standing, except as may be authorized by the Kennel Board of Trustees.

### ARTICLE VIII – RESERVED

### ARTICLE IX – INSTALLING OFFICERS

#### Section 901: Pound

- A. The Officer installing the new Officers of a Pound should be a Pedigreed Devil Dog if possible, or shall be a

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Past Pound Keeper, or an incumbent elected Pound Officer, or past elected Pound Officer, or current/past Pack elected Officer, or current/past Kennel elected Officer. Immediately following the Installation, the Installing Officer shall make a full report to the Pack Dog Robber, the Honorable 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

2017 A. The Officer installing the new Pack Officers should be a Pedigreed Devil Dog if possible, or shall be a Past Pack Leader, or an incumbent elected Pack Officer, or a past elected Pack Officer, or current/past Kennel elected Officer. Immediately following the Installation, the Installing Officer shall make a full report to the Honorable 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

A. 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 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.

### **ARTICLE X – DISCIPLINE**

#### Section 1001: Offenses

- A. The offenses recognized and punishable by the MODD:
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 MCL.
  3. Violation of the oath of obligation as a member or Officer of the MODD or the MCL.
  4. Conduct unbecoming a Marine, or a Devil Dog, or conduct detrimental to the MODD or the MCL.
  5. Conviction of a crime or felony.
  6. Participating in, aiding, or abetting any subversive activity or organization.

#### Section 1002: Charges

A. 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

- A. The Staff at the level of jurisdiction shall act as the Trial Board.
- B. All hearings of the trial shall be open to all Devil Dogs.

- C. The defendant may select counsel from the membership of the MODD.
- D. The Smart Dog of the level of jurisdiction shall act as prosecutor unless excused for cause.
- E. The Staff's highest available Officer shall preside at the trial.
- F. The Staff shall hear all evidence in sessions open to all Devil Dogs.
- G. The Staff shall weigh all evidence and reach their decision as to guilt or innocence in secret session.
- H. Judgment shall be pronounced in open session, in the presence of the defendant, if possible.
- I. 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.
- J. 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.
- K. Exceptions to the procedure are:
  - 1. 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.
  - 2. The Pack Staff may not try the Pack Leader. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall designate another Officer to act.
  - 3. The Kennel Staff may not try the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Junior Past Chief Devil Dog shall summon four (4) other available Past Chief Devil Dogs preceding him. These five (5) 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.

#### Section 1004: Penalties

- A. 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 MODD.
  - 2. Removal from office.
  - 3. Suspension from the MODD, for a definite time specified.
  - 4. Reprimand.
- B. 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. A careful record of all trial proceedings shall be kept and, at the close of all action, shall be filed with the Honorable Dog Robber who shall retain them permanently in a special file for that exclusive purpose.

#### Section 1006: Officer Pending Trial

- A. 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 – POLICIES

#### Section 1101: Commitments

- A. No Officer or member of the MODD, shall commit or obligate the MODD in any manner, financially or otherwise, to any outside agency, unless and until authorized to do so by proper authority, in writing.

#### Section 1102: MCL Politics

- A. No Officer or member of the MODD, shall be permitted to mention or discuss the politics or anything pertaining to the politics of the MCL in any Growl of the MODD at any level of jurisdiction.

#### Section 1103: MCL Business

- A. No matter of MCL business shall be discussed in any Growl of the MODD at any level of jurisdiction, unless the MODD is officially requested to do so by the MCL.

#### Section 1104: Outside Political Activity

- A. 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.
- B. No Officer or member of the MODD shall use this organization in any manner for partisan politics or for their personal political advancement.
- C. No endorsement of any person for any political office shall be made or given by any unit of the MODD.
- D. No Officer or member of the MODD shall ever involve the MODD in any partisan political, sectarian, or labor dispute, nor shall any such matter be discussed in any Growl of the MODD.

#### Section 1105: Support of the MCL

- A. Every Officer and member of the MODD shall, at all times, give enthusiastic support to the policies and activities of the MCL and shall seek by every means to build and strengthen it.

#### Section 1106: Loyalty

- A. Every Officer and member of the MODD, 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

- A. 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

- A. The MODD shall not permit any other organizations to become a part of the MODD, for any reason.

#### Section 1109: Ritual

- A. The MODD Ritual manual (*current edition*) is an official manual of the MODD and shall provide guidance in the conduct of the various formal activities of Growls and ceremonies of the MODD. 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 MODD shall be considered a violation of these Bylaws, specifically Article X, Section 1001-A-1.
- 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

- A. 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: Bonding

- 2019 A. All Officers within the Kennel, any Pack or any Pound within the MODD, designed to handle funds are included under a blanket bond provided through a commercial crime policy paid for and administered by the MCL National Headquarters, within the territorial provisions of the commercial crime policy. The bond limit will be in the amount of \$10,000.00 with a deductible of \$1,000.00. The Kennel, any Pack or Pound shall arrange any additional bonding coverage desired for their respective Officers. In accordance with the terms of the MCL's Commercial General Liability Policy, the "Coverage Territory" includes the United States of America (including its territories and possessions), Puerto Rico and Canada. The same holds true for the Bonding Policy. All existing and newly forming off-shore Pounds will be responsible for securing their own Commercial General Liability Policy and Officer Bonding Policy. The MCL must be named as an "Additional Insured" in each policy and must also be "Held Harmless" in the addendum to such policies. A "Summary of Coverage's" and a copy of the policies must be submitted to MCL National Headquarters annually by all off-shore Pounds indicating that the referenced policies are current.

### Section 1203: Titles

- 2021 A. The titles recognized by the MODD, 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/MADAM - 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

- A. The Opening Ceremony of every Growl of the MODD shall include the Pledge to the American Flag. The Closing Ceremony of every Growl of the MODD shall include the salute to the American Flag.

### Section 1205: Language

- A. The English language shall be the only language permitted in any Growl of the MODD.

### Section 1206: Rules of Order

- A. The MODD Constitution and Bylaws shall govern the procedures of all Growls and all other MODD functions. In addition, special rules of the order may be proposed for acceptance as the first order of business following the credentials report at the opening of the Growl. The current addition of Robert's Rules of Order (*newly revised*) shall govern the parliamentary procedures of all MODD Growls and functions in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with or in conflict with either the MODD Constitution, Bylaws, or any special rules of order as may be adopted.
- B. The specific rules of order which shall apply to the conduct of business for all Growls of the MODD shall be consistent with the rules used by the MCL.

### 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-A-3 of these Bylaws.

### Section 1208: Proxies

- A. There shall be no proxy voting in the MODD.

### Section 1209: Life Memberships

- A. Kennel
  - 1. At the conclusion of their full term of office, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable 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 the MODD.
- B. Pack
  - 1. The Pack is authorized, by appropriate action, to grant to any Worthy Pack Leader and any Worthy 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
  - 1. 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

1. 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 MODD and the MCL.

- E. PLMs shall be made available at a cost of \$150.00 each for those members of the MODD 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 PLM is classified as dues (Section 104), the current flat rate of \$100.00 will remain in effect until the close of the Supreme Growl 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 PLM of the MCL, and shall have no outstanding obligations to either the MODD or the MCL.

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2. Life Memberships in the MODD are to be ultimately transmitted to the Honorable Dog Robber.

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Life membership dues are based on age. Members up to including 60 years of age, the dues are \$150; Members age 61 and older, the dues are \$125.00. Payment for life membership dues shall be as follows:

- a. The Pound Dog Robber shall remit a check deducting \$30.00 (*e.g., members of the MODD up to and including 60 years of age, the Pound Dog Robber shall remit a check in the amount of \$120.00. For members of the MODD 61 years and older, the check amount shall be \$95.00*)
  - i. If the member belongs to a Pound in a state with NO established Pack, the life membership transmittal, along with the appropriate payment will be forwarded to the Honorable Dog Robber
  - ii. Checks referred to in section 1209-E-2.a shall be made payable to the MODD Kennel. No further actions will need to be taken if there is NO established Pack in the state where the Pound exists.
  - iii. Pounds in a state WITH an established Pack shall continue to instructions listed below.
- b. If the member belongs to a Pound in a state WITH an established Pack, the life membership transmittal, along with the appropriate payment will be forwarded to the Pack Dog Robber.

- i. The Pound Dog Robber shall remit two checks; one check of the required amount made payable to the MODD (state) Pack, and one check of the required amount (*based on the applicant's age*), made payable to the MODD Kennel. The Pack Dog Robber shall retain the Pack's portion, then forward the other check, along with the Life Membership transmittal to the Honorable Dog Robber. Refer to the MODD Dog Robber's Manual for the current Life Membership amounts for the Pack and the Kennel.
- c. In the event of Kennel Strays purchasing life memberships, the Stray shall remit payment directly to the Honorable Dog Robber.
  - i. If the Stray is up to and including 60 years of age, the amount shall be \$150.00. If the Stray is 61 years and older, the amount shall be \$125.00. Checks shall be made payable to the MODD Kennel.
  - ii. The Honorable Dog Robber will process the PLM transmittal for the Stray.
- 3. The transmittal of PLMs shall be the responsibility of the Pound, via the Pack, to the Honorable Dog Robber. Pounds in states having no established Pack shall transmit directly to the Kennel.
- 4. Permanent metal PLM 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 PLM status in the MODD are exempt from future Kennel, Pack, and Pound membership dues in that Pound.

#### Section 1210: Declination of Nomination

- A. 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

- A. All existing Bylaws of the MODD, which have been adopted or enacted prior to the date hereof are hereby repealed and of no effect.

#### Section 1212: Effective Date

- A. 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

- 2019 A. Upon the dissolution of the MODD, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### Section 1214: Not for Profit

- 2019 A. The MODD is not organized for and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the property of the corporation and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any director, member, or other private individual. The MODD shall never be authorized to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit or in any other activity except in furtherance of the purpose for which the MODD is organized.

## ARTICLE XIII – AMENDING OF BYLAWS

### Section 1301: Method of Amending

- 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 Smart Dog no later than 15 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 Smart Dog will propagate the proposals without comment by having the Honorable Barking Dog publish all proposals in the Woof-O-gram, the MODD'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 15 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 subparagraph A above will be construed to have been met, provided that the Honorable 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 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 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 Dog Robber, copies of said amendments shall be provided as outlined in paragraph B.

#### Section 1302: Suspension or Waiver of Bylaws

- A. 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 the MODD unless two-thirds (2/3) present at the SUPREME GROWL vote for a suspension or waiver.

## ENCLOSURE 1 – KENNEL AWARDS

Medals and Ribbons listed in order of precedence.

### Kennel Dog of the Year – (See Section 417 of the MODD Bylaws) (See Note 1)

- This is the most prestigious award given by the MODD.
- Medal : bronze cross on gold ribbon with small Devil Dog affixed.
- Ribbon: gold with small Devil Dog affixed.

### Chief Devil Dog's Meritorious Commendation (Individual) – (See Note 1)

- Awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the Kennel.
- Ribbon: red with narrow green stripe in center, flanked by two gold stripes.
- Awarded by Chief Devil Dog
  - Recommended by Kennel Staff member to Chief Devil Dog.

### Pack Dog of the Year – (See Section 417 of the MODD Bylaws) (See Note 1)

- Medal: bronze cross on red ribbon with small Devil Dog affixed.
- Ribbon: red with small Devil Dog affixed.

### Pack Leader's Meritorious Commendation (Individual) – (See Note 1)

- Awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the Pack.
- Ribbon: green with narrow red stripe in center, flanked by two gold stripes.
- Awarded by Pack Leader.

### Pound Dog of the Year – (See Section 417 of the MODD Bylaws) (See Note 1)

- Medal: bronze cross on black ribbon with small Devil Dog affixed.
- Ribbon: black with small Devil Dog affixed.

### Pound Keeper's Meritorious Commendation (Individual) – (See Note 1)

- Awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the Pound.
- Ribbon: wide gold center flanked by narrow blue, white, and red stripes (*Outboard to inboard on both sides*).
- Awarded by Pound Keeper.

### Past Chief Devil Dog Medal – (See Note 2)

- Medal: bronze cross on white ribbon with gold, red, black stripes in the center.

- Ribbon: white with gold, red, black stripes in the center (*ordered to wearer's right*).
- Awarded to Chief Devils Dogs upon completion of a term of office.

#### Past Pack Leader Medal – (See Note 2)

- Medal: bronze cross on ribbon with wide gold center stripe.
- Ribbon: red with wide gold center stripe.
- Awarded to Pack Leaders upon completion of a term of office.

#### Past Pound Keeper Medal – (See Note 2)

- Medal: bronze cross on ribbon with equal red, gold, and black stripes.
- Ribbon: red, gold, and black stripes (worn with red to wearer's right).
- Awarded to Pound Keepers upon completion of a term of office.

### SPECIAL KENNEL AWARDS

No ribbon or medal authorized for these awards.

**Past Chief Devil Dog Award** is presented by the Past Chief Devil Dogs Society to Pedigreed Devil Dogs (PDD) in recognition of their exceptional service to the MODD and to their community. This award is second only to the Kennel Dog of the Year as the most prestigious award given by the MODD. (*See Sections 417 and 421 of the Kennel Bylaws*)

**PCDD John Zak Award** recognizes the outstanding Pound Dog Robber of the Year. Candidates must have a minimum of three (3) years in office and must be nominated by a letter signed by the Pound Keeper and endorsed by another elected Pound Officer. (*See Note 3*)

**PCDD Kenneth E. Farris Award** recognizes the outstanding Pack Dog Robber of the Year. Candidates must have a minimum of three (3) years in office and must be nominated by a letter signed by the Pack Leader and endorsed by another elected Pack Officer. (*See Note 3*)

### MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

No ribbon or medal authorized for these awards.

**PCDD Gerald L. Bakelaar Award** which is named after the first Chief Devil Dog, recognizes the top Pound in the Kennel for membership during the previous fiscal year.

**PDD Howard D. Goslin Award** which is named after a great PDD, recognizes the top Pack in the Kennel for membership during the previous fiscal year.

**PDD James F. Powell Award** which is named after our Kennel Quartermaster of many years, recognizes the top Division in the Kennel for membership during the previous fiscal year.

**Note 1:** *For each additional medal or ribbon award, a 5/16" gold star will be worn for each additional award, and a 5/16" Silver Star will be worn in place of five (5) gold stars.*

**Note 2:** *For each additional medal or ribbon award, a 3/16" bronze star will be worn in lieu of an additional medal/ribbon. A 3/16" Silver Star will be worn in place of five (5) bronze stars, and a 3/16" gold star will be worn in place of five (5) silver stars.*

**Note 3:** *As voting members of the Kennel Awards Committee, the Kennel Dog Robber and Kennel Executive Director will be asked to provide supporting data attesting to the quality of reports submitted by nominees for the above awards letters of nomination in sealed envelopes marked for either "Pack Dog Robber of the Year" or "Pound Dog Robber of the Year" must be received by registered US Mail or email to the Kennel Executive Director by close of business 1 June prior to the Supreme Growl. Winners will be announced at the Supreme Growl.*

# DEVIL DOG'S CREED

By PDD George E. Williams, August 1989  
(Modified, August 2008)

I am an American, I was born in France.

I hold the title of United States Marine,  
and understand the commitment of holding the title,

**Devil Dog.**

It is a tradition born at Belleau Wood in the year 1918,  
of a force in readiness and the “First to Fight.”

As a Devil Dog, I ask no quarter and give no quarter.

I will do everything in my power to uphold the objectives  
of the Military Order of Devil Dogs  
and to carry out my duties to a swift and satisfactory  
completion.

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