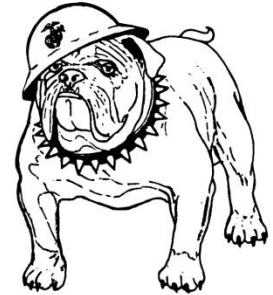


**Military Order of the Devil Dogs
The Villages Pound 335
Florida Pack**



Bacall Recreation Center

Growl Sratching's for 6 December 2010

Opening Ceremony:

Pound Keeper PDD Drew Loiacono called the growl to order at 1900 hours. He instructed acting Police Dog Pup Jim Kelly to post the colors and lead the Dogs in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dog Trainer DD Ralph Hoffman said the opening prayer.

Pound Keeper Loiacono directed Acting Mad Dog Lee Radford to banish new Pups Lee Baker, Ed Domenech and Leo Lancillottii from the meeting room to prepare these mangy mutts for initiation.

Roll Call of Officers

Pound Keeper PDD Drew Loiacono	
Sr Vice Pound Keeper PDD Dan Smyczyski	
Jr. Vice Pound Keeper DD Angelo Grotticelli	
Smart Dog DD Phil Riggins	
Dog Trainer DD Ralph Hoffmann	
Police Dog Pup Dennis Faillo	absent - excused
Pound Mad Dog Pup Gordon Gillis	absent - excused
Dog Robber PDD Bob Beale	
Watch Dog DD Lee Radford	
Barking Dog Pup Jim Kelly	

The "fines pot" grew by leaps and bounds with big bones as each officer struggled with their introductions. DD Lee Radford introduced himself perfectly, but he was fined anyway.

Recognition of Dignataries:

Pound Keeper PDD Drew Loiacono recognized Florida Department Commandant PDD Bill Backes, District 5 Vice Commandant PDD Charlie Smith, Past Detachment Commandants DD Lee Radford, PDD Bernie Mc Carthy and PDD Dan Smyczyski.

New Pups: Acting Mad Dog PDD Lee Radford returned to the room with new initiates Lee Baker, Ed Domemech and Leo Lancillotti by having them shuffle like bunch of flea bitten mangy mutts and then paraded them around the room in close order drill that resembled a bunch of drunkin' Navy squids coming back from shore leave.

Pound Keeper PDD Drew Loiacono officiated the MODD Oath of Obligation to the new Pups thereby giving them all of the rights and privileges enjoyed by their fellow dogs. A five minute recess was declared to welcome them to the Pound,

Sickness and in Distress: Dog Trainer Ralph Hoffmann was pleased to report no illnesses or members in distress.

Scratching's of previous growl:

Dog Robber PDD Bob Beale mentioned that "Scratchings" of each Growl are sent to all members by email within three days after each Growl as required in the By-Laws. He went on to mention several 'hi-lites' of the previous Growl. One of which is re-emphasized:

A By Law change received from the Kennel:

All applications for Initiation to the Degree of Pedigree Devil Dog, Devil Dog and Pup at the Supreme Growl must register first with the Marine Corps League and then immediately proceed to the Kennel Dog House and register for the Supreme Growl and initiation. This registration must be completed no later than 1700 two days prior to the Supreme Growl. Any one not registered by 1700 or at least in line to register on that day will not be initiated during the Supreme Growl without the expressed approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber and the Honorable Kennel Mad Dog on an individual case by case basis.

Financial Report:

Dog Robber Bob Beale summarized a review of a financial control sheet for membership inspection. For security reasons financial summaries are not posted in the minutes. However, all members are invited to inspect the financial report at any time.

Old Business: None

New Business:

PDD Bill Backes moved that a half page \$50.00 ad be taken in the Program Book for the Spring Conference hosted by the MODD Pack of Florida. The motion was seconded by PDD Charlie Smith. The motion carried.

DD Fred Geier requested that a donation be given to the Philip De Long Detachment Scholarship Fund. No action was taken but a vote by the membership will be taken at the 7 February Growl.

Good of the Order:

PDD Bill Backes recommended that PDD Charlie Smith be selected as "Pound 335 Dog of the Year". Official action will be taken at the 7 February Growl.

In a very appropriate gesture, DD Lee Radford asked that all dogs make a donation of one big bone in "Memory of Pearl Harbor" which we and our Nation celebrate every year on December 7th.

Announcements:

The next Growl will be held on Monday, 7 February 2011, at the Bacall Recreation Center beginning at 1900. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Woof-Woof.

Closing Ceremony: Pound Keeper PDD Drew Loiacono directed acting Police Dog Pup Jim Kelly to retire the colors. Dog Trainer DD Ralph Hoffmann said the closing prayer.

Growl adjourned 2030

Pizza and libation was served immediately after the Growl. Our thanks to Jr. V. Pound Keeper Angelo Grotticelli for making the arrangements for a satisfying snack for a pack of hungry mangy mutt dogs.

Respectfully submitted, Woof-Woof

Bob

PDD Robert C. Beale, Dog Robber