

Military Order of the Devil Dogs



Bacall Recreation Center

Growl Sratching's for 27 February 2010

Opening Ceremony:

Pound Keeper Mario Salvatore called the growl to order promptly at 1500 hours. He instructed Police Dog Bernie McCarthy to post the colors and lead the Dogs in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Dog Trainer Jim Kelly said the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Elected and appointed officers present:

Pound Keeper Mario Salvatore
Jr. Vice Pound Keeper Fred Geier
Dog Robber Bob Beale
Police Dog Bernie Mc Carthy

Elected and Appointed Officers Absent,

Sr.Vice Pound Keeper Drew Loiacono
Smart Dog Bill Backes
Pound Dog Trainer Bob Baden
Pound Watch Dog Lee Radford
Pound Barking Dog Angelo Grotticelli

Recognition of Dignataries:

Pound Keeper Mario Salvatore introduced Devil Dog Joe Mello, a guest from Pound 333 from the State of Maryland. Joe spoke briefly about his time in the Corps.

Scratching's of previous growl:

The reading of the Scratching's from the previous growl were dispensed with because they were emailed to all dogs. A copy was made available at the front table for those you wished to review them.

Correspondence: Pedigree Dog Bernie McCarthy presented a letter from a local "Tea Party" organization requesting our participation. Pound Leader Salvatore said that the Devil Dogs are "apolitical" and as a group we cannot participate in anything political. He stressed however that as individuals we can do whatever we want, but not to wear Devil Dog or MCL covers to political events.

Financial Report:

Dog Robber Bob Beale posted and reviewed 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.

Officers Report:

Dog Robber Bob Beale showed the membership the \$50.00 ad our Pound placed in the ad book for the March 25-28 MCL Conference to be held in Orlando and hosted by the Florida Pack. Beale encourage the members to take a \$15.00 business card ad in support of the Florida Pack. Go to mcfl.org for further information.

The following PUPS are eligible for advancement to the degree of Devil Dog at the Grand Growl held during the June MCL Convention to be held in Fort Lauderdale.

- Lee Cerovac
- Carl Engel
- Angelo Grotticelli
- Jim Kelly
- Ted Matz
- Phil Riggins
- John Verville

Pups In the past have been reluctant to attend the Grand Growl because of being subjected to ridicule and embarrassment. Florida Pack Mad Dog Sheila Clifton guarantees that no such ridicule or embarrassment will take place at the June Growl. She promises that you will definitely have a fun time experience.

The following Devil Dogs are eligible for advancement to the degree of Pedigree at the Supreme Growl to be held during the National Convention at Greensboro, N.C. August 8-14, 2010.

- Bob Baden
- Fred Geier
- Ralph Hoffmann
- Joe Olimpio
- Lee Radford
- Dan Symczyk

For those Pups and Devil Dogs mentioned above, please let the Dog Robber, know if you wish to be advanced so I can get your paper work prepared and turned in to the Pack and Kennel Dog Robber.

Please refer to your passport for the following information when introducing yourself:

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| Your MODD level and name: | PUP Joe Blow |
| Your Dog Tag Number: | 04-123 |
| Your Pound | The Villages, Pound 335 |
| Your State Pack: | Florida Pack |

Jr. Vice Pound Keeper Fred Geier reminded the members about the Devil Dog breakfast to be held at Perkin's on 466 on Thursday, March 11, beginning at 0900. All wives, ladies and friends are invited.

Fred also announced that he making plans for another "Combat Golf Tournament" in April or May after our good friends, the "snow birds", go home.

Old Business: None

New Business: A discussion took place regarding the growl dates and starting time for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The consensus was the 2nd Thurs of September, December, February and May beginning at 1500. PPD Jim Coleman suggested that the Growls be held at the American Legion Post. His suggestion was well received. Jim will contact the American Legion and repost

back at our May 8th meeting when the meeting dates will be confirmed. DD Fred Geier suggested that we have a picnic as a 5th meeting. Good Idea.

Announcements: The next growl of Pound 335 will be held May 8th beginning at 1500 at the Bogart Rec. Center. Please plan to attend.

Good of the Pound: None

Closing Ceremony: Pound Leader Mario Salvatore directed Police Dog Bernie McCarthy to retire the colors. Acting Dog Trainer Jim Kelly said the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Woof-Woof

Bob

Robert C. Beale, Dog Robber