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PREAMBLE TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws at no time will change or take away any Bylaws set forth in the Kennel or Pack Bylaws statute ever. These are enacted to see that every Dog in Pound is treated fairly, squarely and equally. They are for the good of the Pound and the members of Pound # 210.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 101 – Eligibility

A. Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall be open to any regular member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., who has been *invited* to join the Order and at the time of application in the Order is made, shall be:

- (1) A regular member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., in good standing;**
- (2) With Membership Dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., fully paid;**
- (3) Of good character and reputation;**
- (4) In full compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Order and the requirements found hereinafter in these Bylaws as set forth for the Degree of Pup.**

B. The Degree of Pup in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and the time and place of that Degree will be conferred is herewith and hereby established as follows:

- (1) The Degree of Pup will be granted to all qualified candidates at a Pound Growl. By limitation hereinafter set forth the Degree of Pup may also be granted at the Pack and Kennel level;**

C. A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of Pup in this Order must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:

- (1) All requirements set forth in paragraph A. of this Section;**
- (2) Fully complete and sign their Application for Membership Form in triplicate on official forms for election and initiation to the Degree of Pup;**
- (3) Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., for at least one (1) full year;**

- (4) Exhibit their current year Marine Corps League, Inc., Membership Card;**
- (5) Be sponsored by two members of the Order having the Degree of Devil Dog and/or Pedigreed Devil Dog;**
- (6) In the appropriate section of the Application, the Commandant of their Detachment must list the specific accomplishments the Candidate has performed in the interest of the Marine Corps League and the Detachment that support the recommendation,**
- (7) Accompany their Application with the required years Membership Dues in this Order, and also any required election fee.**
- (8) Dues for all Non-Paid Life Members in Pound #210 shall be 15 Big Bones if paid before 1 January of the fiscal year of those dues. If not paid before 1 January, Pound dues will be 15 Big Bones with 2 Big Bones being late fee. This will make the total of 15 Big bones until 31 December and 17 Big Bones after that date. This includes Kennel Dues of 10 Big Bones and Pack Dues of 4 Big Bones. New Fiscal Year Dues are due on 1 September following the Supreme Growl.**

Section 102 - Election, Notification, Obligation and Rejection Election

A. Under the Order of Business "Election of Candidates" the Pound Dog Robber shall read all applications for obligation and initiation, certifying as to their correctness and as to the amount of membership dues and/or election fees accompanying each application.

(1) Voting shall be by secret ballot, either by a show of hands or written, and shall be under supervision of the Smart Dog and Police Dog, with the Pound Keeper confirming the results of the ballot.

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

Notification

B. The Unit Dog Robber shall promptly notify all successful candidates of the time and place for obligation and it shall be the duty of the candidates to be present.

(1) Should the successful Pup candidate fail to appear at two successive Growls of the Pound without just and valid reason, the approval shall be withdrawn, the membership dues refunded and the election fee forfeited to the Pound. They shall not be eligible for approval for a period of six calendar months from the last Growl of the Pound to which they were instructed to appear. They shall also be required to pay their proper Membership dues and election fees.

Obligation

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

Rejection

D. Should the application of any candidate be rejected by the Pound 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 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 of this section.

Pound Dog Robber

E. It shall be the duty of the Pound Dog Robber to place the date over their signature, certifying 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 Pack Dog Robber.

Section 103 - Election Fees and Membership Dues

A. Each Pound shall fix the amount to be charged for election fees and annual membership dues. The Pound membership dues shall include the sum of the Pack and Kennel dues. See Section 101 C (8) above.

ARTICLE II – POUNDS

Section 201 – Bylaws

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

Section 202 - Growls - Regular, Annual, Special and Staff

A. **REGULAR** - Pound #210 shall hold no less than four regular assemblies during any fiscal year, which assemblies shall include the annual assembly of the Pound, for the election of officers.

B. ANNUAL – Pound #210 shall hold one annual assembly to be held during the three months following the month of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. This assembly may be one of the regular assemblies specified in Paragraph A, above, and shall be designated a Growl of the Pound. At this annual Growl of the Pound the full order of business shall be called and acted upon, including the nomination, election and installation of Officers, and at which Growl the outgoing officers shall make full and proper reports and accounting to the Pound. The Installation Report for the new officers shall be submitted to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber no later than the end of the month immediately following the Growl. The Installation Report shall be submitted via the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, and a copy shall be sent to the respective Division Vice Chief Devil Dog.

C. SPECIAL GROWL - POUND AND/OR STAFF

(1) Special Growls of the Pound may be called at the discretion of the Pound Keeper or upon the written request of not less than four members of the Pound then in good standing, and setting forth the reason for such special growl. Notice of special growls, giving the time, place and purpose, shall be mailed to each member of the Pound, then in good standing, not less than seven days prior to the date of such growl, with no other business being transacted except that for which the growl was called.

(2) Growls of the Pound Staff may be called at the discretion of the Pound Keeper or upon written request of three or more members of the Pound Staff. Notice of each growl of the Pound Staff shall be mailed to members of the Pound Staff not less than seven days prior to the date of the growl.

(3) A Quorum of Pound #210 shall be considered to be at least 7 members; this includes Pound Officers present at any Pound Growl.

(4) Any Officer in Pound #210 who absents themselves from two consecutive growls without a valid reason shall have that office declared vacant by the Pound Keeper and the Pound Keeper shall appoint a new officer as so stated in Kennel Bylaws.

Section 203- Eligibility to Hold Office

A. All members of the Pound shall be eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Pound, subject, to the following limitations and restrictions:

(1) The Pound Keeper must have the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog, with the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog being preferred.

(2) It is preferable that the Pound Dog Robber has the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.

(3) To be eligible for an elective or appointive office, a Pup must have been Faithful Pup for at least one calendar year.

(4) All officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order.

(5) Any officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the ORDER, to lapse, shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.

(6) Any nominee for any elective office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons. The DOG ROBBER provided they have stated by written word their acceptance of the office if elected, may be nominated and elected in absentia.

Section 204 - Pound Officers - Elected and Appointed

A. ELECTED - The Elected Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Keeper, Senior Vice Pound Keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog.

B. APPOINTED - The Appointive Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Dog Robber, Pound Watch Dog and the Pound Barking Dog and such other subordinate officers as the Pound Keeper, in his discretion, may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Pound Keeper makes all appointments following the election so as to permit the installation of the appointive officers with the elective officers. The appointive officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Pound Keeper.

C. STAFF - The Pound Staff shall consist of all elected officers, together with the Pound Dog Robber, Pound Watch Dog and the Pound Barking Dog, together with all Past Pound Keepers.

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

E. MINIMIUM MEMBERSHIP - With Pounds having minimal membership, the following officers must be chosen: Pound Keeper, Pound Dog Robber, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Mad Dog, and Pound Watch Dog, with no objection to a member holding one additional office, exclusive of the Pound Keeper, who shall be limited to that office alone

F. SUCCESSION - All Pound Officers may succeed themselves in office for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected or appointed.

Section 205 – Election

A. The annual Grawl of the Pound shall be held during the three months following the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel.

B. At the annual Grawl of the Pound, the officers of the Pound shall be nominated, elected and installed.

C. All nominations for elective office shall be from the floor.

D. The elective officers shall be chosen by secret ballot.

E. The ballot may be cast for the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.

F. Should the Pound fail to nominate for any office, after the election of officers, the Pound Keeper elect shall appoint an eligible member of the Pound to the office for which no nomination had been made.

G. The Pound Police Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Growl while the Pound Officers are being nominated and elected.

ARTICLE III – AWARDS

A. The POUND DOG OF THE YEAR Committee is made up of all former recipients who will choose the new Pound Dog of the Year. The Chair of this committee shall be the most Junior Pound Dog of the Year. Discussion should be held strictly to the work performed by the Dogs so nominated. The likes or dislikes of any Dog nominated shall not be discussed, tolerated or allowed at anytime, only discussion should be the activities of the Pound the Dog participated in. All Devil Dogs of Pound #210 shall be eligible for this award. Only One-Pound Dog of the Year will be nominated. The Pound should then consider submitting that nominee on to the Pack as the Pound's nomination for Pack Dog of the Year. That nominee should also be considered for submission for Kennel Dog of the Year. The nomination for Pack Dog of the Year and Kennel Dog of the Year will be at the discretion of the convening Pound Dog of the Year Committee. No discussion about the working and discussions of this Committee will be public at anytime, punishable by discipline.

B. All other Pound Awards are at the discretion of the Pound Keeper such as Certificates of Appreciation and Pound Keepers Commendation.

ARTICLE IV – DISCIPLINE

A. Including all Kennel and Pack Bylaws offenses this article will strengthen the right to discipline where the oath of the Military Order of the Dog unequivocally is circumvented. Where another member or member's family is wronged or injured by word, act or deed by any member. This oath is to be strictly adhered to, especially at election time and selection of awards. Every member should be elected or receive an award on their merit not at the discredit of others.

1. CHARGES: Any such charge can and should be file with the Dog Robber by submitting triplicate copies as so defined under the Kennel Bylaws. The charges will distribute as by the directive.

2. PROCEDURE: These shall be carried out according to the Kennel Bylaws.

ARTICLE V – FINES

A. No fine shall be in violation of the Kennel Bylaws or guidelines. Each infraction in Pound #210, shall be one small bone, with a maximum of two small bones, at one time. This means the same Dog can be fined again for other infractions or disruptions at another time in the Growl.

ARTICLE VI – ADVANCEMENTS

A. No Dog in Pound #210 shall advance a degree without attending Pound Growls the year of the Convention they are advancing. The Dog must have participated in Pound functions.

C. The Pound shall discuss their advancements and vote whether to recommend advancement.

Administrative Procedures

Growl Hosts

Any Detachment that hosts a Pound #210 Growl shall be entitled up to 50 big bones towards the hosting of said Growl. The 50 big bones shall be distributed, by check and written receipt, by the Pound Dog Robber, countersigned by the Pound Keeper and or Senior Vice Pound Keeper, at the end of the hosted Growl.

The host Detachment shall also be entitled to the bones that are gathered from the 50/50 raffle that is held during the Growl. If there are multiple 50/50 raffles, the host Detachment is only entitled to the primary 50/50 raffle that is associated with the Pound.