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BARKING DOG'S WOOF-O-GRAM

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YES, VIRGINIA; THERE REALLY IS A BARKING DOG! HE JUST DOESN'T "YIP" ALL THE TIME!! It's nice to know that there are sooo many of you out there who do get concerned when you don't hear from us on a regular basis. As an apology, both for myself, and on behalf of the KENNEL Staff; I am sorry that we haven't been more consistent with these "WOOF-O-GRAMS"; as you all know - EXCUSES ARE LIKE BELLYBUTTONS, EVERY HAS ONE! Know why a dead skunk lying in the road and a dead sailor lying in the road are different? There are skid marks before the skunk!! NOW, on to the important stuff?!-.....



SUPREME GROWL UPDATE.....

The 47th SUPREME GROWL of the MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS, INC. will convene at the BOSTON PARK PLAZA HOTEL & TOWERS, Fifty Park Plaza; BOSTON, MA. 02117, promptly at 1900 Hours (7:00 P.M. for you sailors) on Thursday, 14 August 1986. His Imperial Immenseness, HONORABLE CHIEF DEVIL DOG FRANK A. ENGLISH, will attempt to bring some order to the assembled Pedigree Devil Dogs who wander in from all points of the compass (and those few from the Twilight Zone, too!). This SUPREME GROWL portends to be a SACRED EXPERIENCE!

Of course, this will all be preceeded by THE INITIATION, "hosted" by the Honorable Kennel Mad Dog, PDD "Bubbles" Barrick, (ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL). She and her HORDE of NASTIES (more formally known as the KENNEL INITIATORY TEAM) will make certain that no-one escapes the wrath of these WILD DOGS!!! For those of you advancing into the sacredness of the ranks of PEDIGREE DEVIL DOG, be sure and make your peace with your MAKER. For those of you who wait for THE LAST MINUTE to do everything, pro-forma Last Will and Testament forms will be made available. Remember the Dogs in your will! Those poor unfortunates who will attempt to enter one of the other two Degrees (Pitifull Pup or Dreadfull Devil Dog) will have special attention paid to their lowly life forms. Sort of like Drill Instructors used to pay to Reservists! Sure you really want to go through with this?!? And, this writer knows of one Retired 1st Sgt. who will have an Hon. Past Chief as his personal attendant (that also translates to TORTURER) during this test by fire. The Spanish Inquisition was nothing compared to what Beantown will witness on 14 Aug.!!

And, naturally, the DOG HOUSE will be open during the day, from Monday, 11 August through Thursday, 14 August. The Kennel Dog Robber and the Kennel Quartermaster will be on hand to seperate you from your Bones, Wristwatches, rings, and anything elae of value that can be relieved from all who dare cross it's Hallowed Threshold.

Also, on Thursday, 14 August, there will be a combined Luncheon, hosted by the Past Chiefs and Past Big Fleas. This event will also pay homage to all Past National Commandants of the League and Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary. Everyone is invited to feast with us in the time-honored traditions of this gala event. We are informed that the INITIATION will be in the Armory adjacent to the hotel, so as to keep this HALLOWED HAPPENING out of unknowing eyes and to prevent anyone from hearing the pitifull screams of those experiencing the Rite of Passage. Still think you can hack it?? We are also informed that Pound 2, Boston, our hosts for the week; will have on hand a commemorative Ribbon, Shoulder Patch, and metal Button. Glad to see some of these new traditions taking hold.

During the SUPREME GROWL, we will take up the tabled By-Laws Amendment dealing with a PAID Kennel Dog Robber. Hopefully, we will have better financial information (I know that we will!) so that we can all make our collective wills known on this important issue. Yours truly will have more to say on this vital issue in Boston!

Also, please note that registration forms are enclosed with this issue. If you need more, contact me at the address shown on page #1, and they'll be sent by return mail. PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION FORMS are to be returned to the HON. KENNEL DOG ROBBER NO LATER THAN 1 AUGUST 1986, at the address shown at the bottom of the form. FEEL FREE to duplicate these forms locally, if you so desire. ABOVE ALL, GET YOUR PEDIGREE DEVIL DOGS (and those poor unfortunates giving up themselves to "BUBBLES") REGISTERED and avoid the usual rush in the DOG HOUSE prior to the SUPREME GROWL. Because, not only will the Kennel Dog Robber be taking care of INITIATION paperwork; but, he'll also be accepting last-minute registrations, and overseeing the sale of MODD gear by his crew of fawning volunteers.

?? WHO'S RUNNING?????.....

Who knows for sure? Since His Humungessness has decided to limit himself to one term; it's a sure bet that The Hon. Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Don Frost will "GO FOR IT"! So, it looks like the GREAT BEAST FROM THE WEST will be the 40th Chief Devil Dog. And, sneaking up in Frosty's shadow will be that "Fightin Irishman" from Long Island, PDD Tom Banks, our Jr Vice Chief Devil Dog making his bid for Sr Vice Chief Devil Dog. How about Jr Vice Chief Devil Dog, you ask? Well, we've only heard of one candidate so far; that demure debutante from New Jersey, PDD Mary (Mae) Krauss. Surely there will be others "frothin' at the chocker chain" to get in line; but, that's all that we've heard of so far.

.....WE FOUND PCDD BUNN!.....

Thanks to PDD Ferne Lauter of "Coalcracker" Pound 151(PA), we now have a current address on Past Chief Bunn in Wayne, PA. But, after the last "Woof-O-Gram" in January; we got back eight (8) more from the Post Office because you Dogs aren't keeping your Pound up-to-date on your address changes. Just one reason why our retention rate in the Devil Dogs is so lousy.

Hi there, Buddy Morris; out there in Hagerstown, MD. Thanks for your great letters and words of encouragement. Nice to hear from you.



.....**DA CHIEF SEZ**.....

Contrary to current rumor, "I am not a candidate for a second term. I can't take any more of Sutton's picking on poor lil' ol' me." Oh well, THE BEAST FROM THE WEST looks like a prime target!

His Inestimable Immenseness will be asking your favorable attention to a Resolution establishing a "50th Anniversary Growl" Committee, to be represented by each Division, that will undertake the planning and execution for the 50th SUPREME GROWL, utilizing the funds that the Kennel has been "socking away" since Nashville at the rate of \$500.00 each year. Volunteers??

Ol' Twelve-ton will also ask you to consider a "blocked fund" for the PLM monies that have been accumulating since 1982. Further, we'll also take up the issue of amending our MODD By-Laws to change the PLM requirements in the Order demanding that a PLM applicant have ten (10) years membership in the Marine Corps League. In order to foster more interest in the MODD PLM program, he will ask, with a lot of help, that you drop that requirement to five (5) years; along with being a PLM in the League, that you be a Pedigree Devil Dog, and that you have \$100.00 ready for our bonebox.

Another idea that Ol' Battlesar Gallactica will ask you to consider is a new cap patch with a colored border that will enable us to identify those delinquent Devil Dogs who wear a cap patch on their League covers; but, who don't seem to want to pay their dues each year. PDD Tom Banks has presented the idea and will be expounding (howlin' at the moon) on it in Boston.

And, finally; Pretty in Plump will propose that the Order purchase and mount a plaque naming all Past Chief Devil Dogs at National Headquarters, Marine Corps League. Time to honor those who've led this Kennel for the last 47 years, don't you think? Someday, maybe, we'll also get one up that will name the Kennel Dogs of the Year. Know who they are?

- 1978 - PDD John P. "Jay" Kacsan, PCDD Pound 24(PA)
- 1979 - PDD Michael Hanbury (deceased) Pound 11(NY)
- 1980 - PDD Glibert E. Gray, PCDD, PNC Pound 92(NY)
- 1981 - PDD Robert Blanard Pound 19(PA)
- 1982 - PDD Paul L. Sutton, PCDD, PKDR Pound 96(NJ)
- 1983 - PDD Anthony Drennan Pound 110(MO)
- 1984 - PDD C. C. "the cat" Catuzza Pound 37(NY)
- 1985 - PDD Edwin F. Gallagher, PCDD, PKDR Pound 11(NY)
- 1986 - to be announced

Taking some editorial priviledge; Frank English has been what I would call an EXCELLENT Chief Devil Dog. He's had some tough decisions to make, and has represented our Order with class. Besides, he's got the only handwriting that I've ever been able to read. A Good Marine, Dog, and Friend. THANKS FOR A SOMETIMES THANKLESS JOB WELL DONE!!



\$\$\$\$.....KEEPER OF THE BONES.....\$\$\$\$

QUOTE:" The big show, our National Convention and SUPREME GROWL, is less than two months away. That may be quite a while for YOU; but, for me it's only a few days. I have to get ready, and have already started the countdown. I will close the books for both finances and membership on 1 July 1986. This will give me a month to make out my reports, pack my gear, and take off for Boston. New Members (1986-1987) will not be processed until after the SUPREME GROWL. If I have cards already printed up for renewals, I will mail them (unless I have already packed for Boston.) The 1986-1987 cards will not be issued until September. They will be printed by the computer service when the Degree changes are submitted, following the SUPREME GROWL in Boston. REMEMBER: KENNEL DUES FOR 1986-1987 (and each year thereafter) WILL BE \$3.50

You will also find, in this newsletter, a registration form for the SUPREME GROWL in Boston. Reproduce it and pass it around to those coming to BOSTON for the FUN and FROLIC.

Don't forget your League and MODD membership cards. I WANT TO SEE THEM!

My supply of forms is low at this time; so, please do not ask for more than you are going to actually use between now and September. Transmittals will be reprinted to reflect the dues increase effective 1 September 1986. SEE YOU IN BOSTON!!"UNQUOTE.

Additionally, Ol' Stone Face requests that you BRING YOUR APPLICATION WITH YOU TO BOSTON, if you are facing DOOMSDAY DEGREE TIME. DO NOT MAIL IT BEFOREHAND!!! If you thought Receiving Barracks was bad; wait until you see what's waiting for you in the DOG HOUSE if you haven't prepared yourself and your paperwork.

General Note: When transmitting members (especially brand-new PUPS), their MCL membership number is required. If the member being transmitted is a PLM in the League, their League PLM number is preferred. As the Kennel Dog Robber is now cross-checking the MCL membership printout, there is no chance of "sneaking in" any more Associate Members.

It has also been suggested by the Pack of Pennsylvania Dog Robber that twice-a-year MODD printouts, by Pound, should be provided so that the Pound can keep abreast of delinquents, etc. Knowing of our arrangement with the computer service, the Order would have to "cough up" approx. \$50.00 each time it was run off. I think that we need to insure that Degree changes are properly transmitted by the Pounds and Packs before we get into providing them with easier ways to do their job. As an old Pack and Kennel Dog Robber, I know what kinds of CRAP you Pound and Pack Dog Robbers are sending in, and they ain't nothin' to write home to Mom about. I've heard a lot of you out there bitch about "slow service" from Kennel Headquarters. Did you ever stop and think that your SLOPPY Transmittals are to blame??

Without a doubt, we currently have the BEST Kennel Dog Robber that we have ever had; and, we can all go a long, long way to make his job easier; clearing the way for him to speed your renewal cards to you.

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TRIVIA TIME

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New One: WHAT'S A PARAPHERNALIA? Answer in the next issue.
 From the last Woof-O-Gram; The First Hon. Chief Devil Dog was PDD Gerald L. Bakelaar, from Pound 1(NJ), who served from 1939 to 1941. The 1970 SUPREME Growl was held in St.Louis, MO., and PDD Philip A. Calabrese was Chief. The two (2) Chiefs who reversed roles were; PDD C. A. Boedigheimer who served as Chief from 1972 to 1973, and PDD Virginia McDougall who served from 1973 to 1975. She was "Bodie's" Kennel Dog Robber in 1972-73; and, then he took the job from her when she became Chief.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Damn, did I get the mail on this one!! Everything from questioning my sanity, to an offer to remake "The Gunfight at O.K. Corral". But, you did let us know how you felt. Thank God someone's reading this rag!! Your responses were FIVE TO ONE AGAINST ALLOWING Associate Members into our Order, or allowing those who did get in to stay. Additionally, The Hon. Kennel Smart Dog wrote that initiating Associate Members of the MCL into the MODD violated Articles I & IV of our By-Laws. And, as earlier stated, The Hon. Kennel Dog Robber is cross-checking the Associate Member listings from National Headquarters, MCL, to insure that none are admitted or allowed to renew.

.....FROM AROUND THE KENNEL.....

We have some new Pounds. First, a correction: Pound 156 is associated with the MONTEZUMA Det., MCL, in Ohio. Pound 159 is the New Hampshire Pound, and they growl in a place named "The Cat and Fiddle Restaurant"?? And, in Florida, we have the "Spaceprt" Pound 160. Next, comes "Puget Sound Piddlers Pound 166 (wonder if they use Doggie Diapers?), and "Crooked Tail" Pound 168, in Louisiana. The Pack of Missouri has been reissued a Charter, following the hard work of PDD Al Rapp, and his wife, PDD Carol Rapp. Pound 130, up in Wisconsin has gotten back on their feet and proudly display their newly re-issued Charter.

Yosemite Pound 49 (formerly Pound 129) has a new Charter, as we reported last time, and one hell of a Doggie Gram. Ol' Snitch Dog PDD Bill King regularly "stuffs" my mailbox. He is also keeping track of the number of times that I insult the Chief. Did someone promise you a "chew-bone", BILL?? They call their Poundkeeper, "The Wild Dog of the Mother Lode!?!?!?"

A warning to The Illinois Pack: expect a surprise visitor at your Grand Growl of the Pack on 14 June 1986, in Chicago. From "Red" White's correspondence, those Prairie Dogs are hard at work!

My nomination for Pound Newsletter, entitled "Dog Biscuits", goes to Pound 119, "down Maine". Just one question, who the hell is Six Star (??) General STEPINHALT? And, George Sherwood, you did a superb job.

Colorado Past Pack Leader PDD Jim Lugg (Hon. Past Basset Hound??) tells me that they had a super growl in May, in Alamosa, CO. Five years ago, there were four (4) Kennel Strays in Colorado. Today, the Colorado Pack has over 100 Dogs, from Colorado, as well as Utah, Hawaii, and New Mexico. They can give us all a lesson in HOW TO!!

The Pack of California will GROWL on Thursday, 17 July 1986, at the San Francisco Airport; Millbrae, Ca.

Pound 149, Haverstraw, NY reports that they lost one member last July, DD Tom Hanley. Tom "gathered up" a "Whole Bunch" of stray Mongrels one time and ran them down to New Jersey where the "Jersey Devils" initiated them en mass. That motley crew became the core of Pound 149, just across the state line in New York. They're also actively involved in the VAVS program at the FDR VA Hospital in New York. Keep up the good work, guys!

Pound 37 keeps sending me their Pound newsletter, named "Paw Prints". They claim that it can also be found (besides in my mailbox) next to the National Enquirer at the checkout counter at the local supermarket. No vice squad up there, boys?? They advise all members to keep this "scandel sheet" away from impressionable teenagers. Whose Bulldog posed nude??

And, finally; where are ALL those elected and appointed Kennel Staff Officers? Here's who has submitted at least one report to the Chief: PDD Ferris (where does he find the time); PDD ($\frac{1}{2}$ of the cookie) Golden; PDD (wild Dog with the graphics) Kneefe; PDD (Ol'Past Basset Hound) Lugg; and, PDD (Host Par Excellence of the Quin Divisions) Bert Rincon. There's more to your job than just showing up at the SUPREME GROWL each year. Agreed??

AN EDITORIAL !!

Oh Shit, here he goes again! Well, let's see who gets p----- o-- at me this time! Let's talk about Initiations. That's a subject near and dear to EVERY Devil Dog's heart. As the basis for this Editorial; I'm going to quote verbatim a letter from the Pack of Arizona to His Heaviness, our Beloved Chief, Keeper of the Big Bone, who would have you believe he's sweet and kind

QUOTE: In any organization there are rules to be followed and traditions are maintained. The Devil Dogs are no exception. However, the overzealous interpretation of rules and traditions can do more to destroy an organization than make it prosper.

As our letterhead suggests, we are the Honor Society of the Marine Corps League. The question of honor also asks the question of dignity. AS we mature in years we should mature in wisdom and set an example for those we influence and attempt to lead.

The pattern of fraternity or military type "hazing" of our new members or members advancing in rank is a long tradition, and should be maintained. The Marine Corps also has a tradition of striving for excellence and performing better as we advance. The blend of these traditions leads to competition to a level where even Squads strive to be the best in the Corps. As we try our best to "outdo" the last group, we sometimes lose sight of the real goal of the organization.

In recent years, we have witnessed and heard of Devil Dog functions where Initiates were subjected to extreme treatment in the name of tradition and competition. The extreme examples are obvious and are usually corrected. It is the other offenses to dignity and person that are sometimes ignored. As we grow older we must realize that we do not have much more than our dignity left. We no longer can excuse offenses attributed to the exuberance of youth. Polite hazing can not be formed by physical abuse.

As one solution to the public "boot camp" of our initiations, we might try more indoctr activity.

If the PDD initiate group proves too large, a staggered session would be in order. The Mad Dogs could be encouraged to use more subtle or mental tactics and less physical or clothes-ruining events There are many ways to arrive at the same destination.



It is hoped that this epistle is received in the same spirit that prompted it. The desire to improve our quality without ruining our substance. As leadership starts at the top, this was addressed to the Chief. This letter was also prompted by our experience at National and local initiations where worthy Marines were encouraged to participate in the Order and were promptly discouraged from further activity by the actions of the Initiation Ceremony. To have one's clothing or personal effects vandalized in the name of brotherhood, not to mention personal dignity, is self-defeating on our part. The participant usually does not complain publicly, but votes with his feet by walking away from further contact with us. These are not run-of-the-mill malcontents, but proven workers in the League we have lost. The very person we seek to honor can sometimes be the one we have been made to do without.

This Order as well as most of its members is an old and hopefully an honored one. Everything should be done to keep it that way. UNQUCIE.

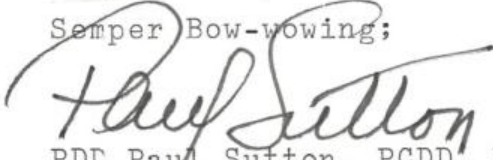
When I read this letter, which the Chief provided me with; I thought, "My God, I'm not the only one who thinks this way!! I remember one female candidate, who was obviously a Marine before I could even walk, whose hair was so badly messed up that she couldn't attend the Convention Banquet that night. Not only did she never renew her membership in the Dogs, the League (which was perceived as condoning this activity) lost a good, hard-working Marine. Maybe we should take a good, hard look at how we conduct initiations PARTICULARLY at the SUPREME GROWL, even if we keep them entirely private. Now, I know which one of you "HARD CORPS" Devil Dogs I'm going to hear from; so, SAVE IT! You know who you are. As the Chief said, in our latest conversation, " Maybe we should have less mess, and more MIND GAMES with these Initiates.

LAST MINUTE "STUFF"

Pound 96(NJ) has a whole locker box of new gear items that will be offered for your inspection in Boston. Bring your Bucks!!

 REMEMBER: SUPREME GROWL - 14 AUGUST 1986 - BOSTON PARK PLAZA HOTEL
 FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL: (800) 225-2008 DO IT NOW!!

Semper Bow-wowing;


PDD Paul Sutton, PCDD, PKDR
Hon. Kennel Barking Dog, MODD



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1986 Supreme Growl - Boston, Massachusetts
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)
ADDRESS _____

Degree & Tag No. _____ Pound _____

MCL Card No. _____

Current MCL & MODD Membership Cards as well as Registration Badge required to gain admittance to the Supreme Growl.

Will you be initiated as a PDD _____ DD _____ NONE _____

PRE-REGISTRATION \$5.00 _____ ON SITE REGISTRATION \$6.00 _____

All Pre-registration must be received prior to 1 August 1986. Return this form and your check made out to MODD to - PCDD Kenneth E. Farris, 11245 E. 14 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48077

Please answer all questions and place check in all appropriate spaces so we may plan accordingly.

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