



HOUND DOG POUND 204 SCRATCHING'S

AUGUST 28, 2022

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Growl called to order by Sir Pound Keeper PDD Paul Gunther at 0800 hours before fining himself (and others) after some intriguing debates about calling the Growl a meeting. No breakfast was to be had...

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Dog Trainer PDD Leonard Stielper.

Dogs in Attendance: 20

Several Pup duties were reassigned.

*Mascot Handling duties were transferred to Pup Kevin McDermott.

*Timekeeper duties were transferred to Pup Billy Wagner.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Pound Keeper	Paul Gunther	P
Sr. Vice Pound Keeper	Pat Sharkey	P
Jr. Vice Pound Keeper	Howard Koontz	A
Dog Robber	Joe Wright	P
Smart Dog	Ray Sturm	P
Dog Trainer	Leonard Stielper	P
Mad Dog	Woody Bowman	A
Police Dog	Norman Huffman	P
Watch Dog	Don Benson	A
Deputy Watch Dog	Burt Helmka	P
Barking Dog	Stuart Blair	A
Mascot Handler	Kevin McDermott	P
Timekeeper	Billy Wagner	P
Seeing Eye Dog	Glen Tabler	P
Assistant Bone Collector	Mini Pup Sean Allen	A

Sir Pound Keeper PDD Paul Gunther announced guests in attendance:

Honorary Chief Devil Dog & Kennel Staff Artist – HCDD Jack Severn

Deputy Kennel Executive Director – PDD Ray Sturm

Kennel Deputy Veterinarian – PDD Paul Gunther

Deputy Kennel Operations Dog – PDD Don Benson

Deputy Kennel Dog Trainer – PDD Leonard Stielper

Pack of Maryland Sr Vice Pack Leader – PDD Pat Sharkey

Pack of Maryland Dog Trainer – PDD Leonard Stielper

Past Pack of Maryland Pack Leaders – HCDD Jack Severn (2005-2006), PDD Mike Hadley (2009-2010),

PDD Don Benson (2013-2014), PDD Stuart Blair (2018-2019), PDD Ray Sturm (2019-2021)

Kennel Dog of the Year – PDD Jack Severn (2009)

Kennel Pack Dog Robber of the Year – PDD Paul Taylor

Pack of Maryland Dogs of the Year – PDD Paul Taylor, PDD Jack Severn (2005), PDD Michael Hadley (2009),

PDD Don Benson (2014), PDD Ray Sturm (2016), PDD Paul Gunther (2018)

Pound 204 Dogs of the Year – PDD Paul Taylor (2002), PDD Jack Severn (2003), PDD Michael Hadley (2004),

PDD Ray Sturm (2013), PDD Joe Wright (2015), PDD Norm Huffman (2016) PDD Harry Hierstetter (2019),

PDD Pat Sharkey (2020), PDD Stuart Blair (2021)

Scratchings: Distributed via Pound e-mail.

OFFICERS REPORT

Dog Trainer: PDD Remines is out sick and PDD Stielper is scheduled for surgery.

Pound Keeper: PDD Gunther attended Kennel Growl in Daytona or Orlando. He is still determining where he was.

Dog Robber: PDD Wright reported there is \$1,919.49 in our account. Notified the Pound of an issue with transmittals not making it to Kennel from the Pack. He will be following up with PDD Remines to resolve the issue.

Sr. Vice Pound Keeper: PDD Sharkey attended the Pack Growl in Baltimore (needed assistance with remembering it was a Growl, not a meeting). Would like to visit raising dog food for local shelters and would like to come up with a special fund raiser to help raise funds for the children. Next Pack Growl will be 19 November, and will be hosted by the SSgt Taylor Detachment in Ellicott City MD.

Old Business – Shirts – Pound shirts are available for purchase. \$40 for short sleeves, \$30 for long sleeve.

New Business – No New Business

Nominations & Elections – PDD Mike Hadley made a motion to keep the current slate of Pound officers for the upcoming year and seconded by PDD Paul Taylor. All current officers and Staff were sworn in for the 2022-2023 term by PDD Ray Sturm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: PDD Ray Sturm reported several items from the Department meeting. Department Sr Vice Commandant is looking for committee help for the Department convention in May 11-14 and the Mideast Convent June 23-24. Not sure where Mideast will be, but he has some things he is working on. Mideast took 1st place with the Boy Scout awards, with 485 total being presented with MD presenting 185. Looking into a 50th anniversary ribbon for the Pack of MD with our 50th anniversary being next year. **New Suicide Prevention hotline number is 988. *Veterans 988 then Press 1.** Pack Leader looking for fund raising ideas for the Pack of Maryland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Pound Growl is December 11th. The Department Meeting and Pack Growl is November 19th at VFW 7472 – Ellicott City.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sir Pound Keeper PDD Paul Gunther closed the meeting IAW MODD rituals. The next Growl will be held on December 11th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
PDD Joseph Wright, Dog Robber
Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Hound Dog Pound 204