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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

Congratulations to President Elect Orvis Kline and the rest of the GPLA Row Officers and Board of Directors that were elected at the November 2013 membership meeting! I have no doubt that Orvis and Company will capably lead GPLA forward during the next 2 years. This month's meeting will be a dinner meeting held at the Pennsauken Country Club. The cost is a very reasonable \$20.00 per person. The evening will feature the installation of your new Row Officers and Board of Directors, with the Oath of Office being administered by ALOA President Tom Demont. Please plan to attend the meeting and show your support for them.

The past two years seem to have flown by. They claim (whoever "they" are) that time seems to pass more quickly as you get older. That obviously doesn't apply to me! Instead, I attribute the speed at which the previous two years have gone by to the well-known adage that time flies when you're having fun. Much of that enjoyment has come from serving with 11 of the finest individuals our industry has to offer - 11 locksmiths and safe technicians that I am happy to also call friends. Working as a team, we have accomplished many of the goals that I set when I accepted the nomination to be your President. Thank you all for your service and dedication to GPLA.

One of the goals we did not succeed at was predicting the weather for the Holiday Party! But then, what's a Holiday Party without a little snow? I take some comfort in knowing that highly trained (and highly paid) meteorologists have no better success at predicting the weather than we do! Despite the less than favorable travel conditions, those that were able to attend were treated to an enjoyable evening arranged by Holiday Party chairman Paul Kline. Paul was able to secure many terrific door and raffle prizes thanks to generous donations from various individuals and organizations, and the hotel served up a very fine meal. One of the evening's highlight was a Christmas carol serenade and subsequent Gangnam Style dance lesson by Mike Nimmo's daughter! My thanks to both Paul and Camryn Nimmo for a festive evening!

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Minutes of the November 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The November 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters November 18, 2013 was called to order by President Cliff Shafer at 7:35 PM

The President welcomed one guest to the membership meeting: Walter Marcinkowski.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: There was a misspelling of the name of guest Scott Roop. A motion was made by Paul Kline to accept the corrected October 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as printed/mailed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Ed Fitzgerald and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Sundstrond stated that the Profit/Loss report was presented to the Board of Directors on November 4 and was unanimously approved. The President reminded the membership that anyone in good standing may request a copy of the GPLA Profit/Loss statement. Also President Shafer announced that Marty Arnold will take over the duty of Treasurer effective January 1, 2014.

Correspondence In & Out: John Williams reported that Skip Eckert's sister Anne Cole sent a Thank You card for attending her brother's services and SILA sent a Thank You card for the scholarship inclusion. Cliff Shafer sent an email about a 14-year old interested in attending locksmithing classes at the GPLA. Orvis Kline stated that he received an email about companies getting listings on our web page. He will contact the company and inform them that in order to be listed, the company will need to apply and be approved for membership.

President's Report: Cliff Shafer discussed the Skip Eckert story in the Newsletter and on-line. He also reminded the membership about the Holiday Party set for December 14th at the Philadelphia Hilton – the site of our annual convention. Also the Party will be a cash bar.

Nominations: Orvis Kline posted the nominations before the Membership. Marty Arnold made a motion to close the nominations for election, 2nd by Ed Fitzgerald. After the secret ballots were cast and tabulated, Marty Arnold made a motion to accept the unanimous vote as cast, 2nd by Larry Schwalb. The elections are as follows: President – Orvis Kline; Vice-President – Mike Nimmo; Coresponding Secretary – Paul Kline; Recording Secretary – Nelson Dayton; Sergeant at Arms – Bruce Wallen; Board of Directors – Dana Barnum, Ed Fitzgerald, Sven Hellwig, Cliff Shafer, Barry Wilensky & John Williams.

Convention: Chairman Sven Hellwig reported the convention was very smooth. The date for the 2014 convention has been moved to September (9/9-12) due to a conflicting holiday. Final numbers are still be calculated. The President expressed his appreciation on behalf of the membership for the great success that Sven has shown over the past 6 years as Chair of the convention. Cliff Shafer will be taking over the role with minor changes to the committees.

Health & Welfare: Jimmy Armenakis became a grand-father. Sven Hellwig's test results were very positive. A check was sent on behalf of the GPLA to the Skip Eckert Memorial Fund.

Legislation PA/NJ: No report for NJ. For PA, Orvis Kline invited PA State Representative Vanessa

Lowery Brown to attend a GPLA meeting in the near future.

New Business: AM/PM Locksmiths list GPLA on their website as a member. President Shafer forwarded that information to Mary May at ALOA for advice. Larry Schwalb said it's a huge issue because it de-values our Association.

Program: Mark Bolno stated it would be good to have members run some kind of mini-clinics at the membership meetings. Please contact Mark to schedule.

Good of the Association: Jim Sundstrond reported that a box of photos spanning over 20 years of GPLA events were turned over to the Board from Fred Radich. Larry Schwalb stated that he saw an ad in a magazine for a new product for key security called 'EKT.' Sven Hellwig mentioned that the membership should bring information about locksmith violators to the Board for action. Orvis Kline reported he has been in communication with Mark Baldino about illegal locksmiths and his new approach to go after the advertisers that list the scammers. Additional information to follow at a future meeting. Tom DiEva reported of a strange occurrence of an applicant at his office.

50/50: The winner was presented with \$48.

At 8:27 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sven Hellwig, 2nd by Barry Wilensky and was carried unanimously.

Mike Nimmo, GPLA Recording Secretary

Calendar of Events

January 20	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Pennsauken, NJ
February 17	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
March 17	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA

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It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President of GPLA during the past 2 years. As I leave office, I do so confident that the Association has a hard-working and talented President to succeed me.

Have a safe, happy and healthy 2014!

Fraternally,

Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
President

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**INSTALLATION OF ROW OFFICERS
& BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*ALOA PRESIDENT TOM DEMONT WILL ADMINISTER
THE OATH OF OFFICE*

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