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Installation Dinner Meeting – Monday, January 18, 2016

Pennsauken Country Club 7:00pm

**RSVP to martyr1@mac.com
(By Sunday, January 17 @ 3:00pm)**

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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

Congratulations to President Elect Barry Wilensky and the rest of the GPLA Row Officers and Board of Directors that were elected at the November 2015 membership meeting! I have no doubt that Barry and Crew 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 for a member and guest. 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 Foxwell. The bar will open at 7:00 PM and dinner will be at 7:30. Please plan to attend the meeting and show your support for them.

The past two years seem to have flown by. It seems like just last week I was being sworn in as the incoming President!! In his farewell message two years ago, former President Cliff Shafer stated "*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.*" I could not say it better!! Well - maybe except for that part about older not applying!

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Minutes of the November 2015 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The November 2015 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on November 16, 2015 and was called to order at 8:30 PM by President Orvis Kline.

Members of GPLA spent the first hour of the meeting touring the ASSA Abloy Mobile Showroom with all the latest interesting mechanical and electronic locking mechanisms on display.

The President Orvis Kline welcomed the 4 representatives from ASSA Abloy as guests to the membership meeting: Rich Rollins, Zack Berger, Eric Rome, and Nick Tate

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Murray Bilker to accept the October 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes as published in the Newsletter, 2nd by Barry Wilensky and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Marty Arnold stated that the treasurer's report was presented to the Board of Directors and unanimously approved. Marty also reminded all in attendance that any member in good-standing may have a copy of the financial statement upon request.

Correspondence In and Out: Paul Kline, Corresponding Secretary stated that there was not any correspondence in and he sent out 5 GPLA Newsletters.

President's Report: President Orvis Kline stated that GPLA had a great convention this year, made a little money and it was a good time for all. Orvis thanked Clifford Shafer and his committees for another well run convention. Orvis also thanked Sven Hellwig for the great success of the Friday night social and recognize Paul Kline for winning with his Captain Morgan costume
President Orvis Kline noted that the new GPLA President will need to pick a Meeting Programs Coordinator for Mark Bolno resigned.

Health and Welfare: Bob Monk was not present and no members had anything to report.

Newsletter: Orvis thanked Mike on a job well done on the Convention newsletter.

Convention News: Clifford Shafer thanked all for a job well done on the GPLA convention.

Building: Orvis noted that the bath room is still dry. Joe Reustle agreed.

NJ & PA Legislation: Nothing new to report

Holiday Party: Paul Kline has the flier ready for the holiday party and it will be at the Cannstatter's on Saturday December 12. Price will be \$40 per ticket and the party will be from 6:00 to 10:00 with an open bar from 6:00 to 7:00. Paul asked to buy your tickets as soon as possible so that he can get a head count. Paul stated that the entertainment picked out and there is going to have a Christmas ugly sweater contest

Unfinished Business: Murray Bilker is updating the web page & noted that it should be ready soon.

New Business: Nothing to report

Good of the Association: Nothing to report

Election: President Orvis Kline stated that a quorum is met and the elections can proceed. The ballot is as proposed with 5 Row Officers with 1 candidate each for a total of 5 candidates and 6 Board positions with 6 candidates.

At the October General Meeting on October 19th the following candidates were presented to the membership:

Candidates for Row Offices – 2016/2017

President – Barry Wilensky, CRL

Vice President – Paul J Kline, RL

Corresponding Secretary – Mike Nimmo

Recording Secretary – Maurice Onraet

Sergeant At Arms – Nicholas Denaro

Candidates for Board of Directors – 2016/2017

Murray Bilker

Edward Fitzgerald, CML

Sven K Hellwig, Sr, CRL

Orvis A Kline, CPL, CAL

Clifford L Shafer, CPS, CML

Robert Thomas

Clifford Shafer proposed to accept the candidates as stated with a 2nd by Murray Bilker. The vote was unanimous by the general assembly. As per the by-laws, Marty Arnold was re-elected as Treasurer by the Board. Marty has done an incredible job as Treasurer for the last two years.

50/50: The amount of \$50 was won as various prizes were distributed.

Correction: Last month's minutes stated "There were no nominations from the floor." and should have stated that Marty Arnold nominated Robert Thomas as a Candidates for Board of Directors

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sven Hellwig, 2nd by Paul Kline and was carried unanimously at 8.50 PM

**The Connelly-Singer Scholarship Committee would like to say
"THANK YOU" to our members who contributed to our
education fund along with their dues payment.**

**Remember, any member of GPLA can download an application to
apply for 3 days of tuition paid classes or apply for one of their
employees.**

**Marty Arnold, CML
Custodian of Funds**

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To the fine people who served with me - Thank you for your service and dedication to GPLA. The only thing I feel I failed at was my goal to get more members to attend our membership meetings. I thought we provided some interesting and helpful programs for our meetings, but too many of our meetings did not achieve “official” status because we did not have a quorum. The lack of membership participation was vexing and in spite of my many pleas to the membership to let me know what they wanted to see in a meeting and what could I do to get them to attend – I never received a single call or email! Please support Barry and his Officers by attending meetings and getting involved again in the greatest locksmith organization in the world – THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA LOCKSMITH ASSOCIATION!

Fraternally,
Orvis A Kline, CPL, CAL
President, GPLA



Holiday Party Fun

Sven Hellwig (on the right) joins the Holiday Party ventriloquist to perform a Night at the Opera.

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Calendar of Events

Jan 18	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Feb 15	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
March 21	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

BAR OPENS AT 7:00PM

DINNER AT 7:30PM

PENNSAUKEN COUNTRY CLUB
3800 HADDONFIELD ROAD, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

Installation of Row Officers and Board of Directors

**The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association
C/o Michael Nimmo
71 Cutchogue Trail
Medford Lakes, NJ 08055**