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From Your President: November's Narrative

First and foremost, this month's meeting is elections. Show up, cast your vote, or you have no right to complain down the road for the next two years. Not really, because YOUR board is always open to YOUR input and suggestions. Also, dues notices were sent out. Please make any corrections to your information: name, phone number, spouse, email, and return with your payment. You have the opportunity to donate to our scholarship fund. Consider paying it forward.

Last month's program from Medeco was informative and educational. Electronic locks & keys are here to stay. Should you take the next step? Also, a big THANKS to Sven for mixing it up and bringing homemade roast beef for us to munch on. Nice surprise!

This month we are having John Keifer from Mul-T-Lock. You will get to see the new ClassicPro™ line of locks and more. Are you selling high security? All 3 of our local suppliers have products in stock. Install a deadbolt that is \$25 or one that is \$150-\$250.

Now I want to talk about Thanksgiving. Let me say that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president for the last two. Thanks to all the members, the committee chairs, and the board that make this an easy job to handle. I want to remind everyone to be thankful for the country in which we live and the freedoms we have. And please remember those less fortunate. I'm also thankful for a football team that is in 1st place.

EAGLES!!!!

Enjoy the holiday.

Barry Wilensky, CRL

President GPLA

"Opening doors to the future"

Minutes of the October 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The October 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on October 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM. It was noted by President Barry Wilensky that a quorum was not met.

Acting Sergeant at Arms Sven Hellwig lead us off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Barry Wilensky welcomed our guests Dave Jones, a friend of Paul Kline, and Ryan Harmer from Medeco.

Program: Ryan Harmer from Medeco gave an outstanding presentation on Medeco Classic CLIQ™ Intelligent Key System.

Previous Meeting Minutes: There were updates to the minutes as published.

Under Treasurer's Report, the following should have not been added to the Treasurer's Report: "There was a motion by Murray Bilker to accept the Treasurer's report as reported, seconded by Ed Fitzgerald and carried unanimously by the Board".

Under Correspondence In and Out, Marty Arnold received a letter from Larry McCall who mailed back his Philadelphia Award to be displayed in the GPLA Connelly (not common) library.

Under New Business, Orvis Kline stated that as Chairman of the Nominating Committee (not board chairman) he is responsible for gathering a list of officers and board members for Barry Wilensky.

Under Good of the Association, Ed Fitzgerald added that Jim Riccardi from Goodall (not Ed Goodall) is bringing some safes to the convention and he is interested in working with locksmiths to give them a good deal on the safes so that he does not have to carry them back.

A motion by Cliff Shafer to accept the minutes as corrected, with a second by Orvis Kline, was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marty Arnold stated that he presented a detailed operating report and the convention financial report for the month of September 2017 to the GPLA Board of directors. Marty added that the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted by the board. Marty added that any GPLA member in good standing can request a copy of the treasurer's report if they so desire.

Nominating Committee: Orvis Kline, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following nominations:

Paul Kline for President
John Williams for Vice President
Jack Magee for Sergeant at Arms
Gabriel Kanesh for Recording Secretary

Maurice Onraet for Corresponding Secretary

Orvis Kline then asked if there are any nominations from the floor, which there were not. Orvis then stated that next meeting a vote will be taken on the nominees.

Orvis then listed the additional nominees for the GPLA board:

Murray Bilker
Sven Hellwig
Mike Nimmo
Jim Sundstrond
Bob Thomas
Barry Wilensky

Orvis then asked for nominations from the floor. Marty Arnold made a motion to close the nominations. Barry Wilensky stated that in the November meeting there will be a vote on the nominations.

President's Report: Barry Wilensky congratulated our Hermann Henssler Award winner Sven Hellwig who was speechless as he won the award. Sven thanked everyone for the award.

Correspondence In and Out: Barry Wilensky read a very nice letter from Mary May, Executive Director of ALOA, thanking the GPLA for presenting her with the Lee Rognon Award and for hosting the SAVTA board meeting at the convention.

Marty Arnold stated that both Tom Foxwell and Bill Mandlebaum overpaid on their Banquet tickets and that he wrote them both a check for \$40.00. Marty then added that both Tom Foxwell and Bill Mandlebaum donated the money to the Connelly - Singer scholarship fund. Marty then stated that he wrote to both gentleman thanking them for their donation. Marty then added that both John Truempy and Joe Reustle donated their CEU fees to the Connelly - Singer scholarship fund. Marty then stated that he also wrote both gentleman thanking them for their donation.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Education: Nothing to report.

Meeting Program: Paul Kline reported that John Kieffer from Mul-T-Lock will be giving a talk on a new key called ClassicPro™.

Building: Marty Arnold and Barry Wilensky discussed how some of the ballasts in the lights are acting up.

Newsletter: Barry Wilensky stated that the newsletter had great pictures as well as good articles. Both Orvis and Barry send their thanks to Judy Fitzgerald for contributing such nice

pictures to the newsletter and both thanked Gabriel Kanes for the great job he did putting the newsletter together.

N.J. Legislation: Ed Fitzgerald stated that so far this year, 35 cease-and-desist letters have been sent out to locksmiths, burglar alarm companies, fire alarm companies and data acquisition companies because they are operating without a license. Ed added that ICS Voice and Data was fined \$2500 and Secure Lock and Door was fined \$1000. Ed also stated that USA Locksmiths along with parent company, Prestige Business Solutions did not respond to a cease-and-desist letter and more action will be taken.

P.A. Legislation: Nothing to report.

Web Site: Orvis Kline mentioned that the GPLA web site is not up because Murray Bilker had a heart attack. Both Orvis and Barry Wilensky stated that Murray is doing OK from the heart attack but had a bad reaction to the blood thinners. Murray sent his regrets on the web site for he needs a lot of rest. Barry Wilensky added that on the positive side, the GPLA Convention Locksmith Store worked great for the first run through.

Barry Wilensky thanked Murray Bilker and Orvis Kline for all their tireless work getting the web site store open for the convention. Barry stated that the web page is a little behind because of the convention. Barry added that in the near future we can use the store for other classes, as well as promoting our organization. Murray added that we will be able to use the web page to pay membership dues.

Health and Welfare: Both Orvis Kline and Barry Wilensky stated the Murray is doing OK from the heart attack but had a bad reaction to the blood thinners. Barry Wilensky congratulated Marty and Nelly Arnold on their 60th wedding anniversary and mentioned the nice bouquet of flowers they received at the GPLA convention banquet.

Bylaws: Orvis Kline stated that he is reviewing the bylaws and making some minor changes and will present them by the end of the year.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: Marty Arnold stated that the GPLA Banquet finances are in the black.

50/50: The amount of \$25 as well as other various prizes were won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alvin Jackson and was seconded by Sven Hellwig at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary

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Calendar of Events

Dec 18 th , 2017	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Jan 15 th , 2018	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Feb 19 th , 2018	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA

Next Meeting:

Monday, December 18th

Snacks at 7:15 PM

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

GPLA Headquarters

8015 Craig Street, Philadelphia, PA

Scheduled Program:

TBA

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