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# The Professional Locksmith

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## March's Presidential Viewpoint

Happy upcoming St. Patrick's Day!

With spring on the horizon, it seems like winter will never leave us...yet another nor'easter is coming...again.

While you are all warming up, let's start thinking about how we can build membership and get in new ideas and voices. Feel free to email me with your thoughts and suggestions. We can discuss this at the membership meeting.

I welcome any suggestions for programs as it seems we keep covering the same vendors. All new ideas and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see everyone at the March membership meeting where Marty will be giving away another LAB pinning kit as a prize. Remember you need to attend in order to get a ticket to win a prize.

GPLA President,  
Paul J. Kline

## **WIN a LAB Color Passport .003 Pinning Kit!!!**

Donated by JERRY RORABACK of LAB.

This kit will be awarded at the May 2018 Membership Meeting

**How to win:** Every GPLA member who attends any of the January, February, March, April or May 2018 General Membership Meetings will receive one raffle ticket for each meeting attended. Members who attend all 5 meetings will receive an additional **\*bonus\*** ticket. For each ticket, a corresponding stub will be placed in a bin, with one randomly selected at the May meeting to declare the winner. There will be only one winner.

**Who is eligible to win:** Only GPLA members in good standing are eligible to win. GPLA Officers and Board Members are not eligible to win.

**Where/When to win:** The more you attend over the next 5 meetings, the greater your chance to win. And ... **you must be present at the May meeting to win.** So come out and support your Association and win!!

## **Minutes of the February 2018 GPLA General Membership Meeting**

The February 2018 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held on the 19th at GPLA Headquarters and was called to order by Paul Kline at 7:35 PM.

Sergeant at Arms Jack McGee lead us off with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

Barry Wilensky made a motion to accept the December minutes, which passed unanimously. Barry then requested a correction to the January minutes citing omission of the fact that Bill Mandelbaum also swore in the board members. So corrected, the January minutes were accepted unanimously.

### **Correspondence In & Out**

Correspondence Secretary, Maurice Onraet, sent out a letter to Bill Mandelbaum thanking him for swearing in the board members and row officers at the January installation meeting.

Marty Arnold stated that he sent a letter to Bob Thomas, thanking him for his donation to the Connolly Singer Fund.

### **President's Report**

President Paul Kline thanked Barry Wilensky and the previous board members for their service over the last two years and acknowledged that the new board had elected Barry as their chairman.

### **Website**

Murray Bilker reported continuing progress, including layout refinements and space on the homepage for members to submit articles. Members present gave Murray a round of applause for his progress so far on the website. Paul Kline suggested adding a page to thank the various presenters of our monthly meeting program.

### **Membership**

Nothing to report as membership committee chairman John Williams was unable to attend.

Marty Arnold stated current membership figures as follows: active members: 52; associates: 6; shop members: 10; retired members: 22; honorary members: 5; total membership: 95.

### **Education**

Nothing to report.

### **Convention**

Sven Hellwig Sr stated that there would be a meeting the first week in March to select a theme and get started on planning for the 2018 convention.

### **Meeting Program**

Paul Kline stated that the program for the march meeting will be presented by Alexander Howe of Allegion and will showcase their new website.

### **Building**

Marty Arnold stated that he had taken pictures of the wet ceiling tiles to send to Sonny.

### **Newsletter**

Nothing to report.

### **NJ Legislation**

Ed Fitzgerald stated that on January 9<sup>th</sup> Advanced Lock and Security of Phoenixville, PA was fined \$100 for failure to display their NJ license number on their company letterhead.

### **PA Legislation**

Nothing to report.

### **Health and Welfare**

Marty Arnold noted that member James Parker is receiving kidney dialysis following a stroke and would be encouraged by support from any members who would like to contact him. Jim has been a member since 2009.

Ron Marcinkowski noted that Al Schulke was home from the hospital and doing kidney dialysis three times a week.

### **Bylaws**

Orvis Kline updated the age requirement for full membership in GPLA from 21 to 18 for all member classifications.

### **New Business**

Marty Arnold recognized the extraordinary dedication of Bill Neff. Bill drove from Lancaster to Pennsauken the day of the meeting to deliver the new GPLA I.D. cards on schedule after printing problems had threatened to delay them.

Marty Arnold suggested membership cards should only be printed for members who have submitted a photograph because he felt they serve little purpose as identification without one. Barry Wilensky countered that any dues paying member is entitled to an I.D. card with or without a photograph. The matter was tabled at that point.

### **Good of the Association**

2018 Rosters were made available.

Orvis Kline added that Just Cars will be held in Orlando, Florida, from April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **50/50**

The amount of \$45 was won by Maurice Onraet.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by all members at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gabriel Kanes, Recording Secretary

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Type of classes desired: \_\_\_\_\_

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Apr 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Jun 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA

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**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, May 21st**

Snacks at 7:15 PM

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

**GPLA Headquarters**

**8015 Craig Street, Philadelphia, PA**

Scheduled Program:

***TBD***

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