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The "Professional Locksmith" will be sent out by E-mail on the Thursday before a scheduled meeting to all members I have on file. It will arrive in your in-box a few days BEFORE the meeting. Messages and reports to be included must be received two day before mailing.

The next meeting will be the Officer installation dinner held on January 20, at the Pennsauken Country Club.

Cash bar and 50/50 tickets will be sold.

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**The Officers and Members of the Board wishes every ONE
 HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Minutes of the November 2019 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The November 2019 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on November 21, 2019 and was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Paul Kline.

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

President Paul Kline welcomed our guests, Jim Handschuh Jr. from Trine Access Technology, Darren Essen from Darren Essen Locksmiths and Neal Rose a guest of Darren Essen. He added a quorum was met and tonight is election night.

Everyone thanked Chef Sven Hellwig for bringing in another incredibly delicious meal, this time a complete Thanksgiving dinner including a roasted turkey and all the trimmings.

Program: Jim Handschuh Jr. from Trine Access Technology gave another very educational presentation on the Trine "One Box Solution" door strikes and latches.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Joe Reustle made a motion to accept the previous minutes as published in the Newsletter with a second by Sven Hellwig.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marty Arnold mentioned that the Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously by the Board at the last Board meeting. Marty reminded all in attendance that any Member in good-standing may request a copy of the financial statement.

Correspondence In and Out: Correspondence Secretary Orvis Kline stated that he sent out an eBlast reminding everyone of the good food from our Master Chef Sven Hellwig and the up coming GPLA meeting will be election night. Paul Kline added that he received a postcard from ALOA announcing that their 2020 convention will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center with classes on July 19 – 23 and their security expo on July 24 – 25. Paul Kline then added that he received a postcard from Safetech announcing that their convention is in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 27 - May 2, with the tradeshow being May 2.

President's Report: President Paul Kline asked if anyone is interested in having a Holiday/Non-Holiday dinner like last years at the Pennsauken Country Club. The general consensus was not to have a dinner meeting since the installation of Officers dinner will be on January 18, 2020 at the Pennsauken Country Club.

Health and Welfare: Nothing new to report.

Newsletter: Marty Arnold stated that the Newsletter went and only two bounced back. Paul Kline asked Marty for the answer to the puzzle in the newsletter. Marty stated that it was a fake puzzle to see if anyone would respond. Sven Hellwig added that the pictures in the newsletter are looking good.

Convention: Marty Arnold stated that the proceeds of the GPLA Convention are in the black. Cliff Shafer mentioned that the convention committee met and he is going to be the Convention Chair again next year. Cliff added that all the sub-committee chairs are in place for the convention. Cliff then added that next years convention will be September 23 – 26 and there should not be any conflicts with any Holidays or any other Locksmith events. Cliff stated that the early discount registration went well with 85% of all registration took advantage of the discount. Cliff then added that this gave us plenty of time to let the instructors know if their class is going to go.

Building: Marty Arnold stated that the ceiling in the bathroom is leaking and will get the tiles replaced.

Bylaws: Orvis Kline stated that there are no changes to the Bylaws.

N.J. Legislation: Ed Fitzgerald stated that there is nothing new to report. Jack Magee added that Governor Phil Murphy signed a law that would require New Jersey public works contractors to participate in a U.S. Department of Labor approved apprenticeship program to obtain or renew a public works contractor's registration certificate.

P.A. Legislation: Paul Kline stated that there is nothing new to report.

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Here are some pictures of the last meeting.

If you missed it, you missed a lot. We all had a delicious Turkey dinner prepared by Master Chef Sven, a program by Jim Handschuh Jr. You missed the chance to win the .003 LAB pin kit that was donated by Tom Martucci from LAB and you missed the chance to win the \$100.00 Bill.



**Jimmy Armenakis won the LAB pin kit
donated by Tom Martucci from LAB**

Cliff Shafer won the \$100 bill



Membership: John Williams stated that we received several applications during open enrollment at the Convention. John added that the applications are being vetted and will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting. John added that after the applications are presented to the Board the applicants will be presented to the membership at the next general meeting. Neal Rose introduced himself to the GPLA members stating that he has been in the Locksmith business since 1994 and works for Rose Locksmiths in Philadelphia. This is Neal's first meeting. Jim Handschuh Jr. introduced himself to the GPLA members stating that he works for Doorwares Associates for over two years as a Sales Representative. This is Jim's third meeting. Darren Essen is from Darren Essen Locksmiths stated that he has been in the Locksmith business since 1982. This is Jim's second meeting.

Meeting Program: Paul Kline stated that there will not be a meeting in December.

Unfinished Business: Jack Magee stated that he gave the Lee Rognon Award to Vale Stokes at the Great Britain Locksmith Association adding that she was quite shocked and really appreciated the award.

Website: Sven Hellwig says the website is looking good and added that Sam, from The Locksmith Agency did a great job with the Convention section of the website. Paul Kline suggested that all members should check out the new website.

New Business: Orvis Kline stated that all of the positions for the Row Officers are full and we have a full slate for Board of Directors. Two ballots were handed out, one for the Row Officers and one for the Board of Directors.

Row Officers: President: Sven K. Hellwig, Sr. CRL Vice President: Maurice Onraet
Correspondence Secretary: John P. Williams, CRL Recording Secretary: Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
Sergeant at Arms: Orvis A. Kline, CPL, CAL

Board of Directors: Murray Bilker, Ed Fitzgerald, CML, Jim Handschuh, Paul Kline, RL
Joe Reustle, CPS, CAI, Barry Wilensky, CRL

Orvis Kline announced that it was unanimous for the six Board of Directors and five Row Officers. Orvis then thanked everyone for their participation and then read all the names of those elected. Orvis personally thanked Treasurer Marty Arnold for all his contributions and accepting the position as Treasurer.

Good of the Association: Marty Arnold announced that the 3 members who attended all the meetings and are entitled to an extra ticket for the drawing of the Lab pinning kit are Jimmy Dimitrios, Arnie Rabinowitz and Ron Marcinkowski. The winning ticket was drawn and Jimmy Dimitrios won the Lab 0.003" pinning kit.

Barry Wilensky stated the he is getting phone calls from Amazon to be a service provider. Ron Marcinkowski then mentioned the he received an e-mail from the Flying Locksmith asking if he has any big jobs to partner, a few other members added that they received the same e-mail.

John Williams stated that there is a lot of talent here at GPLA among its membership and everyone has something to give to other members. John asked the membership to consider spending fifteen minutes on a presentation of their specialty or something that they want to share to educate the other membership of GPLA at the meetings. Marty Arnold added that your presentation does not even have to be Locksmith related.

Sven Hellwig stated that very few Locksmiths here in the United States can say that they are a part of an association that is 70 years strong. Sven added that we were presented a plaque from ALOA at the convention that stated "Presented with pride and appreciation for the Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association, 70 years of excellent service. Thank you for your countless years of dedication to the security industry".

Jack Magee announced Cliff Shafer as the winner of the \$100 bill. Various other prizes were given away including a dozen fresh eggs from Jim Handschuh and a GPLA truck decal.

President Paul Kline wished everyone a good Holiday and hope to see everyone in January.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barry Wilensky, and was seconded by John Williams at 8.58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary

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Jim Handschuh Jr presented an interested program on TRINE products



Jack Magee attended the MLA convention in the UK representing the GPLA .

He presented a Lee Rognon Award to Val Stokes.



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