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**The November 16 GPLA meeting is canceled because of Covid 19.
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Our next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2021

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Hello Members,

Thank you to all of you who sent well wishes and prayers for my daughter-in-law. They all helped very much as she is doing well with her rehabilitation. Doctors say most all of normal functions will eventually return. She is now like the bionic woman with the new hardware installed. We just hope it doesn't cost 6 million dollars. Thank you so very much again, it meant a lot to our family.

If you view the website you will note that I have decided not to have a membership meeting until the New Year. Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. I hope that you can all enjoy the Holidays, even with these new social distance restrictions. It is my wish that you all have much to give thanks for.

The stupid campaign commercials are finally over, thank goodness! The whole thing has just been making us all crazy. I for one am glad that it is all over, and hope for the best. We can only wish that some of the promises really will come true. They are all politicians remember. I could us four more pages to go on but my Mother always told me, if you can't say something good, don't say anything at all. So I'm sorry Mama I'll stop right there.

Now you will hear it one last time, at least for a while.
"My name is Sven K. Hellwig Sr. and I approve this message."

Respectfully Submitted,
Your President

Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL

Membership Notes

Our Secretary Cliff Shafer became symptomatic on Sunday October 11 and tested positive for COVID the following Tuesday. While his initial symptoms were mild, they quickly worsened, including a fever that exceeded 104F. Chest x-ray and cat scan revealed double pneumonia. He was put on antibiotics and sent home. His COVID is now gone and was dealing with the results of the pneumonia, mostly shortness of breath and fatigue. The latest report: Cliff is back on the road taking care of business.

Gerald Honcoop has been admitted to a home for Alzheimer patients in the Netherlands. Gerald, who was a leader of "NSSG" the Dutch Locksmith Association did attend a few GPLA banquets as my guest. Picture #1: Gerald is presented an award by Gerald Connelly, when GPLA honored the "European Locksmith Associations" in 1987 while President Bob Mock is looking on. Picture #2: All European Locksmith Association leaders in attendance.



Hans Mejlshede-Denmark, Gerard Honcoop-Holland, Helmut Tobel-Hamlin West Germany, Clive Bowden-UK, Ted Smith-UK, Kent Pierson-Sweden. FRONT: Doris Barber-UK, Jack Barber-UK, Rose Marie Pierson-Sweden.

One of our life members has donated a new LAB pin kit which I will raffle of sometime next year. He does not want me to mention his name. In name of the GPLA membership, Thank You my Friend.

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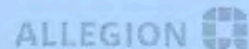
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**The editor wishes all a Happy and
Healthy Thanksgiving
Please Stay Safe.**



Surprise—Surprise—Surprise.

Now I know someone is reading my newsletter.

I received an E-mail telling me that in the October issue I used the word “past” instead of “passed ” twice in 2 obituaries. That’s not all, he also told me that the last line of the first paragraph in the Marty Memories story was wrong. These things get in my craw he said.

MARTY’S MEMORIES

One of our commercial customers located in a large industrial park was interested to have card access control on their employees entrance, the front door and the computer room door. When I presented a proposal of a computer controlled access system, cost was an objection. When I quoted using “Corkey” which is an individual magnetic door reader for a lot less money they accepted my proposal.

A few weeks after that job, I visited my Son the computer guru in Arizona. He is a custom software designer for small businesses. I accompanied him to one of his customers for which he was finalizing a design job. Asking him about how he be sure to get paid after he installs a custom program he said Dad, I normally do not have any problems getting paid. I do add a time bug in my programs that will freeze the screen after 41days, locking up all their data just in case. I remove the bug remotely whenever payment is received.

Coming home I found that still no payment was received on the Corkey job. The readers worked perfectly, but payment was 2 weeks past due. I am very aggressive when it comes to past due accounts, and use any method to get my money. Hé maybe my Son’s idea would work.

I mailed a certified letter addressed to Account Payable informing them that our access control systems are programmed to stop working when payment is 14 days past due.

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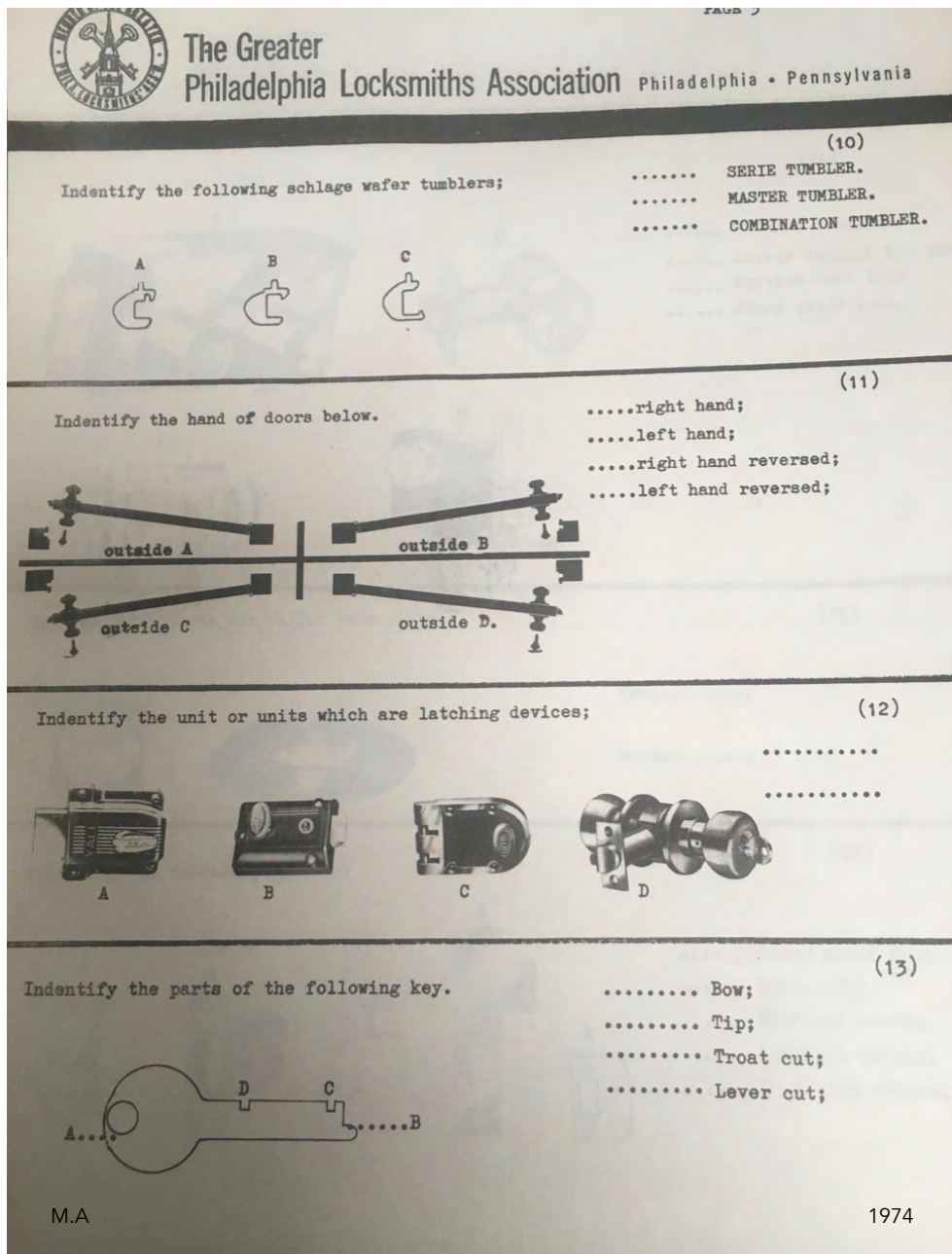
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To make my newsletter more than Web Sponsor pages, I will show some pictures of my safe lock collection



Each issue will have a close up of one of my lock shown on the shelf.
If you have any questions about a certain lock on display
ask Marty for details at <martysr1@mac.com>



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