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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

# Monday April 18

### Food and Refreshments at 7.00PM

### Program:

## A Medeco Presentation.

# Come and get a ticket to win a Wedge Pro .003 pin kit donated by LAB.

Drawing will be held at the May meeting.

Officers and Board Members are not eligible to win.  
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## Presidents Address – April 2022

Dear Members,

I'd like to ask you to take a moment and reflect on what a great association you and I are part of. Take pride in what was established for us so many years ago. Take pride in being one of the oldest continually operating Locksmith Associations. It all started right here in Philadelphia. GPLA is one of the most highly regarded, prestigious and well-established associations, not only in the great USA, but abroad as well.

Think of all the Locksmiths, their families, their friends and their customers whose lives have been impacted by you and our forefathers by being a part of this great association. Learning, growing, improving this industry one Locksmith security professional at a time.

It is up to you to keep our association strong and to build on the legend. We, as an association, only ask that you stay involved, be a positive part of your association, do whatever you can to promote and involve other Locksmiths and security professionals. Talk to the young people beginning their careers and let them know what great opportunities await them in the security industry and in the Greater Phila. Locksmith Association. Thank you for doing your part in helping to keep GPLA growing into the future.

With that being said, please mark your calendars for our special membership appreciation dinner meeting, which will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Pennsauken Country Club, Pennsauken, NJ. We will be thanking our members, presenting some new ideas to move forward with the future of GPLA, making some special presentations and gathering with family and friends. Thank you for your attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Your President,

**Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL**

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## Membership Notes

**We are having a Dinner Social in June.**

**Marty will be in touch to secure your reservation for Monday June 20 at the Pennsauken Country Club**

Walter Lascar, Honorary Member #16 passed away on March 21. For many years Walter served as our photographer at our Annual Convention and Holiday parties. May he rest in Peace.

We are having an election of Officers and Board members this year, if interested to serve in an elected office, NOW is the time to approach our Nominating Chairman Marty Arnold for details.

Member #222, Jim Sundstrond is recovering from a hip replacement, doing well and back to work.

### **NEW MEMBERS TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE MEMBERSHIP:**

**Active Membership: Christopher Martin from Hamilton NJ**

**Applicant is employed by College of NJ. Sponsor: Member #264 Vernon Kelley.**

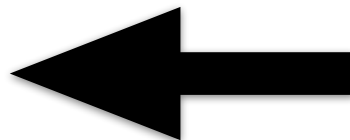
**Apprentice Membership: Randolph Carpenter from Florence, NJ.**

**Applicant is employed by College of NJ. Sponsor: Member #264 Vernon Kelley.**

**Apprentice Membership: Kenneth Kramer from Ardmore PA.**

**Applicant is self employed: Business name: ASAP Locks and Lead.**

**Business Address 3827 Hamilton St. Phila. 19104. Sponsor: Member #152 Sven Hellwig.**



An other way of dogging a panic devices as seen in my hotel at SAVTA in Lexington KY

**Minutes of the March, 2022 GPLA General Membership Meeting**

A GPLA General Membership meeting was held on March 21, 2022 at GPLA headquarters. There were 17 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President S. Hellwig, Sr. The President introduced the following guests: John DePew and Ken Kramer

This month's program on Select Hinges was presented by Doorwares Associates

**Previous Minutes:** Motion to accept the November 2021 minutes as printed in the December Newsletter by B. Wilensky, second by J. Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** M. Arnold reported that the Board had approved the various Treasurer's Reports through February 28, 2022, including the 2021 year-end reports and reminded everyone that a copy of all Reports are available to all members in good standing upon request.

**President's Report:** S. Hellwig, Sr. thanked Vice President M. Onraet for filling in for him at the February meeting, even though the meeting was not official due to not having a quorum. S. Hellwig reminded everyone that 2022 is an election year and reported that M. Arnold had accepted his appointment as the Nominations Committee Chairman. The President reported that the Association was looking for "new blood" on the Board and encouraged the general membership to become more involved.

**Membership Committee:** M. Onraet reported there were applications for membership from three new candidates currently under review and that he was waiting for additional documentation from them before submitting their applications to the Board for review. M. Arnold reported that as of February 1, 2022, there were 39 Active members, 7 Associate members, 12 Shop members, 21 retired members and 5 Honorary members, for a total of 84 members.

**Correspondence In:** None

**Correspondence Out:** None.

**Education Committee:** C. Shafer reported that registrations for the NJ CEU Licensing Mandatory and the Tips, Tricks and Tools classes scheduled for the weekend of April 23 & 24 were continuing to come in with 15 and 14 students respectively. C. Shafer also reported that more CEU classes were planned for later in the spring and early summer.

**Health & Welfare Committee:** E. Fitzgerald reported that member Jim Sundstrond had a recent hip replacement and was recovering at home. M. Arnold reported that member Michael Vaughn had passed away on January of this year.

**Building Committee:** M. Arnold reported that he had taken pictures of the damaged ceiling tiles in the bathroom and sent them to the landlord to get them replaced, hopefully before the CEU classes at the end of April.

**Communications Committee:** P. Kline reported that he sent an e-blast through our Constant Contact account announcing the upcoming CEU classes being held at the end of April, and that he would be sending out another blast within the next 2 weeks.

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**Website:** C. Shafer reported that registration for the CEU classes being held at the end of April were available in the on-line store of the website. E. Fitzgerald made a request that his contact information be posted on the Convention page of the website directing interested exhibitors to contact him.

**Newsletter:** S. Hellwig conducted a pop-quiz on the contents of his Presidential Message from the March newsletter and awarded cash to the two winners. M. Arnold made a request for articles from the membership that he could print in the newsletter.

**Legislation Committee:** E. Fitzgerald reported that the minutes from the most recent NJ Locksmith Licensing Board meeting indicated that several new applicants were being considered and that disciplinary action on several violators was under review.

**Convention Committee:** S. Hellwig thanked C. Shafer for chairing the convention for the last few years and announced that all of last year's convention sub-committee chairmen had agreed to reprise their roles again this year. S. Hellwig revealed that the theme for this year's convention would be: "Lock-up Your Future with Education" and that 4 scholarships would be awarded in support of the theme, the theme of the Friday Night Social would be "Nifty Fifties" and that ALOA/SAVTA education coordinator Jim Hancock has accepted the Honorary Chairman title.

**Program Committee:** P. Kline reported that the program for the April meeting was TBA.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None.

**Good of the Association:** S. Hellwig reminded everyone that most of the annual industry conventions that were postponed due to the pandemic will be resuming this year and encouraged the membership to support them by attending. Upcoming conventions include: SafeTech in Lexington KY in April and Just Cars in Arizona in May. A. Jackson reported that he had a customer who was looking for a good used gun safe and asked if any member had one available to contact him. B. Wilnsky reminded the membership that the 2022 GPLA membership ID cards and rosters were available for anyone who had not yet received them.

**50/50:** \$35.00 was awarded to the winning ticket holder. Various other door prizes were won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by B. Wilnesky, second by A. Jackson. Motion was passed unanimously at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML  
Recording Secretary

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Our President Sven made sure there was food and beverages for everyone, some even went for seconds.



An Interesting presentation on the Select Continues Hinges was given by our Associate member Jim Handschuh Jr. and occasionally assisted by his Dad. Many questions were raised and answered.



## An interesting story as told by Mr. Carl Cloud

### Mr. Fink — Burglar

David Fink was a good looking young man in his mid-twenties. His athletic stature and clean-cut appearance would have blended into any society function. Having a natural talent for mechanics, he could have easily been a candidate for an engineering degree. His inquisitive mind, however, also sought adventure. David became a safecracker. A very good safecracker. David Fink became a crook!

As an expert witness, I met David while testifying against him at his trial. He had been caught burglarizing the safe at a Department of Motor Vehicles office. From his technique of opening safes, the tools and the tool marks left at previous burglary scenes, David was convicted of a number of D.M.V. burglaries. He was sentenced to seven years in jail.

When David was released from prison, he had learned a valuable lesson; don't leave evidence behind! Santa Monica California was having a rash of night time burglaries of fast food stores. In every case, the safe had been opened, emptied and the safe door had been taken away. The police were left with very little clues — only an empty safe with a missing door.

Mr. Fink was feeling quite good about his new endeavor. There is a stack of twelve safe doors cluttering a corner in his garage to measure his success. Sensing a need to dispose of these incriminating items, David planned a strategy to make these doors disappear forever! One late evening, David loaded the safe doors into the back of his pickup truck and headed for the beach. Much of the beach front is faced with high cliffs — exactly the situation David wanted. He backed his truck to a cliff edge. One by one, he threw the safe doors down to the rocky, pounding surf below. Each door was swallowed up by the waves of the Pacific Ocean. David Fink wore a faint smile as he drove back home. Every detail of his crimes had been eliminated.

The next morning, much to his dismay, the police arrested David at his home. Unfortunately, at the time he was disposing of the safe doors into the ocean, it was a high tide. By morning, the tide had moved out and all of the doors were laying exposed on the open beach!



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### GPLA & SJLA

are pleased to present the following NJ Locksmith Licensing Board Approved Courses:

#### NJ LOCKSMITH LICENSE MANDATORY CLASSES

**Instructors:** John Traempy, CFL, CRL, CMIL, ICML, IFDI, LSFDI  
Vernon Kelley, CFDI, CFL, CPL, CMIL, ICML, IFDI, LSFDI

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 23, 2022 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 24, 2022 – 8:00 am to 11:30 am  
**Location:** GPLA Headquarters, located at 8013 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

**Cost per Person:** GPLA, SJLA, ALOA, MLANJ and NJMLA Members: \$125.00 Non-Members: \$175.00

**Class Description:**

Acquire all of your Mandatory CEU's in a single weekend! These courses are for locksmiths of any skill level, but are designed for New Jersey licensed locksmiths who need to satisfy their mandatory class requirements. These classes are a MUST for all NJ locksmiths who need to renew their license this August!

**On Saturday,** the following Mandatory Classes will be presented: Americans with Disabilities Act – 2.0 CEU  
♦ NJ Barrier Free sub-Code (ANSI/ICC A117.1) – 2.0 CEU ♦ NJ Uniform Construction Code (International Building Code) – 2.0 CEU ♦ Locksmith, Burglar and Fire Alarm Licensing Laws and Regulations – 2.0 CEU

**On Sunday,** the final Mandatory class of Shop Safety for 3.5 CEU's will be presented.

**Total CEUs available: 11.5.**

Students *not* seeking CEU's will receive a single GPLA certificate suitable for framing.  
Lunch will be provided on Saturday only unless you are also taking the Tips, Tricks and Tools class on Sunday afternoon.

**NJ Locksmiths – You MUST bring your license to class to receive your CEU certificates**

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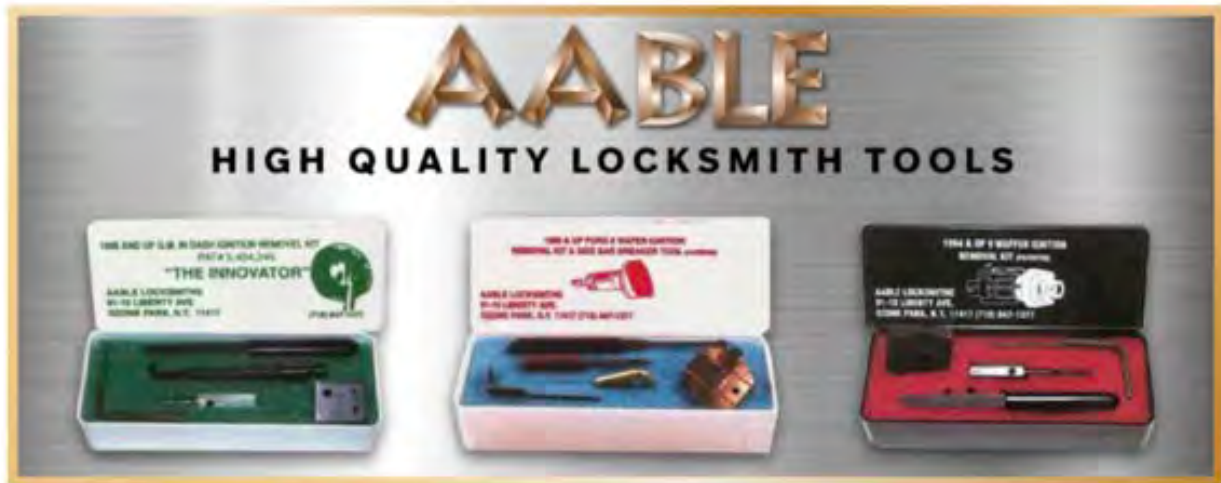
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### Tips, Tricks & Tools

**Instructors:** John Truempy, CFL, CRL, CMIL, ICML, IFDI, LSFDI  
Vernon Kelley, CFDI, CFL, CPL, CMIL, ICML, IFDI, LSFDI

**Date & Time:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 – 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
**Location:** GPLA Headquarters, located at 8013 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

**Cost per Person:** GPLA, SJLA, ALOA, MLANJ and NJMLA Members: \$60.00 Non-Members: \$90.00

**Class Description:**

This half-day course is a fast-paced review of shortcuts, bypass methods, tips for making homemade tools, door servicing methods, fire door repair and other time-saving products. We'll even drop a little locksmith history and trivia on students! Students are encouraged to bring their own tips to share with the class.

Students should still come prepared to take detailed notes.

**Total CEUs available: 3.5**

Students *not* seeking CEU's will receive a GPLA certificate suitable for framing.  
Lunch will only be provided for those who are also registered for the Shop Safety course being presented in the morning.

**NJ Locksmiths – You MUST bring your license to class to receive your CEU's.**

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**Non-Members = \$90.00**

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Length of time in Locksmithing: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Recipient? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes when? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a few sentences telling us why you would like to be considered as a recipient for this Scholarship:

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