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**Our next meeting is
scheduled for October 17**

Food & refreshments 7.00Pm

Meeting 7.30 Pm.

Program

T.B.A

Also

**Nominations for Officers and Board Members
will be open from the floor.**

**Ticket will be giving out for another LAB pin kit,
Drawing will be at the November meeting.**

Membership Notes

Mr. Dallas Brooks from Alabama passed away recently. Dallas was a recipient of our Philadelphia Award in 2009 May he rest in peace.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS - OCTOBER 2022

Hello Members & Friends of GPLA,

We have completed yet another successful convention, it seems like everything went very smoothly. Our Convention Committee really knows how to do this thing. Sometimes we take for granted all the hard work that goes into making it happen. Please take a moment to say "thank you" next time you see one of them. I certainly hope that they all continue in the positions for as long as possible. As President and Convention Chairman, you all have my deep gratitude and "thank you" to all in attendance. The vendors were very pleased with the number of people on the exhibit floor. We need that to keep them coming back.

We only have a few more meetings in 2022, November are elections where we all play musical chairs and put on a different hat. I say that in jest as we do not have many new members stepping up to join the Board of Directors. Before I step down as your President it is my hope to convince the Board to eliminate the 1 year waiting term for new members to join the Board of Directors. We need new people NOW!

As my last meal preparation as your Chef and President, I am planning a very nice November Thanksgiving meal and gift to all in attendance. I will slave over the stove all day to bring you a homemade meal with love and all the fixings!

Be safe and be there, please.

Respectfully Your President,

Sven K Hellwig Sr.

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Minutes of the September, 2022 GPLA General Membership Meeting

A GPLA General Membership meeting was held on September 19, 2022 at GPLA HQ. The meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM by President S. Hellwig, Sr.

The President introduced 3 guests: Joey Dalessio, John DePew and Vince Every.

The President turned the floor over to Joey Dalessio who presented a program on several stand-alone digital locks made by Keyincode.

Previous Minutes: Motion to accept the June 2022 minutes as printed in the September 2022 Newsletter by M. Arnold, second by R. Marcinkowski. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M. Arnold reported that the Board had approved the Treasurer's Reports from June 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022 and reminded everyone that a copy of all reports is available to all members in good standing upon request. S. Hellwig reported that M. Arnold had accepted the appointment to be Treasurer for the 2023-2024 term and thanked him for his continued service to GPLA.

Correspondence In: C. Shafer reported receiving a hand-made Thank You card from the students of the elementary school that were the beneficiaries of the games and decorations used at last year's Friday Night "Under the Big Top" social.

Correspondence Out: None reported

President's Report: S. Hellwig, Sr. reminded everyone that GPLA needs new blood to serve as an Officer or Director and that since this was an election year, he encouraged anyone who was interested in serving GPLA to tender a nomination from the floor. The President also requested that the membership support the upcoming convention by attending, and called for interested members to volunteer to help on the Convention Committee.

Membership Committee: M. Onraet requested that the membership approve Christopher Martin for active membership and Randolff Carpenter for apprentice membership. Both individuals are sponsored by Vernon Kelley and employed by The College of NJ. M. Onraet reported that all of the required documentation for both candidates was in order, the vetting process and background check found no issues and that the Board has recommended both candidates to be presented to the general membership for consideration. As per the Bylaws, neither candidate was in attendance. Due to a lack of paper ballots, B. Wilensky made a motion to suspend the secret ballot requirement, seconded by D. Barnum and carried unanimously. Both candidates were then unanimously approved by show of hands.

M. Onraet reported that he was waiting for the initiation fee to be remitted by John DePew, after which his application would be presented to the Board for consideration.

Education Committee: C. Shafer reported that the Key Systems Forensics NJ CEU class taught by John Truempy and Vernon Kelley held on Saturday June 11 had been a sellout and that final profits were \$1,804.00.

Health & Welfare Committee: S. Hellwig reported that Ron Weaver of Accredited Lock Supply had recently passed away. R. Marcinkowski reported that Burge of ITL recently passed away. M. Arnold reported that C. Shafer was recently hospitalized with a kidney stone. C. Shafer reported that he had recovered from the kidney stone.

Building Committee: M. Arnold reported that there appeared to still be some leaks even after the entire roof was replaced and that he would talk to the landlord about it.

Communications Committee: P. Kline reported that he has been sending out e-blasts through our Constant Contact account about various upcoming events, including the 2022 convention and the September membership meeting.

Website: C. Shafer reported that the website has been continually updated as necessary regarding the upcoming convention.

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Legislation Committee: E. Fitzgerald reported that several locksmiths had been fined for violations, including one company that had fines and restitution fees levied in excess of \$127,000.00

Newsletter: M. Arnold made a request for articles from the membership that he could print in the newsletter.

Convention Committee: S. Hellwig reported that we are ready for the convention, which starts next week, and that he is excited about the new location. S. Hellwig also reported that early preparations are already being worked on for our upcoming milestone 75th Anniversary Convention to be held in 2 years.

Program Committee: P. Kline reported that the topic of the October meeting program was still to be confirmed and thanked R. Marcinkowski for arranging the September program.

Nominations Committee: M. Arnold presented the slate for the elections to be held in November:

Officers:

President: Ed Fitzgerald ♦ Vice President: Nelson Dayton ♦ Recording Secretary: Maurice Onraet Corresponding Secretary: Dana Barnum; ♦ Sergeant at Arms: Barry Wilensky

Board of Directors: (6 to be elected)

Jim Handschuh ♦ Sven Hellwig, Sr. ♦ Paul Kline ♦ Ron Marcinkowski ♦ Mike Nimmo ♦ Scott Roop
Cliff Shafer ♦ John Williams.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Good of the Association: C. Shafer thanked the Association for the Get Well card he received during his recent kidney stone hospitalization. E. Fitzgerald reported that he won a gun safe at the ALOA convention.

50/50: \$40.00 was awarded to the winning ticket holder. Other prizes included a Keyincode lock donated by Joey Dalesio and a dozen farm-fresh eggs donated by Jim Handschuh.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by E. Fitzgerald, seconded by D. Barnum. Motion was passed unanimously at 8:58 PM

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

OUR CONVENTION PICTURES ARE NEXT.

Thanks to all the Instructors who shared their knowledge and time to teach at our annual convention.





Carol and John Williams
are welcoming
attendees to
Our Friday night social

"The Nifty Fifties"

Another GPLA event
that was well attended
and a lot of fun.



Our exhibit floor was well attended



Paul Kline is handing the cash prizes to Alex for winning the Expert Picking contest
and to John for winning the bumping contest



An arial shot of some of the tables at our 73rd. Award Banquet



↓ Sven Hellwig presents the Distinguished Distributor Award to UHS Hardware



↓ Marty Arnold presents the Lee Rognon Award to Richard Reichert



↓ Paul Kline presents the Gerald J Connolly Jr. Industry Award to Phil Agius



↓ Barry Wilensky presents the Herman Henssler Jr. Award to Edward Fitzgerald



The highlight of the evening
The presentation of the Philadelphia Award by Ed Fitzgerald to Tom Foxwell



Cliff Shafer posing as Arthur Murray



Our Sunday morning break-fast with
Committee Members, Instructors and guests



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ALLEGION

**The following members have volunteered as Candidates for Office
for the 2023-2024 term**

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Vice President	NELSON DAYTON
Corresponding Secretary	DANA BARNUM
Recording Secretary	MAURICE ONRAET
Sergeant at Arms	BARRY WILENSKY

BOARD MEMBERS VOTE FOR 6

Board of Director 1	CLIFF SHAFER
Board of Director 2	JIM HANDSCHUH
Board of Director 3	SVEN HELLWIG
Board of Director 4	PAUL KLINE
Board of Directors 5	RON MARCINKOWSKI
Board of Directors 6	MIKE NIMMO
Board of Director 7	SCOTT ROOP
Board of Director 8	JOHN WILLIAMS

Nominations will be taken of the floor at the October membership meetings

The election will be held at the November membership meeting

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