

Membership Notes:

Our President has been suffering from Covid over the Holidays. He is recovering slowly and tested negative. His fight with Covid has effected his asthma condition which flared up and has prevented him from going to work the last few weeks. Sorry Sven, that is not a very nice way to start he new year.

Marty & Nelly Arnold would like to extend their gratitude to the Officers and Members of GPLA for their support during our time of mourning. A special "thank you" to our President Sven Hellwig and our Chairman of the Board Paul Kline who regardless of the real bad weather attended the viewing of our granddaughter. Our President Elect Ed Fitzgerald and his wife Judy were also in attendance. Thank you all very much.

There are 6 members who have NOT paid their dues. The Membership Roster is being prepared now, if payment is not received by 1/16, you will not be listed in it.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

January 2023

Hello Members and Friends of GPLA.

I hope everyone's New Year started out with a bang and on the right foot! I hope the New Year brings new prosperity to everyone, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and give best wishes to all of the new Row Officers and Board of Directors on the beginning of our new administration.

If you haven't done so yet, please make your dinner reservations with Marty for our Monday night membership meeting and installation dinner. Hope to see everyone there.

Sincerely,

Your Lame Duck President, Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL

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Recording Secretary	MAURICE ONRAET
Sergeant at Arms	BARRY WILENSKY

Our New Board of Directors

Board of Director	JIM HANDSCHUH
Board of Director	SVEN HELLWI
Board of Director	PAUL KLINE
Board of Director	RON MARCINKOWSKI
Board of Director	CLIFF SHAFER
Board of Director	JOHN WILLIAMS
Alternate Member	MIKE NIMMO
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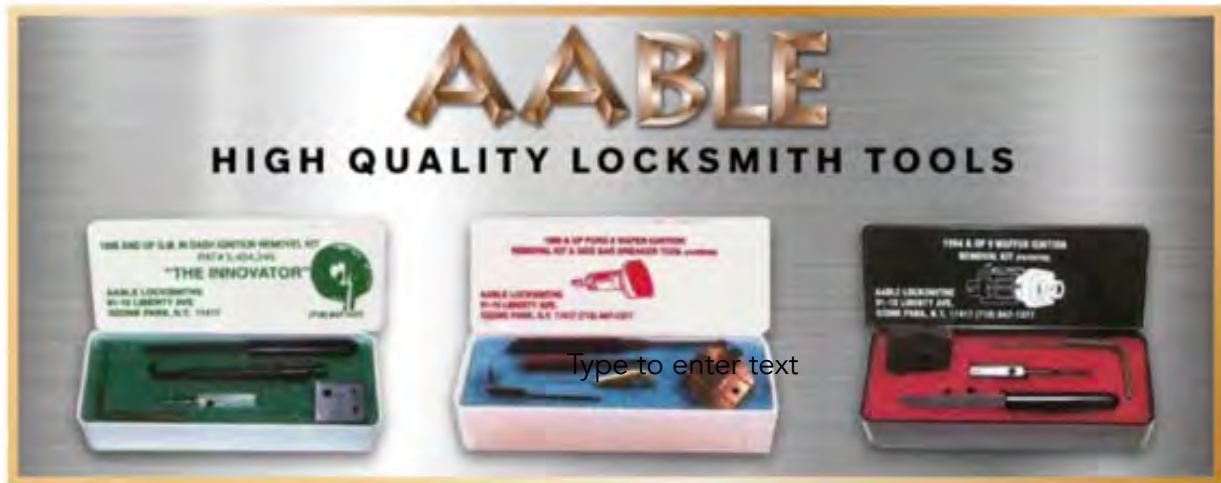
Below: The Installation of Officers in 2020

It sure looks like we are playing musical chairs again.



L to R: Director-Jim Handschuh, President-Sven Hellwig, Director-Joe Reustle, ALOA AIL Director-John Truempy, Recording Secretary-Cliff Shafer, Director-Paul Kline, Director-Ed Fitzgerald, Director-Barry Wilensky, Vice President-Maurice Onraet, Treasurer-Marty Arnold, Corresponding Secretary-John Williams, Sargeant at Arms-Orvis Kline.

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

The Mosler Story

The Mosler Safe Company is no more. Kaput dead - gone. At the end of the working day of August 3, 2001, Mosler Safe Co. ceased its operations and closed its doors.

The world's premier security brand was created shortly after the Civil War. Gustav Mosler, an Austrian immigrant, saw the need to protect the records of the many fledgling businesses created by the emergence of the American Industrial Revolution.

In 1867, he and a partner opened the Mosler-Bahmann Safe Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. Quickly the company's products became world famous for their quality and craftsmanship. In that era, Mosler safes were decorated in gold leaf with elaborate hand painted scenes, many painted by Gustav's son Henri.

By 1891, the company had outgrown its Cincinnati factory and relocated in nearby Hamilton, Ohio. This new location, chosen for its access to rail and barge travel, also offered nearby acreage for employee housing and schools for their children. Mosler corporate headquarters remained in Hamilton, Ohio.

Remarkable technical advancements characterized the company's progress into and throughout the 20th Century as America's security company. Mosler built the first fire-resistant safe. A Mosler screw door bank safe set the burglar and fire proof standards of the time. Mosler was first to develop lighter but stronger manganese steel to replace heavy cast-iron safes and vaults.

In the early 1900's Mosler blended engineering and art to build mammoth, magnificent vault doors for the nation's most prestigious banks. Many of these doors are still in use today.

During World War I, Mosler contributed to the U.S. defense and offered the time of its very willing employees to manufacture gun carriages in its Hamilton factory.

This era brought another Mosler security innovation. During the late 1920's the Company introduced the first U.L.-listed alarm system, making Mosler the first in the industry to market electronic security.

In 1932 at the World's Fair in St. Louis, Mosler displayed its most whimsical product to date —a tiny safe to hold George Washington's wooden false teeth.

As the popularity of the automobile turned America into a mobile society, Mosler responded by introducing the first drive-in banking system in the 1940's. Transactions were conducted at curbside by a teller who sat below street level peering through a submarine-type periscope called the Snorkel.

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