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7.00 Food & Refreshments

Meeting 7.30

NO MEETING THIS MONDAY
Our next meeting is scheduled
September 18

Program T.B.A

Tickets will be issued for another
Pin Kit donated by LAB

Drawing will be at the November meeting.

2023 Membership Rosters and ID cards
will still be available

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Presidents message

Hello GPLA members and friends,

June is here and there's always a lot going on. Between weddings, graduations, Fathers' Day, and vacation plans, June can be a very busy time. We're making plans to attend the ALOA Convention in Orlando representing GPLA along with several other members. There's always an opportunity to see some old friends and meet new ones.

Thanks go out to Cliff Shafer for putting together the picking class on the 10th at headquarters and providing an early opportunity to get CEUs for the next New Jersey licensing triennial period. Putting on a class take quite a bit of planning and we appreciate Cliff's efforts. Keep your eye on the newsletter and website for potentially another class or 2 in the fall.

Convention Chairman Sven Hellwig announced at the May general meeting that preparations for the 75th Anniversary Convention and Awards Banquet in 2024 are under way. He has signed a contract with the Live Casino and Hotel in South Philadelphia to host what we're sure will be a memorable event. Thank you, Sven, for the time and effort taken to look at numerous venues and find the right place for us.

You should have received an email by now about the headquarters and museum, so make sure you reach out to Cliff before the end of July to claim any donated items you may want returned. There will also be many other items and fixtures available if you're interested as we get closer to the end of the year. I'm hoping to see a good turnout for the September meeting and Paul Kline will be working on arranging for a program. I hope everyone has a chance over the summer to take some time off, do a little traveling, or spend time with family and friends. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and hope to see you in September. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Ed Fitzgerald, CML
President

**Thank you “Bill Neff” for printing the ID Cards
and Membership Rosters**

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Our Board Chairman, who also carries the hat of the Education Chair organized a class on lock picking this month. Thanks Cliff for your time and efforts pulling this one off.



I applaud you Sir !!!



Below are John Truempy and Vernon Kelley instructing a class on Picking.



Membership Notes

Last month Life member #46 Sonny Brunell passed away recently at the age of 81. Sonny served many GPLA office position in the early and middle 70's. He was my VP during my term as President and has been my golf buddy ever since. Rest in peace my Friend, I will miss you!

Our Secretary's wife, Diana Barnum had a serious fall in her kitchen and was hospitalized with fractured ribs and a collapsed lung. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Have a Happy Summer



Upcoming Conventions in 2023

ALOA will be August 6 to 12, 2023 In Orlando, FL

The International Automotive Association convention will be
September 14 to 16 in Kansas City, MO

2023 Yankee show is from October 25 to October 29 in Springfield, MA

SAVTA will be in Tulsa OK on April 22-27, 2024

GPLA 75th Convention will be held September 25-28, 2024
at the Live Casino Hotel in Philadelphia, PA



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Minutes of the May 2023 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on May 20, 2023 and was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Ed Fitzgerald.

The Sergeant at Arms Barry Wilensky lead us off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ed Fitzgerald welcomed Honorary member Carol Williams.

Program: No Program. Paul Kline announced that if anyone has any ideas for future programs to please let him know.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Barry Wilensky approved the January minutes with a second from Dana Barnum and was approved unanimously by the Membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marty Arnold stated that the Treasurers Report for February 1 through March 31 was passed unanimously by the Board. Marty reminded all in attendance that any Member in good-standing may request a copy of the financial statement.

Correspondence In and Out: Corresponding Secretary Dana Barnum stated that he did not have any correspondence in or out. Clifford Shafer added that he had received a number of applicants for the Lock Picking course.

President's Report: President Ed Fitzgerald thanked Jimmy Armenakis for getting the food together for the meeting. Ed Fitzgerald stated that we are not having a 2023 Convention but will have a Convention in 2024, GPLA's 75th anniversary, which will give the Convention Committee more time to prepare for a memorial event. Ed Fitzgerald added that the GPLA membership cards and roster are in and thanked Marty Arnold and Bill Neff for their work getting the membership cards and rosters together. Ed Fitzgerald then added that there is an addendum to the roster. Ed then mentioned that The Pennsylvania Burglar & Fire Alarm Association sent him their Newsletter "Bellringer". Ed stated that the PBFAA also has seminars that Locksmiths might be interested in. Ed reported that the next General Meeting will be June 19th or September 18th, an announcement will go out letting the membership know.

Membership: Vice President Nelson Dayton stated that there are four potential members being voted on, John DePew applying as Apprentice member, Dan McGlynn applying as Active member, Anthony Wiersielis applying as Associate member and Martin White applying as Active member. Barry Wilensky added that all four potential members were approved by the Board. Ballots were handed out, collected and counted. Barry Wilensky announced that the votes for all four candidates were unanimous and Nelson Dayton can contact the new members.

Education: Cliff Shafer stated that there will be an 8 CEU classes coming up on Lock Picking, taught by John Truempy and Vernon Kelley on Saturday, June 10, 2023 – 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Health and Welfare: President Ed Fitzgerald stated that Nelly Arnold fell and hit her head and was admitted into the hospital overnight, Marty Arnold happily added that Nelly is doing much better. Ed added that his wife Judy had a cochlear implant activated in March and can hear much better, she is having the second ear operated on the end of the year or the beginning of 2024. Ed then added that Jim Hancock Education Director for ALOA passed away on March first. Ed then added that Ron Blevin has a rare blood disorder and not doing well. Marty Arnold reported to the Board that Robert McClatchie passed away at the age of 92 in 2022. Ed reported that Sonny Brunell had a mini-stroke and had a stent inserted in one of his arteries.

Newsletter: Marty Arnold stated that last months Newsletter was sent out to membership only because of the information written on the possible future of GPLA. Marty then added that the latest Newsletter was sent out to everyone. Marty reported that he received payment from 4 of the 7 advertisers, LAB, ClearStar, Fried Brothers and Doorwares Associates.

Convention: Ed Fitzgerald stated that Sven Hellwig has been working hard reviewing several options for the next Convention. Ed then added that all the paperwork has not been signed but the next Convention will probably be at the Live Casino in South Philadelphia. Ed then added that the date planned for the Convention is sometime at the end of September 2024. Cliff Schafer added how hard Sven worked and how much time Sven put in securing a new location for the Convention.

PA Legislation: Nothing new to report.

NJ Legislation: Ed Fitzgerald stated that there are several Locksmith and Security businesses that are fined \$5000 for operating without a license. Ed then added that there are five new applicants being reviewed.

Bylaws: Vernon Kelley out, nothing reported. **Building:** Nothing to report **Old Business:** Nothing to report.

New Business: A presentation was made by President Ed Fitzgerald at the March 2023 non-official meeting, since there was no quorum present no minutes were recorded. Some discussion followed with the members in attendance that night, and it was suggested this statement be published in the April 2023 Newsletter, as part of the president's message. The subject of this presentation came up again at the May meeting, but as stated above this presentation was previously published in the April newsletter.

To review this statement please go the April newsletter and read the Presidents message.

Good of the Association: Marty Arnold mentioned that our Sargent at Arms Barry Wilensky has the GPLA membership cards and roster for those who did not pick them up.

Clifford Shafer stated that no matter the direction of the future of GPLA, we will be moving out of the headquarters in a year or less. Cliff added that if you donated anything to the collections in the Connelly Museum and want your donation back to please let us know. Cliff added that the museum collection might be donated to another museum, or disposed of in some manner such as sell or donate it to another organization.

Barry Wilensky announced that tonight we will be giving away \$35 and a few other nice prizes. Barry then thanked Ken Kramer for donating.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 was made by Dana Barnum and was seconded by John Williams.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary

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A Timeline for the History of Locksmithing

BY DON OSHALL

This story started in the March newsletter

In 1979, ALOA sponsored the National Task Group for Certified Training Programs, Master Keying Study Group. Its charge was to develop standardized training on master keying and standardized terminology for the industry as applied to master keying. This was the predecessor of the LIST Council. In 1981 Don OShall Sr. publishes Practical Master Keying of Pin Tumbler locks, the first book to actually cover the how-to of Rotating Constant Method or Partial Progression, and the first to explore additional application of incidental master keys.

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In 1982, Hank Spicer introduces his first book on foreign car lock servicing, the first book in the industry to use actual photographs. He also was later the first to offer video tape training, and was well known for introducing the method of impressioning GM sidebar locks.

In 1982, the ALOA sponsored National Task Group for Certified Training Programs, Master Keying Study Group completed their initial studies and published the first edition of what was to become the LIST Council Locksmith Dictionary

In 1983, the Institutional Locksmiths Association was founded by a group of thirteen locksmiths in Massachusetts.

In 1983, Abloy introduced its popular European locking products to the American market.

In 1986, Briggs and Stratton introduced VATS automobile security systems.

In 1990, Billy B. Edwards, Jr. updates his earlier book to create Master Keying By The Numbers, the book that introduces the Matrix Format.

In 1992 Bill Reed formed Reed's Security Reporter magazine with Greg Mango and others. .

In 1993, after 101 years under the same holding company, Corbin & Russwin consolidated their product lines into one.

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In 1995, Jay Long created the **ClearStar Security Network**, the first online location for the sharing of information among Locksmiths.

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In 2005, Master Keying instructors Don OShall Sr, Tony West and John Truempy band together to write Master Keying Specification, Application and Management, which despite its unwieldy name is the first book to cover all the aspects of keying conferences, application of charts to the customer's system and hardware schedules, as well as introducing the concept of master key systems as a mechanical system with a predictable life cycle.

In 2006, Greg Brockway maps all the possible incidental master keys and they are included as a full chapter in Advanced Master Keying Skills by Don OShall Sr. which also introduces the first single diagram universal pinning charts for each of the interchangeable Core products on the market.

In 2014, The Institutional Locksmith published this article, putting a little bit of Locksmithing history at your fingertips, and granted Key Issues permission to re-print it. Sadly, history happens every day so there is no way we can cover everything of importance, but we hope you enjoyed knowing the facts we have presented.

About the Author

Don OShall is the author of over 40 books and booklets for Locksmiths and has been a nationally recognized instructor since 1973, and held a N.Y. State issued Teacher's certificate for Locksmithing, Safes and Alarms. He is a member of the LIST Council and a Life Member of the ILA, ALOA, ClearStar Security Network and the VFW. He is Associate Editor of The Institutional Locksmith magazine. He has managed commercial locksmith shops, wholesale lock distributorships and Institutional Locksmith shops, and served as a nationally recognized legal expert and consultant on Keying Systems.

Don OShall passed away in 2018 at the age of 68. He was the recipient of the coveted Philadelphia Award in 2016





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