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**Our next meeting will be on
Monday January 15, 2024**

Food & Refreshments at 7.00

Meeting at 7.30

PROGRAM

**We will be voting on the bylaws changes as published in
the December and January newsletter.**

**Curtis Hill from Dormakaba will make a
presentation on the PHI Exits and Best EHD 9016.**

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2024 to All.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

**Board Member Sven Hellwig had serious arm surgery
performed, which will put his arm in a sling for weeks.**

Rosters and ID card will be available at the next meeting.

***If your E-mail or phone or anything else changed, send it
to me as soon as possible at <martysr1@mac.com>***

**If you want your picture or a new picture on your ID card,
see Marty at the meeting.**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello GPLA members and friends,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and were able to get together with family and friends and maybe enjoy a little break. With the new year comes the opportunity to set new goals, personally and professionally, and to look forward to hopefully another successful year for our careers, businesses, and GPLA.

With the new year comes some significant changes for GPLA as well. In a year that's already filled with anticipation and excitement for the 75th anniversary convention, we will also soon be without a headquarters after more than 30 years. A new chapter for GPLA for sure and make it a point to check the newsletter and website for general meeting information and locations moving forward. It's important that we have meetings that are well attended and meaningful. If you have a program or topic of interest you would like to see become a part of our meetings, please reach out to Paul Kline our program chairman. Input from the membership is the best way to make the meetings interesting and for Paul to get some ideas of what the members are looking for.

This will also be a record year for the Connelly-Singer Scholarship Foundation which will be awarding 15 scholarships for classes at the convention. These scholarships are open to both members and non-members. The scholarship applications are on the website, and I encourage you if you're interested or know someone that is, to get it completed and submitted as soon as possible for consideration by the foundation. This is a rare opportunity to get into some top-notch education, so don't let it pass you by.

So, as we enter 2024, keep in mind that the success and future of GPLA and the convention will depend on the membership. We need members that are willing to step up and put in the effort necessary to make things happen. Consider getting involved. See you on the 15th. Thank you and take care.

Respectfully,

Ed Fitzgerald, CML

President

**When you realize that
1970 and 2022 are as
far apart as 1970 and
1918 I'm just
going to need a
minute**

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PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

The bylaw committee has proposed the following bylaw changes, to allow building fund disbursement decisions be made by the he Board of Directors.

Elimination of section 2 A, B and part of C of our bylaws.

2. The monies contained in the building fund are to be under the safe keeping of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and deposited in an account in the ASSOCIATION'S name separate from all other funds of the ASSOCIATION. Funds may be transferred from the operating fund to the building fund of the ASSOCIATION by a majority vote of eligible members present at any regular membership meeting. Monies may be dispersed from the building fund for any suitable purpose by the following procedure:

(a) Notice of the proposed disbursement, setting forth the purpose thereof, shall be sent to each voting member at least ten (10) days before any meeting.

(b) A written authorization stating the purpose of the disbursement must be signed by two- thirds (2/3) or more of the voting membership in attendance at the meeting designated in (a) above.

(c) A Quorum must be present at the designated meeting and written proxies from absent members will be included in the tabulation.

NEW SECTION B:

1. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall have supervision of the operating fund, the building fund and other property of the ASSOCIATION. The BOARD shall have full power to authorize the performance of acts to carry out the objectives and purposes of the ASSOCIATION.

2. Disbursements from the building fund shall be signed by any two (2) of the following: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER or CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The purpose of this change is to expedite our 75th convention financial obligations in timely manner.



Now that's a good one !

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop for a shave and a haircut.

He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age.

The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed that little ball.

The barber replied,

"Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does!"

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From L to R. Tony Wiersielis, the North East ALOA Director who performed the installation. Ron Marcinkowski, Director. Edw. Fitzgerald, President. Nelson Dayton Vice President. Dana Barnum Corr. Secretary. Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary. Barry Wilensky, Sergeant of Arms. Sven Hellwig, Director. Paul Kline, Director. Cliff Shafer, Director. Marty Arnold, Treasurer. Jim Handschuh, Director. John Williams, Director.



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DOB: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Employer: _____ Supervisor's Name: _____

Work Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Number: _____ Position: _____

Type of classes desired: _____

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:

Please return completed application to:

Cliff Shafer, c/o CLC Locksmiths, 2103 Branch Pike, Cinnaminson, NJ, 08077-3044

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