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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

All of a sudden Christmas is here! The end of the year is just around the corner and all the things we had to do may have to wait till next year. I have been very busy last month with the Serlac convention in Florida and the board meeting the first part of November. Everything is shaping up for the convention in February and you should start seeing fliers coming from your locksmith distributors with your next order. Everyone should take time to register as soon as you can. Get your classes picked and your room reservation made. It's just crazy how time flies. The next thing you know it will be February.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Roy Yetter

President

Texas License Verification

If you are curious as to whether an individual or company is licensed through the Department of Public Safety, it is simple to research on the DPS web site. To do so, just follow these steps:

1. Go to the Texas DPS Private Security Board Web Page at <http://www.tcps.state.tx.us>
2. On the Bottom Left, Select Search Individual or Search Company.
3. Enter Known Information
4. Press Enter, or Select Search

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I encourage you to Subscribe to TLA's eMailing List to receive important announcements and the most up-to-date information as it is posted. By subscribing, you will also save the Association printing and mailing costs.

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE FUND

The Texas Locksmiths Association monitors legislation, licensing, and regulation to look after the interests of locksmiths in Texas. A portion of the membership dues helps maintain this program, but additional contributions are needed. Those wishing to support this effort with a donation or donate items for auction, please contact a member of the board or call 1-877-TLA-INFO.

UP COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER	JANUARY
11 ALNT MEETS	1 NEW YEARS DAY
12 GHLA MEETS	8 ALNT MEETS
14 LASA MEETS	9 GHLA MEETS
18 GDLA MEETS	11 LASA MEETS
25 CHRISTMAS	15 GDLA MEETS
31 NEW YEARS EVE	

Visit TLA's Website at www.texaslocksmiths.org



TLA IS AN AFFILIATE MEMBER OF ALOA
www.aloa.org

MEMBERSHIP

The following persons have applied for membership in the Texas Locksmiths Association.

Applicants will be listed in the Advisor for a period of 30 days to allow members the opportunity to identify any applicant that may be deemed "not suitable" for membership and allow proper notification of the Secretary, Colleen McAdoo at 832-593-8755 or email sec@texaslocksmiths.org, of such applicant.

Due to the recent bylaw change requiring posing for 30 days, all previous applicants have been published and were approved by the Board.

N O N E

Texas Locksmith Association

c/o P.O. Box 308
Borger, Texas 79008-0308

Dear Valued supporter of the Texas Locksmith Association,

We hope this short note finds all of you well, in good health, and your business booming. My name is Robert Vinyard, I am a board member of the Texas Locksmith Association and I am assisting Mr. Jim Hetchler with a task to see that all of the companies that wish to continue with advertisements in the TLA "Advisor" are properly registered and billed for. It has been discovered that the previous party(s) responsible, was not diligent in making sure that advertisement fees were assessed on a timely fashion. This short note is just to inform you that if any published ad is not currently being billed for in this 2006 year, not to worry. We realize that this was not your fault. However, we would like all companies that desire to continue advertisement in the TLA Advisor, to do so by completing the attached application form, and returning it as soon as practical. All currently printed ads will discontinue as of Jan. 1, 07. We would appreciate your early response so as to not interrupt your current advertisement in the Advisor. Thank you for your valued support of the TLA and if we can be of any assistance or answer any questions you may have, please feel free to ask.

TLA LONGHORN AWARD

The Texas Locksmiths Association recognizes a member of our association each year through presentation of the TLA Longhorn Award.

The person recognized must have provided extended unselfish devotion to the Texas Locksmiths Association without compensation, and through those efforts have made TLA a better association with lasting results.

The award is patterned after the most prestigious locksmith industry award, The Philadelphia Award.

Some members having received the award include:

Larry McCall	Howard Johnsen	Bill Reed
Gerald Connelly	Breck Camp	Herman Stroud
Judy Clifford	Rex Parmelee	Wanda Clark
Andrea Dee Buchs	James P. Rushing	Butch Titus
Pat Titus	ALOA	Dan Floeck

*TO PLACE YOUR NOMINATION FOR THIS AWARD, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURN TO THE AWARDS CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2007.

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I, _____ nominate _____
As a candidate for receipt of the TLA Longhorn Award based on the following:

(attach separate page if needed.)

**Visit TLA's Website at
www.texaslocksmiths.org**

SUBMISSIONS TO TEXAS LOCKSMITHS ADVISOR

**Send your Comments, Questions, Suggestions, Articles, Letters,
Tips & Tricks, News & Class/Event Information to the Editor by:**

Email to: TLA_Newsletter@hotmail.com

Regular Mail to:

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Submissions for inclusion in this publication must be received by the 10th of the month prior to the publication date. E.g., Submissions for the December issue must be received by November 10.

TLA Convention Set for Feb. 14-18

Don't forget about the TLA convention set for the Sofitel Hotel in Houston February 14-18. The convention has some great classes and seminars scheduled, along with plenty of fun. As usual, there will be a casino night and plenty of other chances to get together and have a great time rubbing shoulders with fellow locksmiths, spouses and suppliers. HL Flake company has a tour lined up with complimentary food, and there will be chances to win a large number of great prizes at various events throughout the convention.

The convention booklet is in its final stages of completion, and you will be receiving it shortly. You may also visit the TLA website at www.texaslocksmiths.org for updated details as they become available. The TLA business meeting is also on the agenda.

Be sure to attend.....it's YOUR TLA!

LIFE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

BASED ON OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION

I, _____ nominate _____

for a life membership in the Texas Locksmiths Association.

I feel this member qualifies for Life Membership based on the reasons indicated below: *(please check all that apply.)*

- Has served on the TLA Board
- Has served on TLA committees
- Has written articles for TLA *Advisor*
- Has been a TLA member for _____ years
- Has taught classes for TLA
- Has formed classes for TLA
- Has served as Director to TLA

Local Association affiliation _____

**Please understand that not every nominee for Life Membership may receive one; we are limited to the number of awards we may offer each year. In case of multiple nominations, awards will be given based on the nominee's contributions to the association.*

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE AWARDS CHAIRMAN
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Texas Locksmith Association

Associate Membership
"Advisor" Advertisement
Application Form

Firm: _____
Attn: _____ Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Note: These ads are business card style ads. We need your camera ready art work ie business card, in order to place this ad in our "Advisor" monthly booklet. By signing this application form, you authorize the Texas Locksmith Association to use any or all of your registered trademark art work in its "Advisor " booklet and Hold Harmless the Texas Locksmith Association for this act.

This application for advertisement will be in effect for a period of one year, from Jan 1, 07 to Dec.31, 07. The fee for this business card ad in the "Advisor" is \$75.00 per year.

Thank you, for supporting your Texas Locksmith Association in this way.....

Authorized signature: _____

Printed name _____

Please return your artwork, signed application, and fee to;

Colleen McAdoo -TLA Sect.
5023 Addicks Satsuma Road
Houston, Texas 77084
Ph (832) 893-8755
e-mail sec@texaslocksmith.org

For TLA use only

Date application received _____

Date application approved _____

Artwork received yes _____ no _____

Check number _____

GEORGE ROBBINS MEMORIAL EDUCATION AWARD

This award was established to recognize a member of the industry for his/her outstanding accomplishments in the field of educational service to the Texas Locksmiths Association.

Recipients of this award must have qualifications in teaching, planning, and/or managing educational classes for the Texas Locksmiths Association. Nominees should meet one or more of these accomplishments to qualify.

Some past recipients include:

Rex Parmelee	James P. Rushing	Buddy Clifford
Bill Reed	Kenny Lee	Steve Young
Gus Pena	Jerry McNickle	Wanda Clark
Judy Clifford	Keith Knott	Jim Hetchler

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I, _____ nominate _____
For the George Robbins Education Award based on the following:

(use additional page if needed.)

LockPAC Pledge Card

One for One

(One service call fee for One year)

The Texas Locksmith Association needs your help! The future of OUR industry is in our hands. If you want the laws of this state to reflect your wishes, and be passed into law in a way that benefits all locksmiths of our great state, then TLA is asking for two things of you.

1. Would you pledge one service call fee a month for one year?
2. Would you make an honest attempt to sign up a non –member. The leaders of our state must see that the TLA represents the majority.

If each one of the companies currently a member of TLA pledge the above, we would double our membership to about 1000 in a year! And provide OUR lobbyist the tools to work on our behalf. Invest in your future. The license laws are new, and will change! Let's make sure they change in our favor! Please sign up today!

I, _____ will pledge one service call fee per month for one year to support our lobbyist efforts, and I will contact one non-member and ask him to join TLA.

It's that simple! You my mail in your pledge monthly, quarterly, or yearly. Thank you in advance for being responsible with our future, together.

TLA Board of Directors.....

Company Name: _____

TLA Member Number: _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Complete and Mail to Secretary
Or email information to sec@texaslocksmiths.org

OLD:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

NEW:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Email _____ Effective Date _____

_____ FOLD HERE _____

**PLACE
STAMP
HERE**

RETURN TO TLA SECRETARY:

**COLLEEN McADOO
5023 Addicks Satsuma Rd. Ste. E
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