

# NEWS from the Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee

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### Special points of interest:

PIM would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays and thank everyone for the support that you have shown us throughout this past year. We love sharing this newsletter with you every month and last month we had well over 100 new subscribers! Milwaukee is a great community to be in and you continue to show your support year after year. We appreciate each and every one of you so very much and look forward to 2015!!

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## Expedition to Sedamsville Rectory and Bobby Mackey's

On November 8th PIM packed up the truck and headed out for another mini Expedition. Their destination, Sedamsville, Ohio to investigate the Sedamsville Rectory. This was PIM's second time investigating the rectory. The first was in July of 2013 and it was HOT but a few personal experiences were had so PIM was very excited to return. The rectory has had it's fair share of paranormal teams that visit and investigate and many people believe that the rectory holds negative energy resulting from it's strangely dark past considering it is a church rectory. A priest that lived at the rectory was killed by an oncoming train in the 1800's, another priest is rumored to have molested and abused children, and in it's most recent years it is believed that dog fighting was set up in the basement of the rectory until the Midwest Preservation Society purchased it to bring it back to it's former glory. During PIM's investigation last month a few personal experiences were had including an IR light that slid across a shelf above a heat register and tipped over during an EVP session in the "Creepy Room". It was heard by all five of the investigators and witnessed by one but unfortunately was not caught on video. PIM has written a report about this investigation and will be posting it to their website soon if you would like to read about the entire investigation at Sedamsville Rectory. PIM also had the opportunity to stay the night at the rectory. No one reported any activity while they were sleeping though. Evidence review for this case is still ongoing but hopefully will be done soon.



After the investigation at Sedamsville Rectory the crew packed up their equipment and traveled over the boarder into Kentucky for their second night of investigating. This time it was Bobby Mackey's. This was the 3rd visit to Mackey's since July of 2013. The first time PIM investigated Mackey's it was a short 5 hour investigation from start to finish but it was the most eventful 5 hours PIM had every experienced on an investigation. It also left PIM with more questions about the paranormal and the events that occurred at Mackey's than answers. PIM quickly settled on a return trip after the eventful July night and returned in September of 2013 but was held to a much stricter investigation and was closely watched and monitored by the then investigation overseer, Wanda Kay. This time everything changed. PIM was welcomed this time by Denise Mackey the co-owner of Bobby Mackey's and Bobby's wife. She opened the doors and let PIM get to work on setting up equipment. She also informed them that she would soon be leaving but an investigator from Gatekeeper Paranormal would be coming shortly to spend the evening with us in case there was something we needed. Kim from Gatekeeper arrived and was very kind and was considerate enough to spend the evening sitting in her car so she wouldn't disturb or contaminate our investigation. It was far more than we could have ever asked for and this was hands down the best investigation we ever had at Bobby Mackey's. It was extremely smooth and easy and we were able to investigate exactly the way we wanted to without the limitations we were subjected to under Wanda. The night in itself was very quiet and nothing of note occurred but our evidence review is still ongoing. We hope to finish soon and will post our report on this investigation as soon as we do.



We would like to send a huge thanks to Midwest Preservation Society, everyone at Bobby Mackey's and Gatekeeper Paranormal. Both investigations were fantastic and we couldn't be more thankful for having the ability to investigate in the scientific manor that we prefer. We appreciate you sharing your wonderful locations with us!!



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## CALENDER OF EVENTS

**December 5th: Investigation in Greenfield, WI**

**December 13th: PIM Christmas Party**

**PIM was able to donate over 110 lbs. of food to Hunger Task Force.  
Thanks to everyone who donated at one of our library events!**

**Happy Holidays and Happy New Year Everyone!!!**

# The John Krahnicles

By John Krahn

Ouija-The Movie, now playing at a theater near you!!! One cannot expect to go a month without a demonic themed movie being released. If you use a Ouija Board, you risk opening a portal that can allow an evil entity to attach to you; or can it? Let's delve deeper into this issue and look at this logically. Let's look at the history of the Ouija Board. The Ouija Board is a variation of automatic writing, i.e. holding a writing implement and attempting to allow a spirit to write messages using the holder of the implement as a conduit. One of the first mentions of automatic writing was around 1100 AD in China. Fast forward to the 1800's. In the late 1800's, spiritualism flourished. People became obsessed with communicating with the dead.

In 1886, Elijah Bond, an attorney, and several other investors, including a gentleman by the name of Col. Washington Bowie and Charles Kennard, started a company, Kennard Novelty Company, to market what was to become known as "Ouija Boards". They were not spiritualists, but they knew a good marketing product when they saw it. Most people believe that the "Ouija" name came about as a translation of French, for "yes", "Oui", and German for "Yes", "Ja", which, quite honestly never made sense to me. The truth is Bond and his sister-in-law, Helen Peters, were sitting around the table, asking the board what to name it. The name, "Ouija" was indicated by the board. They asked what that meant and received the response, "Good luck." Peters was wearing a locket with a photo of a woman with the name, "Ouija", over her head. It is possible that the photo was of a famous author that Peters admired, "Ouida" and the name was misread. Bond went to the patent office in Washington, taking Peters, a self-proclaimed medium to get the board patented. The Patent Officer would only agree to grant the patent if they could provide the correct spelling of his name using the board, which they did. I am going to go out on a limb here and guess that was public information. The Patent Officer, suitably impressed, granted the patent for this "toy." This patent did not explain how the board worked; only that it did, adding to the mystery of the device.

Around 1893, Kennard and Bond left the company. William Fuld started in the Kennard Novelty Company as a lowly employee and worked his way up to running the company. In 1898, Fuld licensed the exclusive rights to make the board. The board became immensely popular. It was considered a fun means of getting answers and something to believe in. Spiritualists were not so pleased with the device as it encroached into their area and they were not needed to communicate with the dead, allegedly.

In 1966, Fuld sold the rights to the game to Parker Brothers, which was then sold to Hasbro in 1991 and they currently own the rights to the game.

Until the 1970's, the Ouija Board was considered a fun form of entertainment, often done as a family activity. It is interesting to note that before the 1970's, there are not many references to negative forces influencing the users. The few claims that did surface were likely just the result of a creative "the devil made me do it" defense." There were far more people using the board back then than now so why is it considered a portal to evil now when it wasn't back then?

In 1973 "The Exorcist" movie was released. Just as "Jaws" kept people out of the water, "The Exorcist" scared the heck out of people, particularly since it was alleged to be based on a true story and the girl became possessed as a result of using the "Ouija" or "Spirit Board." After that, the board was considered a tool of evil. Did demons decide to infiltrate our realm as a result of the movie being released? Not likely. People greatly underestimate the influence of belief and psychology.

So how does the Ouija Board work? Ok, here it is. It is the result of one of two things. Either one or more people are intentionally moving the planchette (the plastic triangular piece) or they are doing it unconsciously as a result of ideomotor muscle responses. These are muscle movements that happen on an unconscious level, no matter how much we think we are not moving our hands, for example. The theory is that two people are needed, for the most part, to put their hands on the planchette and an entity uses their energy to communicate through the device. If that is the case, why does it have to be two or more people? Aha, I know! It takes the energy of at least two people to allow the entity to communicate. The energy is transferred to the planchette from the two people. Wait a minute, wouldn't the same thing happen if, say, one person had a single finger on the top of the planchette and the other person was touching their back, thereby transferring the energy that way? If it is the spirit that is communicating, the person using the board should be able to be blindfolded and they should still get the same responses. Take it one step further, how about blindfolding them and then not telling them the board was turned upside down. They should get the same responses.

The Ouija Board is a board made of pressed wood. There is nothing special about the board itself that would lead it to be able to open portals to other dimensions. I have used the Ouija Board and had nothing bad happen. Some people say it will only work if you believe in it. However, in theory, using the Ouija Board can allow something negative to come through. So if a person is a non-believer that protects them against demons and evil entities from attaching or connecting to you? Not according to demonology theory. They can't have it both ways. In theory, not believing in demons, if they exist, does not protect you.

Noah has brought attention to the irresponsible demon hunting group, Christian Support Ministries, who see demons under every rock. They believe that even watching the movie, "Ouija" can cause you to get possessed. When they interview a new client, one of the first questions they ask is, "Did you ever use a Ouija Board?" According to them, time doesn't matter so even if you used it 30 years ago, you are at risk. Here is the thing. Throw a rock into a crowd and you will probably hit someone who used a Ouija Board. If you ask a large number of people who experience paranormal activity if they wear tennis shoes, most will say yes. Does that mean that tennis shoes are causing paranormal activity?

A Ouija Board is used by asking questions, attempting to contact spirits and get answers. What if the alphabet is written on a piece of cardboard and a wine glass is used as a planchette? Will that open these portals? On Ghost Stalkers, they claim a group using a Ouija Board opened a portal that allowed an evil entity into Farrar School in Iowa. Has anyone even proven such things as portals exist? No. Paranormal teams frequently use K11 EMF detectors to communicate with entities. They will ask the entity to cause one to light up green for yes and perhaps red for no. Isn't that the exact same thing that is done with a Ouija Board? I don't hear about portals to hell being opened by using K11 meters. What about EVP sessions? Isn't that the same thing as well? An attempt is made to make contact and get answers from an entity at a location. I don't believe the wooden board has any mystical properties to communicate with the dead.

As I said previously, the psychological effects on a person based on their beliefs can have a powerful effect on a person. They may believe and convince themselves very negative things are happening and being experienced as a result of using a Ouija Board.

Our team has done experiments with the Ouija Board. We were warned that catastrophic and dire consequences would happen if we did. Guess what? Nothing. These experiments have even been done at notoriously haunted locations with supposedly evil entities there. With all the reports of demonic growling, things flying around as a result and the hundreds of thousands of people using the Ouija Board, why has nothing been captured on video? If it is that definitive that all kinds of bad things would happen, then by using it, it should be easy to capture proof of this.

Could it be dangerous to attempt to summon demons to your location whether using a Ouija Board or other method? I don't know. I personally wouldn't go inviting evil demons into my house but that is based on my personal religious beliefs. What can I say; I err on the side of caution. But by the same token, I don't believe putting your hand on a piece of plastic on a board and attempting to ask questions of possible spirits there, is going to open a portal to hell where demons are going to traverse and attach to you. Nor is there any credible evidence that would substantiate that belief. If anyone has any questions about this, please contact us through our website: [www.paranormalmilwaukee.com](http://www.paranormalmilwaukee.com).

### Recent Events/Investigations

- On November 1st PIM members Noah, Gravy, Denys and Missy held a presentation at the Milwaukee Public Museum during their Halloween Hauntings Event. PIM would like to thank MPM for inviting PIM to speak at this wonderful Halloween event for the second year in a row!
- On November 8th and 9th PIM members Noah, Gravy, Tony, John and Missy traveled to Sedamsville Rectory and Bobby Mackey's. These were great investigations and we had such a fantastic time. You can read more about these two investigations on Page 1.
- On November 12th PIM held a library presentation at the Elm Grove Library. Thank you to everyone who came out. It was well attended and we hope to hold more events at the Elm Grove Library in the future.
- On November 14th PIM held a presentation at Carroll University. PIM had joined forces in October with Carroll's own CSPR (Carroll's Society for Paranormal Research) and investigated MacAllister Hall. The presentation on the 14th was open to all Carroll students and was very well attended. PIM would like to thank CSPR for having us out for both the presentation and the investigation. We had such a great time!

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