

# NEWS from the Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee

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## A LOOK BACK AT OCTOBER

### Special points of interest:

Don't miss the final Library Event of the Season on November 12th at the Elm Grove Library. These events last around an hour and PIM will have a presentation on how we conduct investigations, different types of hauntings, EVP evidence review, and much more. We will also have a question and answer session. We hope to see you there!

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October is a great month to be a paranormal investigator. This month alone PIM has done 8 public library events and investigated two locations that were open for the public to join us. For the first time we did a public event at the Chudnow Museum of Yesteryear. What a great event this was! Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us. We had great participation from everyone and even had a few events that happened, including a possible disembodied voice of a little girl possibly saying her name. A big thank you to the staff at the Chudnow Museum for giving us the honor of investigating this very historic and important location in Milwaukee's history.



We also held a public event at the Brumder Mansion. We have held many events here in the past and the Brumder never disappoints. This night was especially special as it was Halloween night! This was the first time PIM has ever held a public investigation on Halloween. We hope to keep the tradition going in the future and continue to share our passion for investigating this amazing location with people who are interested and like minded in the paranormal for years to come. Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us on Halloween night. What a great way to spend Halloween!!

### Our Free Library

Event Series started on October 9th at the New Berlin Library and continued throughout the month with events at the Franklin, Greendale, West Allis, and Brookfield Libraries. These events are so meaningful to us at PIM because it gives you a chance to not only learn what we do, how we do it and why but to talk with everyone in an intimate setting and answer your questions. PIM exists as a team because of you, the public. We want to make sure you are as aware as you can be as to what we are about. We are so thankful for everyone who came out to these events and for all the great questions and



support. We also want to thank all the libraries for hosting our events. We also collected non-perishable items for Hunger Task Force at all of our events which we will donate after our last event which will be held on November 12th at the Elm Grove Public Library. We hope to continue doing these events at these libraries in the years to come!



A huge thanks goes out to UW-Oshkosh where we received star treatment during our visit and presentation there. UW-Oshkosh hosted Noah and John to come out for one night and give a presentation on paranormal investigation. They were received with lots of cheers, excitement and banners galore. Many people came to listen and learn and it was a very fun night. We certainly hope to do this again sometime and possibly expand to other collages as well.

For the first time PIM did a late night presentation at the Safe House in downtown Milwaukee. This is such a unique and cool location. Everything went well and we hope to work with them again.

Lastly for those that are Milwaukee Museum Members, PIM did two nights of presentations on October 31st and November 1st. This was PIM's second year doing these and it is always lots of fun. Thank you MPM for having us out again this year! We hope we gave everyone an opportunity to come and join us this past month. We truly appreciate all of your support! You have given us so much to be thankful for in this month of Thanksgiving!





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**CALANDER OF EVENTS**

**November 1st:** Presentation at the Milwaukee Public Museum

**November 8th:** Investigation at Sedamsville Rectory

**November 9th:** Investigation at Bobby Mackey's

**November 12th:** Public Presentation at the Elm Grove Library (6:30 start)

**November 14th:** Private Presentation and investigation at Carroll University

## Sedamsville Rectory and Bobby Mackey's

On November 7th PIM will be traveling to Ohio to investigate Sedamsville Rectory and then cross the border into Kentucky to investigate Bobby Mackey's.

Earlier this year PIM was contacted by the owner of Sedamsville Rectory who informed them that the rectory will no longer be allowing paranormal investigations as of the end of 2014. Since PIM had already been to Sedamsville the year before they decided that this was a place worth investigating again and they should take this opportunity. Sedamsville has many very interesting claims such as apparitions, shadow figures, doors opening and closing on their own, people have been scratched, the piano plays on it's own, dogs barking in the basement, and many more. PIM had personal experiences during their last visit but also were able to come up with some alternative explanations for some of the claims. It will also be a treat this time to investigate at a cooler time of year. The last time it was extremely hot and humid and was almost impossible to investigate the attic because of it. We are hoping for much more comfortable conditions this time around. PIM cannot wait for the opportunity to investigate the beautiful rectory one last time.

PIM will also investigate Bobby Mackey's for the third time. This location is famous for being a hotbed of activity and PIM is no stranger to what this location is capable of. Last summer PIM investigated this location twice, once in July and again in September. During the July investigation PIM had experiences that were left unexplained such as one of the investigators being shoved to the ground two separate times during the night. However PIM was also left with very little evidence to show for the investigation. This led them to go back in September to continue the research of paranormal activity at Bobby Mackey's. The second trip only produced personal experiences and nothing as substantial as the visit in July. This left PIM with the overall conclusion that there is definitely something occurring there that is not readily explained and that we hope to get closer to finding out what exactly is going on there. This third time will also be very different because Bobby Mackey has had a change in the way they are allowing investigators to conduct their investigations. PIM will have much more freedom this time and will be able to use trigger objects that were not allowed before. PIM also has obtained more equipment to try and better monitor the environment. These will be very important tools to have if activity should occur. We will be able to determine if there is a change in temperature, barometric pressure or electromagnetic fields.

PIM investigators Noah, John, Gravy, Missy and Tony will be the investigators for this trip. We are very excited and can't wait to see what is in store for us! If you would like to read about our past trips to these locations please read the reports on our website under the cases tab.

### **Recent Events/Investigations**

- On October 4th PIM investigators Noah, Gravy, and John along with guest investigator Nate from Channel 58 news investigated the Chudnow Museum of Yesteryear. We love investigating this museum which is filled with many interesting exhibits and antiques. It was also a lot of fun getting to know and investigate with Nate. Thank you Nate, you did a great job. We also had a public event at this location on October 25th. This was our first public investigation at the Chudnow and everything went fantastic! We are very thankful to everyone who participated and we hope to work with the staff at the Chudnow Museum of Yesteryear again soon.
- On October 24th PIM joined with Carroll University in Waukesha, WI to investigate with their paranormal investigation team. The two teams joined forces to investigate MacAllister hall. PIM had a great time and is very excited to meet up again in November for the presentation.
- On October 31st Noah did a radio interview with WTMJ-AM. Noah talked about PIM and haunted places in Milwaukee.
- On October 31st PIM held a public event at the Brumder Mansion in Milwaukee, WI. PIM has held several events at this location before but this was their first time on Halloween. PIM hopes everyone had as great a time as they did and thank you to everyone who came out!

**PIM offers scientific investigations of suspected paranormal activity in homes, businesses, and historic sites. We pride ourselves on providing confidential, professional services free of charge.**

**To have PIM conduct an investigation for you, contact Noah Leigh (Lead Investigator) through our website or by the phone number listed above.**



## The John Krahnicles Written by John Krahn

**Orbs-part deux:** Last month I discussed how orb photographs are created and can cause a false positive for paranormal evidence. This month I talk about why people might believe in orbs and what real orbs might be.

Since it is provable and reproducible, why would a reasonable person think that a piece of dust or bug is the spirit or soul of a person? First of all, most people want to believe there is an afterlife, that when we die, we don't simply cease to exist. For some people, capturing an "orb" in a photograph is proof of that and confirms their beliefs. As a paranormal investigator, one of our goals is to capture undisputable evidence of the paranormal. I don't have the money roll for a reward like James Randi does for offering proof of the paranormal, but my teammate and good friend, Gravy, has a nice car I am willing to put up as a reward for this type of proof. Don't tell him though, it's a surprise, but I digress. As I was saying, we all want to get evidence of the paranormal. It is human nature to want to feel special. Some people feel blessed to having been chosen for the "spirit" to manifest itself to. However, the main reason for the belief an "orb" is a ghost is out of ignorance. I can understand people not involved in the paranormal field misinterpreting an image captured on a photograph. It is not like this type of information is disseminated in high school, although I wish it were. People not involved with paranormal investigating generally get their information from what they see on TV shows, movies, the internet, and paranormal investigators they may confer with.

Paranormal investigators are often seen as being experts on the paranormal. The truth of the matter is, there are no experts on the paranormal. Anyone who claims they are an expert in the paranormal is either lying or deluded. Pretty much everything about the paranormal is just theory, for the time being anyway. While there are no experts, there is knowledge and experience that can be obtained. Knowledge and understanding the equipment used and how the brain perceives things is important to being an effective investigator. Unfortunately, many, many groups don't fall into this category, which I consider to be extremely irresponsible. Be very wary of groups that claim to frequently get good evidence on investigations. Groups and members that are not knowledgeable about the many things that can cause false positives will likely perceive they have captured evidence of the paranormal, when it is actually the result of something natural, you know, like dust too close to a camera and flash. These same people then post this "evidence" on Facebook, their web pages, etc., spreading ignorance like a virus to people who don't know any better and assume if the person is a paranormal investigator, they know what they are talking about.

One member of a two person team posted this commentary on Facebook, accompanied by some dust orbs, "I just love orbs! This photograph shows two orbs. I have to wonder, is this a husband and wife who passed away and are continuing to spend time together or maybe it is two high school friends hanging out together?" I kid you not. I have seen where a person has posted a photograph of an "orb" on a paranormal group's Facebook page. The response to the person, based solely on the photograph, was, "You need to have an exorcism; you clearly have a demon in the house!" If you do a search for orbs on Google, you will be overwhelmed with hits. Some people claim the color of the orb is indicative of the type of spirit or its intentions. Good luck at finding two different articles that place the same meaning on a particular colored orb. The color of the orb is dependent on what the light reflects off of in the nearby environment. A person nearby wearing a red sweater may result in the capture of a red orb on a photograph. Some people point out that some orbs have faces that are visible when digitally zoomed in on, as proof it must be an entity. The reason for the face is that by digitally zooming in on the image, the pixels are moved further apart, making it more grainy and easier to see a face, which is a result of pareidolia (see last month's John Krahnicles article on pareidolia for more information on this). At night, some insects that have luminescent capabilities, such as fireflies, can also create images of orbs. Depending on the shutter speed of the camera, the amount of lighting and the distance from the camera, the insect may appear to be a blob of light, possibly colored. "Flying Rods" are believed by some to be either inter-dimensional or alien creatures, that vibrate at a frequency that we humans are unable to detect with the naked eye, but are visible in photographs or video. They are actually just insects that dart about too quickly for a camera's relatively slow shutter speed to capture a clear and distinct photograph of them.

Are there any "true" orbs out there? Possibly, depending on your definition. It is generally accepted among respectable paranormal investigators, that if the object emits its own light and is visible to the naked eye, it may, I repeat, may be paranormal. It is accepted in the scientific community that ball lightning does exist, although rare. It is also unknown exactly what type of energy it is or what conditions produce it. It is generally described as a ball of light anywhere from the size of a pea to several feet in diameter, lasting up to a minute and has been observed inside buildings as well as outside. Static discharges could be misinterpreted as an orb. The human eye is a complex organ and can play tricks on us, especially when in the dark for extended periods of time. So just because an orb of light is observed with the naked eye, it doesn't mean it is a ghost. For more information about orbs and photographic examples, go to:

<http://www.paranormalmilwaukee.com/paranormal101.html> and click on the tab, "Why Orbs aren't ghosts."