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What is the Origin of Friday the 13th?

I was a very superstitious person when I was a child. I dreaded getting out of bed on Friday the 13th because I thought bad things would happen as soon as my foot hit the floor. Today, Friday the 13th is just another day to me. I learned as I got older bad things could happen every day of the year and not just on Friday the 13th.

I was thinking at work today that I really don't know the true origin of this unlucky day. So I did some research and wanted to share it with you. There were several suggestions as to where the 6 day of the week and the 13 day of the month combined would cause bad luck. Here are a few of the most popular.

Many Christians believe that Friday was unlucky because that was the day Jesus was crucified. The number 13 was thought to bring bad luck because there were 13 people at The Last Supper.

Another trendy theory, thanks to the novel The DaVinci Code, believes October 13, 1307, a Friday, is what started the bad luck day. On this date King Philip IV of France carried out mass

arrests in a well-coordinated dawn raid that left several thousand Templars Knights in chains. They were charged with heresy, blasphemy, various obscenities and homosexual practices which were never proven. Templars suffered excruciating tortures and many were executed by burning at the stake.

If you are one of the many people who fear this day, hopefully knowing some of the theories on its origin will help you get over your fear.

What is *paraskavedekatriaphobia*?

Everyone who answers this question correctly will be entered to win a monthly prize. You must attend the meetings to claim prize.

Please Share Your Stories or Experiences With Us

We would like to invite everyone to participate in this newsletter. If you have had a paranormal experience that you want to share with the group, please write it up and email it to Rebecca

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or Angie

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Our goal is to have the newsletter available at the monthly meetings. The deadline to submit your article is the end

of the second week of the month. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and we get your participation in the future to make our newsletters GREAT!

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Bobby Mackey's Music World

As you all know Amy has scheduled a hunt at Bobby Mackey's on Sunday, July 20th. So I thought I would gather some information for everyone to read. Those of you who are not able to go are going to be missing out on some cool stuff!

Bobby Mackey's Music World is in Wilder, Kentucky just across the Kentucky border from Cincinnati. It was built in the 1800's as a slaughterhouse and meat packing plant. They butchered their animals down in the basement where there was a well for all the blood to drain and it is still there to this day. Believers claim it is the "Gateway to Hell."

After the slaughterhouse closed it became a ritual site for occultists. The satanic activities were exposed in 1896 when the headless body of a five month pregnant woman was found. Her name was Pearl Bryan. Pearl became pregnant by a minister's son and was seeking an abortion from a Cincinnati medical student, Scott Jackson. Jackson knew very little about how to perform an abortion and ended up mutilating the girl horribly. Jackson and the minister's son, Alonzo Walling, ended up murdering the girl by severing her head, not far from the abandoned slaughterhouse. The two men were eventually caught and arrested after confessing to the crime. They were offered a deal to avoid being executed if they would reveal the heads location, yet strangely, they refused and said it would bring the wrath of Satan upon them. In 1897 the two men were sent to the gallows where Walling told his executioners he would be back to haunt them.

The slaughterhouse fell silent and remained empty for many years. It was eventually tore down and a road house was constructed on the site. During the 1920's, the place became known as a speakeasy and as a popular gambling joint.

After prohibition ended in 1933, the building was purchased and turned into a thriving tavern and casino called the Primrose. The Primrose was

open for a number of years, but eventually the operation came to the attention of syndicate mobsters in Cincinnati. They moved in on the owner, E.A. Brady or "Buck", looking for a piece of action, but Brady refused offers for new "partners" and bids to buy him out. Soon the tavern was being vandalized and customers were being threatened and beaten up in the parking lot. In 1946 Brady became involved in a shooting, he was charged and released in the attempted murder of a small-time hood Albert "Red" Masterson. At this time Brady sold out to the gangsters and as he left, he swore the place would never thrive as a casino again. Brady committed suicide in September 1965.

In the early 1950's the building reopened as another night club called the Latin Quarter. In 1955, Campbell County deputies broke into the building with a sledge hammer and confiscated slot machines and gambling tables. It was also during this period the building gained another vengeful ghost. Johanna, the club owner's daughter, fell in love with one of the singers who was performing there and became pregnant. Her father was furious and had the singer killed. Johanna attempted to poison her father and then succeeded in taking her own life. Her body was found in the basement and according to the autopsy report, she was five months pregnant. In the 1970's, it became known as the Hard Rock Café, but it was shut down in 1978 because of some fatal shootings.

In 1978 it became Bobby Mackey's. Bobby and wife Janet purchased the building with the intention of turning it into a country bar. Mackey was a well known singer in Kentucky and had recorded several albums. He actually scrapped his plans for Nashville so he could renovate the old tavern. Carl Lawson worked as the caretaker and handyman of the tavern. He lived in the upstairs apartment of the building. He began to report seeing and hearing bizarre things, but everyone assumed he was crazy. Later on, others were seeing and hearing the same things and Lawson didn't seem so strange after all. Lawson's claims were that, lights would turn on

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and off, the doors would lock and unlock, and the juke box would play the "Anniversary Waltz" even though it was unplugged and power was off. Soon things went from strange to frightening! The first ghost spotted was of dark angry men. There were others present during the sightings, but Lawson was the only one who could see them. Later, a spirit who called herself "Johanna" would answer and hold conversations with Lawson, rumors quickly started that Lawson was "talking to himself." After finding out about "Hells Gate", Lawson decided to sprinkle holy water on the old well, thinking it would bring relief from the spirits. Instead, it seemed to provoke them and the activity began to escalate. Soon other employees and patrons began to have their own experiences. They began to tell of objects moving, noises and screams being heard, and actual sightings. Bobby Mackey didn't like the rumors that were starting to spread

around town. He didn't believe in ghosts or the supernatural and he didn't want his customers believing it either. But Janet Mackey revealed she had encountered the resident spirits and Mackey no longer knew what to think! Janet told him she too had experienced the activity. She had seen the ghosts, felt overwhelming presences, and even smelled Johanna's signature rose scent. She also had a very frightening encounter in the basement. She was overcome by the sent of roses and felt something swirl around her. Then something grabbed her by the waist, picked her up, and threw her down. She got away, and as she got to the top of the stairs something was pushing her down the steps. She looked up and a voice was screaming "GET OUT, GET OUT!" At the time Janet was like Johanna and Pearl Bryan, five months pregnant. In 1994 an exorcism was done and it failed miserably. Bobby Mackey's Music World remains one of the strongest haunted sites in the Midwest.



What Do You See?

Have you ever taken a picture and wondered if there really is something there? Wouldn't it be nice to share that picture with someone? Well, here is your chance! Submit your photos to Angie or Rebecca and we will place the photo in our newsletter to share with everyone. This way you can get several opinions. If you wish, give a description of what you think you see in the picture when you submit it.

Photo submitted by Rebecca Auker.

This is a picture I took down in Bloomington after the training in May. I think I see a shadow to the left of the largest tree. What do you think?

.Doty Cemetery

June 14, 2008



Last Saturday IGT had an informal hunt / camp out at the American Legion Park. The Doty Cemetery is a family burial ground from the 1800's located in the park a quarter mile from Fortville in Northern Hancock County. IGT members had previously been to Doty and a number of the members had experiences with shadow people. Unfortunately do to a large birthday party with a loud band at the camp site; the hunt itself was uneventful with the exception of a small box sitting on a headstone. Some of you know what I am talking about, but for those who do not might want to ask John!

Classifieds

We would like to make a classifieds section available to our chapter. Maybe you have some old ghost hunting equipment you no long use or you have bought an updated version of something. Don't throw it out! Let someone in your chapter know you have it for sale. The newsletter will run this section when we get something someone wants to sell.

Besides equipment, you may have some reading material that pertains to ghost hunting. Books are a great source of information. You can list these sort of items in the Classified section as well. If you don't wish to sell your books and feel comfortable LOANING them out, make that clear in the ad.

Upcoming Issue

In our next issue we will be discussing books of interest. If you have a book you have enjoyed, let us know. Give us the book title, author and where you bought it. You may give a brief summary if you wish.

Can a ghost follow you home? If so, what do you do? Discussion coming in next issue!!

We will also be discussing some of our favorite movies and television shows.

Till next month! Take care and be safe!