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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you. Being of Irish decent, (my mother's maiden name was Kelly) I have always loved to



celebrate the Luck of the Irish! (I remember one time my mother made green mashed potatoes on St. Paddy's day—that was fun!) Green is one

of my favorite colors, so I will be dressed in "Kelly Green on the 17th. I need all of the good luck I can muster!

I am thrilled that the cold weather will soon be a thing of the past. I am eager to get back to Gettysburg and other haunted places. Our next trip to the battlefield will be the beginning of April when Troy Taylor brings a group of people (*American Ghost Society members- our group is affiliated with them*) for the weekend. He has asked John to guide them on the battlefield and I will be using my impressions to help people capture EVP's, photos and videos. We look forward to this visit from his group every year.

We are getting into our 'busy time' once again and most likely will be going strong until November. At least we had a few months to re-group and rest. The past year was crazy working with bus tour groups, Alfred's, conferences and investigations. Another tour group from out of town has approached us for ideas. I look forward to working with them in the near future. We will also be working with Lowes' to plan some bus trips for the group.

In July, I will be a featured speaker at the first annual XX-Factor conference in Alton, Ill. It is focusing on women in the paranormal. Lorraine Warren (love her or hate her, she got a lot of press from the Amityville House story) is an icon in this field and will be one of the speakers. She is one of the first women I had read about who investigated the paranormal, working with her late husband Ed. Just to have a photo taken with her and to speak to her in person will be well worth the trip. We begin on Friday night with a Paranormal P.J. Party. How cool is that? The event will be held in a haunted location and will be full of investigations, workshops and interesting events. I certainly cannot wait for July!

In addition, it gives me a good excuse to shop for new pajamas! Over the past two months, I have received numerous inquiries about haunted places.

Some, I think are worth looking into. A few, well, let us just say I think they need to see their doctor or 'up their meds.' I could write a book using just some of these crazy e-mails! There are always a *few strays* who think they are cursed and go into detail on why they are being targeted. Amusing to say the least. Do not get me wrong, I take most of the letters I receive very seriously, but some are just plain weird! It gives me comic relief on busy days.

After the show "A *Haunting in Florida*" aired again 2 weeks ago, I have been overwhelmed with even more requests to help people with their ghosts.

One particular house, located near Allentown, sounds strange. Let's put it this way, the owners already put over \$300, 00 into renovating the place and are walking away and selling the property for \$149, 00, just to 'unload it.'

Contractors are not showing up on the job after working there for a few days, people are being hurt, the family pets will not stay there and both the owner and others, including their dog, have been mysteriously 'tripped' on the stairway. The contractors tell of being watched by someone, even when the house is supposedly empty.

The gentleman told me he was hesitant to contact anyone for fear of being ridiculed. He kept assuring me he was of sound mind, even going as far as

telling me that his partner is a psychiatrist. We plan to investigate this home in the near future. It is a beautiful, large Victorian house. I will keep you updated on our progress.



Best known as *the* expert on Kecksburg, Stan Gordon's presentation on the 1973 rash of UFO and Bigfoot sightings in Western PA will amaze you! See Stan along with Ed Okonowicz, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Mark Nesbitt, Kelly Weaver, Rick Fisher & others at the PA Paranormal Conference April 14, 2007 @ Bube's Brewery in Mt. Joy, PA. For more details, see inside pages or visit PSP's website www.paranormalpa.com



HOTEL BETHLEHEM

A historian who works for the hotel contacted me last month. The hotel is haunted and they decided to focus on their ghosts to see if they could put together some events for the public. Since virtually everyone employed in the hotel has had

some sort of encounter, they decided to use it to their advantage. We were not disappointed. During our visit, I sensed quite a few spooks roaming around the building.

On Saturday, March 3, John, Craig, Melissa and I traveled to Bethlehem. What a neat town. I always pictured it as gray and full of smoke from the Steel Mills. What I never realized was the beauty of the old buildings and the rich history the town has to offer.

I learned a lot about the Moravians and why they came to Pennsylvania. They were an intelligent and highly educated group who wanted to teach the Indians about their religious beliefs. They studied the Indian culture and language in order to preach to them in their native tongue. The men and women lived in separate areas. They lived a communal lifestyle. They were a peace-loving sect. They traveled the world spreading their lifestyle and religious beliefs. They settled in Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pa.

We learned the origin of the Moravian star. (A math project for the kids in the 1700's!)

Before leaving, we visited a Moravian graveyard that had headstones from the 1600's. I would love to visit in the evening!

Located across the street was the first bookstore ever built in the new world. The hotel is located on the spot of the first building in Bethlehem. The original tiled floor with a large Bethlehem star in the middle was a site to behold. They host hundreds of weddings in this lavish hotel and after seeing the place in person, you would know why.

The staff was very friendly and gracious. We were treated to a delicious lunch and were able to interview many employees. I will be writing about this hotel in my upcoming book.

Although it was busy on a Saturday afternoon and not conducive to capturing EVP's, I think we gathered some great footage to use in the future. There are reports of a jilted bride hanging herself from the balcony, a businessman shooting himself in a closet and a shadow person lurking in the basement.

Craig, ever the TECH-MAN was walking around the premises with an apparatus that projected a few feet from his body. He looked like a character in a



Sci-Fi flick. (It was a new device Craig built to steady his camcorder for professional grade videography)

He wore a gray vest, strapped to his chest with Velcro, a video camera on metal poles with springs jutting outward. The look on the faces of some people was priceless. (*Who are* these strange people wandering around like Japanese tourists, cameras and tape recorders in hand)? Are we going to be on television?

We were all drained by the end of the afternoon. This hotel has quite a bit of energy surrounding it. I believe it is built on ley lines *and there is more than* the hotel's spirits visiting on a daily basis. I feel it is a hotbed of activity. We plan to spend a weekend there so we can survey the building at night... when *a lot of the activity* seems to happen according to the night managers and security guards.

An engineer, named Victor, was *very animated* when describing his encounter with the shadow man in the basement. (Rt)



He will not work in the boiler room alone anymore. Another engineer quit after an encounter with the dark man who was dressed in his cape and hat that scared the crap out of him while he too was alone in the cellar. Who could blame him? Not everyone loves ghosts like the SSP members, right?

Many guests have left in the middle of the night claiming there was a strange man using their bathroom. Hum? Was he cute? We will keep you updated on this *special attraction*. *It is worth the drive just to visit or eat dinner in this very active, beautiful historic hotel, or explore the historic downtown..*

Magic Mind Paranormal Radio

<http://magickmindradio.com/cms/>

Dusty Smith (who wrote the book *Dead and Dread filled the Dunham House* – the person I worked with on the Discovery channels “**A haunting in Fla**”.) is now the hostess on Wednesday evenings on Magic Mind radio.

I will be a guest on an upcoming date TBD - please check their website for details.

Magic Mind radio has such guests as: **Stanton Freidman, Dr. David Jacobs, Dr. Joseph P. Ferrell, Dr. Carmen Harra, Grant Wilson, Lloyd Auerbach, Dr. Bruce Macabee, George Lutz, John Anthony West, James Randi, Peter Gilmore, Brad Steiger, Ryan Wood, Dr. Jeff Meldrum, Richard Dolan, John Zaffis, Steve Alten, Nick Redfern, Jeff Belanger, Mary Ann Wintowski and more!**

You can listen to archived shows or live via your computer. **Magick Mind Paranormal Research Radio** began broadcasting over the internet in late 2003. It has become one of the most popular & imitated Paranormal Talk Radio Shows on the air anywhere to date. We invite you to join us every Monday thru Friday at 7-8pm Eastern Time to share in the knowledge of our host's and guest's. If you are interested in Ufology, Cryptozoology, Hauntings, Demonology, Dreaming & Dream Analysis, Atlantis, the foundations of Humanity, Out of Body Experiences, and many more aspects of the “un”known. (Information taken from their website).

Good Luck Charms and Symbols

A continuing series by Kelly, based on the book – *The A-Z Guide to Good Luck Charms and Symbols* – By Bill Harris Oppenheimer Press

The Color Green

One of the most common theatrical superstitions is that green should be avoided at all costs. The tradition began in the days when stages were lit by limelight's, which burned lime, producing a greenish light that made anything green nearly invisible. In the Middle Ages, it was believed that green was the color of fairies and other "little people" who did not like the idea of sharing with mere mortals. In Ireland, leprechauns notwithstanding, green is considered the luckiest of colors. It is said that it is a lucky color for those born under the signs of Aquarius and Capricorn.

Rabbit's Foot

As lucky charms go, the rabbit's foot seems to be one of recent times, which may explain why it is the charm of choice for the ring that holds the keys to the car. There is almost no evidence that any ancient people ever carried a rabbit's foot for good luck.



Among our recent ancestors, the majority of believers were likely to be farmers. The most prosperous of them had large families to help with the work. In the natural world around them, the largest families seemed to belong to the rabbits. That gave humans the idea that these were among the luckiest creatures on earth. As a symbol of plenty and prosperity, they had no equal.

Through the Middle Ages, people who worked the fields had a terror of spirits lurking beneath the ground. Yet their friend the rabbit not only defied the fates by living underground, but also raised its huge broods of young there. Surely, that was a sign of special powers over the forces of evil. Folks also noticed that the animal dug its burrow with its hind legs.

In order to share the rabbit's good fortune, farmers began to save the rabbit's hind foot before tossing one into the stew pot for a hearty meal. They believed that the foot was where the animal's luck was concentrated.

Of the two hind feet, the right one is most often used as a charm. Hosts of ancient superstitions claim that the right side of anything is preferable to the left. However, if you carry a rabbit's foot, it will be most effective in the left-handed pocket.

On Patrol with SSP member, Officer Deb



My goodness was I in for a treat. I was invited to ride along during the night shift with Officer Deb. If you remember, she told our group of certain haunted locations

she had encountered along her patrol. (Remember the dark figures on the walls of the warehouse and the green lights in the

cemetery?) Well, I was lucky enough to experience these places. We stalked local cemeteries at 3:00 AM. (Who is going to arrest me.....? I am with the police!) It was bitter cold that evening and we really could not record any EVP due to the traffic and her radio in the background. Better luck next time. It was a priceless experience nonetheless.

She showed me where some unsolved murders have happened, places where she feels a lot of negative energy and several areas that had produced shadow people that made her wonder what in the world was going on? Her co-workers like to tease her, but honestly, I believe they are afraid to think that this invisible world exists. They have too many crazies *in the real world*.

We had a rather quiet night as far as calls were concerned. I witnessed two stops for drunk drivers and a rather amusing breakfast with her colleagues. The stories I heard will keep me laughing for quite some time. If anyone should write a book, it is Deb. What officers see on a day-to-day basis would make your hair curl or drive you to the looney bin. Maybe even both.

I am going with her again during second shift. I will keep you updated on our progress -whether we see spirits or just down right strange people.

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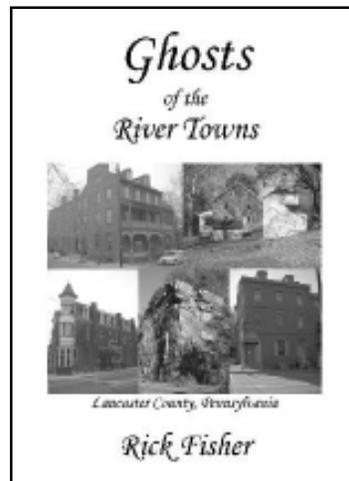
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by Rick Fisher**

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handling) to Rick Fisher 109 South Second St. Apt. 2 Columbia, PA 17512 Rick's e-mail is rfisher@paranormalpa.com



How appropriate, that after my own sighting of a “shadow person” in the Railroad House basement at Rick Fisher’s PSP “Fright Night” party last Halloween (and described in our Nov 06 newsletter) and Rosemary Guiley announcing her topic for the April PPC being “Shadow People”, that this past Saturday I heard perhaps the most vivid first person account ever from a shadow person witness! The details he related - especially seeing white eyes staring at him - were quite unnerving. He did say, though, that he did not feel threatened. In asking the hotel’s events manager, who showed us around, she confirmed his story has not waived from the first time he shared it with her. Other hotel staff have also had encounters with this shadow person - all in the basement. I plan to deploy some surveillance cameras in the basement when we return for a more comprehensive investigation later this year.



“SHADOW FIGURE” at HOTEL BETHLEHEM? This photo was taken from approximately the spot on the balcony overlooking the main lobby where a jilted bride was said to have **hung herself** decades ago. (As Troy Taylor would say, “Cool!”) Of course, in this case the “shadow” is SSP’s Melissa Griffith (whom fiance Craig T would never dare leaving at the altar... she shares Kelly’s fascination with Serial Killers!) The Shadow reported in the basement, however, seems to be the real deal -- Victor, the engineer we interviewed, was clearly disturbed by his encounter with this entity (see Kelly’s story on pg 1 & 2). - JDW



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2007 PARANORMAL CONFERENCE NEWS

6th Annual PA PARANORMAL CONFERENCE

hosted by Rick Fisher at historic, haunted **BUBE’S BREWERY** (Lt.) in Mt Joy, PA on **April 14, 2007**. From the Victorian elegance of the Central Hotel section to the Gothic realm of the Catacombs, Bube’s is a perfect venue to explore the paranormal! Speakers include Frank Feschino, Rick Fisher, Stan Gordon, Rosemary Ellen Guiley & Karl Petry, Mark Nesbitt, Ed Okonowicz, Kelly Weaver & Patty Wilson. Buffet luncheon included with admission. Ghost tours of the brewery will follow the conference at 7pm (free to first 20 conference registrants) and at 8:30pm (\$3 per person) Full event details can be found online at www.paranormalpa.com



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HAUNTED AMERICA CONFERENCE

with Troy Taylor and the AGS June 22-23 at the Lincoln Theater in Decatur IL. Speakers include Troy, Derek Bartlett, Vince Wilson, Jeff Belanger & John Weaver. Kelly Weaver will be hosting another seance in the theater Friday night. Details on line at: www.prairieghosts.com/conference.html



GHOST WORLD CONFERENCE

July 20-22, 2007:

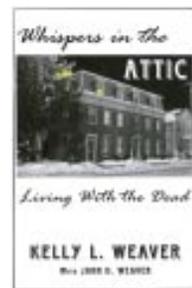
The first Ghost World Conference. Speakers include Vince, L’Aura, Jeff, Charlie

Adams, Mark Nesbitt, Troy Taylor & John Zaffis. Details on line at www.ghostworldconference.com



Whispers in the Attic - Living With The Dead

by Kelly Weaver Now in its second printing, Kelly’s account of her life as a medium and ghosthunter is available locally from Civil War and More in Mechbg., Borders Books in Camp Hill and Mark Nesbitts Ghosts of Gettysburg HQ. Available online through Amazon.com and Troy Taylor’s History & Hauntings Book Co. Kelly’s second book is coming in fall 2007.



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries and Rogues of Mechanicsburg by Melissa Griffith Melissa is the SSP Activities Director, an investigative team member and a regular contributor to our newsletter with her “Musings of a Ghost Adventurer” Column. Her book can be purchased locally at Civil War and More bookstore on Market Street in Mechanicsburg.

BIOGRAPHIES of the STRANGE and PARANORMAL by Gail Dull

Washington D. C. is only an hour and a half from here, give or take a traffic jam or two or a ride on the Metro. A city steeped in history and by some accounts, ghosts. In the coming months, I will highlight some of the most famous, more obscure and some that are open for tours.

White House Haunts

Construction of the house began in 1792 when George Washington laid the cornerstone then he oversaw its construction until 1800. By the time the building was finished, there were 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and 6 levels in the Residence. There are also 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 8 staircases, and 3 elevators. John Adams and his wife Abigail were the first to live there, even though at the time, it was not fully furnished or finished.

At this time, there was no fence around the building and people could wander right up to the house. Abigail was afraid that their laundry might "walk off" so she picked the East Room in which to hang their laundry. At the time, this was one of the rooms that was not completed.

It is in this room where staffers say that they see Mrs. Adams walking with a laundry basket in her arms. Could you say that she's "hung up" with completing their spectral laundry?

A few years later, James and Dolly Madison moved into the White House. Dolly, as was mentioned in the article on the Octagon House article, was fond of flowers. She planted a rose garden. More than a hundred years later, Woodrow Wilson wanted to move her rose garden, but there was a problem...the White House gardeners refused to do it. You see, Mrs. Madison had appeared before the gardeners and in no uncertain terms told them *not* to move *her* garden. (It remains in the same place today.)

Continuing on the "rose" theme, in the Rose Room, staffers in the 1930's reported hearing the laughter of President Andrew Jackson.

Of course the most famous ghosts of the White House is that of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln in his bedroom.

Eleanor Roosevelt used the Lincoln bedroom for her study. While she never claimed to see him, she reported that she often felt watched during the 13 years she used the room.

One of the more colorful reports is that from British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. One night he was up late so he took a long bath while enjoying his cigar and drinking scotch. When he was finished he walked naked into his room and found Lincoln leaning against the mantle of the fireplace. When Lincoln turned to him, Churchill replied, "Good evening, Mr. President. You seem to have me at a disadvantage." Lincoln reportedly smiled and faded away.

Coming May 19, 2007: SSP's Annual SPIRIT DAY in MAY

1 pm - 8pm, New Cumberland, PA. Sr. Center

Featuring:

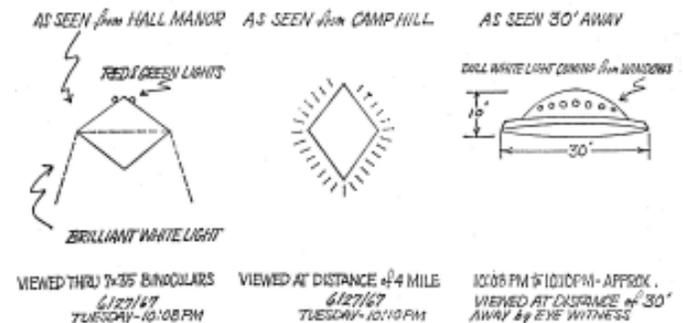
- Author JEFF FRAZIER (*PA Fireside Tales Books*)
- PSP Founder RICK FISHER ("Talking Boards")
 - Tech Seminar w/Craig Telesha & John Weaver
- Spirit Circle with SSP founder KELLY WEAVER

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• Coming Mar 21, 2007 at S.E.A.R.C.H. 7-9pm:
**PA. UFOS: From the 1967 Harrisburg
"Flap" to a 2005 Encounter**

(Colonial Park East Shore Library Room "A"
4501 Ethel Street Harrisburg PA 17109)



SSP Founder John Weaver will share details of the 1967 sighting which sparked his interest in the paranormal as a 13 year old, and video of a Triangular Craft filmed near Punxatawney, PA in July, 2005. (Rt)

All attendees are encouraged to bring articles, photos or other material regarding the rich history of UFO sightings in the Keystone State.

S.E.A.R.C.H. meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the East shore Library (downstairs) right behind the Colonial Park Mall from 7pm until 9 pm. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting room doors are open at 6:30. If you have questions or need directions, please e-mail Steve Groff at SGROFF@paonline.com or call 566-2835

