Knights of Pythias Cemetery

This cemetery was approximately located in the southwest corner of the northeast corner of Section 10, Clear Creek Township, just east of Strain Ridge Rd. and southeast of the Bethel Apostolic Church. GPS Coordinates: 39.058586, -86.505443. The sign for the cemetery is next to Strain Ridge Rd, but the cemetery is down a long, narrow gravel track.

This cemetery is technically called KOFP. This is an active cemetery, with the first burials in the mid-1850s and the most recent burial in 2014. There are 74 burials listed on Find-A-Grave, some apparently do not have a marker. This cemetery is on private property, but is operated and maintained by the Clear Creek Township Trustee’s office.

The Order of Knights of Pythias is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order, established in 1864 in Washington, DC, by Justus H. Rathbone and was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress. There were several K of P lodges active in Monroe and other southern Indiana counties, beginning in the late 1860s. There is still an active K of P lodge in Indianapolis.