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Hello, Friend of the Library!
Amicus Quarterly is back with a new name and different format. With a nod to the economy, we will keep you current on all Library events via the Amicus Librarium web page. To assist in implementing this new project, at your earliest convenience, please drop me an email at Jkleinknecht@scottishrite.org so you can be added to the list to receive the next quarterly newsletter via email.

Joan Kleinknecht

View this newsletter online at ScottishRite.org/headquarters/library



ADOPT-A-BOOK PROGRAM

THERE ARE SOME very exciting things going on in the Library. We have a new program called the Adopt-A-Book Program. This new program was developed to support the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign. For \$250, you can adopt any book in the Library (not including rare books which can be adopted for \$1,000). You may choose your book from our Online Catalog at www.scottishrite.org/headquarters/library or we can select a book for you. When choosing a book from the Online Catalog, the availability of the book will be designated in the note field. We have come close to raising \$75,000 so far. We are off to a great start.

Adopting a book offers the following benefits: your name listed in the Library's Online Catalog; your name displayed in the Donor Kiosk upon completion of the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign; your name on the bookplate, as sponsor, inside your chosen book; a special thank you let-



ter naming the book or collection you sponsored; a certificate; and a commemorative brass House of the Temple bookmark.

The gift you make can be in honor or memory of someone else. We have had quite a few people choose this option. So, go check the Library's Online Catalog and Adopt your favorite Masonic book.

PIKE BOOK FOUND!

BLAISE MARTIN STARR, 33°, from Chicago, Ill., contacted me last week and reported that he had found the book, *Dictionnaire Historique D'Artot*, by E. Dentu, 1880, on eBay. He informed me that it had the Supreme Council bookplate in it and would we like the book back for the Library. He sent me pictures of the book and I realized the bookplate looked like one Albert Pike used periodically. Martin returned the book to the House of the Temple Library and we checked it thoroughly and it does belong to the Albert Pike Collection. This is a great way for fellow Masons to get books back to where they belong. If you are searching eBay and looking at



books, check for the Supreme Council bookplate and if it has one, please let us know ASAP.



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DEMOLAY SAVES MONEY TO ADOPT A BOOK IN HONOR OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

LAST MONTH, Ill.: Leonard Proden, 33°, SGIG in the District of Columbia, and “Dad” Albert McNair Smith, 33°, Executive Officer in our Nation’s Capital and Active Member of DeMolay International, presented Bro.: Kevin Eastridge with his and the Nation’s Capital DeMolay members their Adopt-a-Book certificates. Kevin and the rest of his compatriots donated the funds from the money that they made from tips running the coat check at the Grand Lodge of DC’s year-end Communication. The Nation’s Capital DeMolay then took the money and decided to put it towards the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign through the House of the Temple Preservation Foundation, and sponsored the book, *The Knights Templars*, by C. G. Addison, Second Edition, 1842. The book was sponsored in honor of Ill.: Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite for the



Southern Jurisdiction. Way to go Nation’s Capital DeMolay! Very special thanks to Bro.: Peter Brusoe, 32°, for setting it all up.

For more information on adopting a book to help restore the House of the Temple, please go to ScottishRite.org, or call 1-866-448-3773.



NOTE: If you have a current interest item or story that pertains to the Masonic Fraternity, please submit it to me for possible inclusion in the next issue of Amicus Librarium.

INTERNATIONAL MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE had some major set-backs getting this Bibliography published. There seems to be one problem after another. The collection consists of 91 different countries, all in different languages and 1,100 images. Hopefully, we can get all this worked out by the end of 2012 and have the Bibliography published by 2013. This will be a great source for fellow Masons in other countries.



HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

OVER THE PAST four years, we have focused on organizing the Main Library into strictly a Masonic Library due to lack of space and shelving. We have down-sized

a lot of the general collection over the years. For 13 years we have done business with a reputable book seller, Zubal Books, located in Cleveland, OH.



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“One burning heart sets others on fire!”

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