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

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Folger Shakespeare Library Visits the House of the Temple Library

On May 9, 2012, seven colleagues from the Folger Shakespeare Library came to visit the Library of the Supreme Council and to tour the building. I had our most impressive books, an original poem written by Robert Burns, and an old patent displayed on the reading room conference table. We also included a book entitled, Shakespeare a Freemason. Shakespeare, was not a Freemason, but this book shows ways he might have been, by words he used in his writings. We ended with refreshments and pastries served in the Robert Burns Library.

Carrie Smith, Rare Book Cataloger for the NEH-funded Shakespeare Collection project, said of their time at the Supreme Council, “On behalf of our group, thank you very much for your hospitality and for the wonderful tour of the library and of the Temple. It is a fascinating building and collection, and I know that I speak for all of us in saying that we enjoyed ourselves immensely... and learned so much in the process.”

Partnering with Oak Knoll Press

Oak Knoll Press, who has co-published all of our bibliographies to date, now has offered us a way of promoting the American Masonic Periodicals, Burnsiana, and Lincolniana bibliographies through the web database Rarebooks.info. This will serve as an additional source of revenue for our Library, as all fees and royalties received will be split 50/50 between Oak Knoll Press and the Supreme Council Library. Subscribers to Rarebooks.info gain instant access to full digital and searchable facsimiles of all electronic bibliographies. Oak Knoll, who is handling the preparation, sees this as an exciting marketing opportunity, as it will make these titles available to a larger audience. This contract will last two years as we test the waters.
“It wouldn't hurt so much to become angry, except that, for some reason, anger makes your mouth work faster than your mind.”

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