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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

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THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF *AMICUS LIBRARIUM*
THAT WILL BE SENT BY U.S. MAIL.

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.

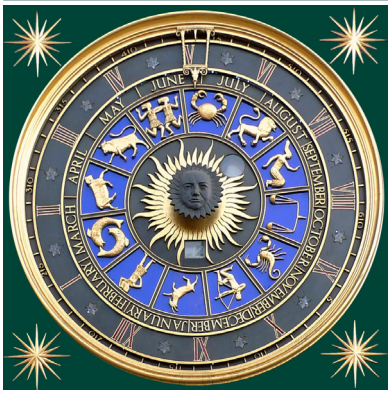
Carrie Smith, Rare Book Cataloger for the NEH-funded Shakespeare Collection project, said of their time at the Supreme Council, "On behalf of our

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."



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RARE BOOK VAULT

EACH ISSUE OF *Amicus Librarium* will feature a "Rare Book Vault" section highlighting one of our precious books. We hope to bring attention to the vast collection that is housed in the Supreme Council Library. Although our main focus for the Library is Freemasonry, we keep rare treasures like this Theodoro de Bry volume. Last time I checked for a valuation of this book, I found it on Bookfinder.com for approximately \$76,000. Interestingly enough, it is no longer available there.

DE BRY, THEODORO. *Brevis narratio eorum quæ in Florida Americæ provincia Gallis acciderunt, secunda in illam navigatione, duce Renato de Laudoniere classis Præfecto : anno MDLXIII* (Translation: A brief history of those things which befell the French in the American Province of Florida, during their second voyage, under the leadership of René de Laudoniere, Admiral of the fleet), 1591.

Theodoro de Bry (1528 – 27 March 1598) created a large number of engraved illustrations for his books. Most of his books were based on first-hand observations by explorers. The book mentioned above is in Latin, and it is about travels through Florida.



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"It wouldn't hurt so much to become angry, except that, for some reason, anger makes your mouth work faster than your mind."

The Kleinknecht Gems of Thought Encyclopedia + Volume I

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