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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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BIBLE OVER 100 YEARS OLD

Bro. Frank H. Turner, 33°, from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has given the Library of the Supreme Council a beautiful Pictorial Family Bible that is over 100 years old. The Bible was printed in 1892. Masonic symbols cover the leather face of the Bible.



OVER 300 VOLUMES WAITING TO GO TO THE BINDERY

Several years ago, the Library used Mid-Atlantic book bindery for our binding needs. I am in the process of finding another book binder that can take care of all of the volumes waiting to go to the bindery. Books needing binding are grand lodge transactions from the different states and Masonic periodicals. For the lodge transactions, we bind together several copies in numerical order. This helps preserve the paper copies of the transactions. With the periodicals, we bind one year of a specific periodical in monthly order. This makes researching a lot more efficient.

ARE YOU COMING OR GOING E-BOOK BY JIM RAGSDALE

Brother Jim Ragsdale at age 88 suggests you keep a non computerized diary of your everyday life and your goals for tomorrow. "At the end of each year you will have a personal book of your "comings and goings." His E-book is available from Amazon ETAL for \$8.49.





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QUESTIONS FOR THE LIBRARIAN?

Please feel free to ask me a Masonic question. It can be anything that you have ever wondered about in reference to Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, symbolism, etc. If your question is chosen, it will be answered in the next issue of *Amicus Librarium*. If not I will email you the answer in a timely manner. Please contact me with your questions at: jkleinknecht@scottishrite.org



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*.

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RARE BOOK VAULT

Nin this issue of *Amicus Librarium* we are highlighting two unique Masonic books that we have in the Library.

1. Collection of bound Masonic Almanacs starting with the date 1824–1876. These Masonic Almanacs contain all sorts of interesting information; calendars, Hebrew calendars, astronomy, history, list of lodges, meetings of lodges, predictions, humor, similes, etc.
2. *Washington and his Masonic Compeers* by Sidney Hayden, 1866. First Edition. This book tries its best to research the Masonic activity of George Washington, the author states, “Of the Compeers, we have not written labored sketches. We have only given such Masonic facts as came under our observation in our researches in the Masonic history of Washington.”

ADOPT – A – BOOK DONOR RECOGNITION

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING DONORS who have adopted a book in our Library. By doing so, you help us preserve and restore our wonderful collections. We will continue to recognize our Adopt-a-Book donors, alphabetically, in each issue of the *Amicus Librarium*. If you are interested in adopting a book, please view the Library's online catalog at www.scottishrite.org and adopt your favorite Masonic book. **Bro. Robert L. Davis, 32° – A Lexicon of Freemasonry** by Albert G. Mackey, M. D., 1866.

- ☒ **Bro. Jackson K. Denman, 32° – *The Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia*** by Kenneth R.H. Mackenzie, 1877.
- ☒ **Bro. Von H. Dent, 32° – *Masonry Defined: A Liberal Masonic Education*** by Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°, 1930.
- ☒ **Ill. George Dewese, 33° and Matsue Dewese – *Masonry in Japan: The First One Hundred Years: 1866–1966*, 1966; *Golden Jubilee of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of China, 1949–1999*; *Albert Pike's Morals and Dogma, Annotated Edition* by Arturo de Hoyos, 2011; *Tracing Freemasonry* by Saburo Katagiri, 2002.**
- ☒ **Bro. Bruce Lloyd Downs, 32° – *Traditions of Freemasonry and its Coincidences with the Ancient Mysteries*** by A.T.C. Pierson, 1870.
- ☒ **Bro. Robert L. Engel, 32° – *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Kindred Sciences, Vol. I and Vol. II*** by Albert G. Mackey, 33°, 1929.
- ☒ **Bro. Ralph O. Frazier, Jr., 32° – *The Antiquities of Freemasonry*** by Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., M.A.S.E., 1868.
- ☒ **Bro. Bruce Davis French, 32° – *A Lexicon of Freemasonry*** by Albert G. Mackey, M.D., 1860.

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“Passed to the land where all is bright, Where falls no shadow, no more pain; Where those who meet, part no more, and those long parted, meet again.”

The Kleinknecht Gems of Thought Encyclopedia ♦ Volume IV