THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

DISTRICT 8

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

P/P A. R. Theobald, Secy.

The Annual Meeting was held on 19 November, 2011, at Palm Coast Yacht Club. In advance of the meeting, we met, registered and renewed acquaintances with friends and members on Friday night. We also met the current bridge of our host Chapter and a few new Blue Gavel members in attendance.

The business of the Annual Meeting got underway on Saturday morning with the traditional Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of private silent thoughts for the men and women in the service of our country.

P/C Frank Hutchinson, President, chaired the meeting, accompanied by the District Executive Committee. Although attendance was light, those present participated in discussions on several subjects. With membership on the decline, communication was the major concern and the subject the Executive Committee feels must be our target for 2012. We have to choose between "electronic" methods or paper "hard copy". Both have advantages and a few disadvantages. A cost study may determine the future of communications within the District. The most effective means of educating the members regarding social, educational and sportsmanship programs is of prime concern.

Why be a member of the Blue Gavel? We hope to answer the question with improved communications.

The 2012 Executive Committee was introduced:

Frank Hutchinson, President, (Palm Coast Yacht Club)

George Eichman, President Elect, (Isles Yacht Club)

Bert Gartenhaus, 1st Vice Pres. (Lighthouse Point Yacht Club)

Charles Ranson, 2nd Vice Pres. (Vero Beach Yacht Club)

Art. Theobald, Secy (Royal Palm Yacht Club)

Robert Pease, Treas. (Royal Palm Yacht Club)

Lenworth Gordon, District Director

Joe Dowdell, SEVP (Marathon Yacht Club)

Harvey Sussel, Editor GULF STREAM

The District Supply Officer is to be selected.

Meeting dates and locations for 2012 have not been selected. To be announced.