

International Order of the Blue Gavel

Oath for Incoming Members

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Charge:

You have served your club(s) as Commodore long enough to understand the trials and tribulations as well as the success and pleasures of that office. You have demonstrated a deep and abiding love for your club by upholding her honor and reputation against all challenges; you have flown your burgee with pride on all proper occasions; you have demonstrated your ability to persevere against the gibes and disappointments you have encountered. Such loyalty and service should not be rewarded by being “set aside.” With this in mind the Order of the Blue Gavel was formed to be of service to the yachting and boating community, and especially to your own club.

In as much as you have indicated your acceptance of the invitation to join us, we will now ask that you now take the oath of membership in the Order of the Blue Gavel. You will respond the following questions with, “As it has been asked of me, so do I agree.”

Oath:

Question:

(Name) Do you agree to continue to work for the best interests of your club by advising and counseling with the active officers of the club without in anyway usurping their authority and responsibility? Do you agree to continue to participate in the affairs of the club as an active member, and to encourage others to do the same? Do you further agree to promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and seamanship, and by all of this upholding the standing and reputation of your club?

Response:

As it has been asked of me, so do I agree!

Induction:

By the authority of my office, I now declare you a member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel , which entitles you to fly our flag on your yacht wherever you may be cruising. May you take pleasure in flying this emblem which represents your faithful service to your club. Welcome.