

Memories from the Florida Federation Convention Cruise, March 8-12, 2012
Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Cozumel, Mexico



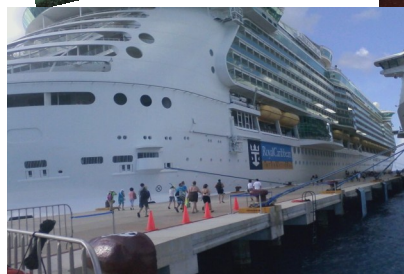
Tulum Ruins



Group photo on-board the Liberty of the Seas



Tulum Temple of the Arts



Our first convention at sea featured Dr. Scott Olsen speaking on *Maya, 2012 and the Quest*

for Transformation. From a Theosophical perspective of world cycles and the corresponding transformations of consciousness over time, Dr. Olsen helped us consider the intricate cyclic interplay of three Mayan calendars. He treated us to an unexpected sneak preview of a foreign-made film which examined parallels between ancient Egypt and the Maya. We saw the parallels with Scott's work on the Golden Section and Divine Proportion. This was evident, for example, in the special treatment given by the Maya to the cycles of Venus. And we noted how Venus forms a pentagonal rosette (5-fold pentagram) every 8 years (viewed from earth) which is 13 years on Venus. The 5, 8, and 13 are of course adjacent Fibonacci numbers, which are in golden ratio to each other. At the Cozumel, Mexico port-of-call, many of us took the excursion to the Pre-Columbian Maya walled city of Tulum located at the east coast of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Caribbean Sea. On the last day of the cruise, following Dr. Olsen's lecture review, and our business meeting we closed the evening with group singing and dancing, and a unique musical presentation featuring Judith Snow and Nori Rao. We wish you had been there!