

Dear Members,

It is a true honor and privilege to serve as Supreme President for the 2019-2020 Calendar Year. I am so thankful you have placed your confidence in me to serve in this position. Your continued service to our great organization is humbling.

I would like to take a moment to thank the 2019 Supreme Convention Committee for hosting a wonderful week in New Mexico. I am sure that everyone in attendance formed several positive and lasting memories. I certainly did. The 2020 Supreme Convention Committee has big shoes to fill in Orlando next September, but I am sure they welcome the challenge.

I would also like to thank the over 100 members serving across this great nation as Supreme Elected and Appointed Officers. Without your service, we cannot continue to have a Supreme Emblem Club. I look forward to seeing all the great work you will do this year and I am here to help in any way I can.

Our theme this year is "Imagine the Future with Emblem". Our organization does so much for so many. We must work together to keep going strong for many years to come. We can achieve this by thinking with creative positivity about our future. Let us not focus on our struggles; but on what we can do to overcome them. I do not have all the answers, but look forward to working together with each and every member as we forge a bright path into our future. All members matter and all members can make an impact.

Keeping in line with this idea that members matter, I would like to present a challenge to everyone across these United States. I challenge you to recruit a new member or encourage a former member to reinstate. Let's strive to have a net membership gain announced at the 2020 Supreme Convention. Everyone who rises to this challenge will receive a special gift connected to this year's theme and pin. Please reach out to your Supreme Deputy or myself for more details on this membership challenge.

In September, we celebrate National Emblem Club Week. Let's start the year strong promoting our organization in our communities!

Supreme Marshal Doris and I are looking forward to meeting as many members as possible in our travels. In the fall, we will be visiting Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Washington, Alabama and Arkansas. In November, we will have the honor of attending Club Meetings with Hot Springs #194 and Fairhope #241 as they remember their departed members. The Annual November Memorial Service is a reverent occasion and I commend all Emblem Clubs for keeping this tradition alive.

In closing, I want to again thank you for placing your confidence in me and I look forward to seeing you all on the Emblem Trail very soon.

In Emblem Friendship,

Phillip L. Begeal

Supreme President