

In January of 2015, the following Officers of the Santa Monica Emblem Club #154 were installed by Supreme President Jackie Orovecz and the Supreme Suite.

OFFICERS 2015-2016

Frank H. Frazier, Past President, **President** – Eloisa Villescas, **Vice-President**- Shari Larkin, **Financial Secretary**- Anna Scully, Past President , **Treasurer** - Irma Santiago, **Recording Secretary** – Mary Cornejo, **Corresponding Secretary** – Ann Scully, Past President, **Press Correspondent** – Cathy Baldwin, **Historian** – Edna White, **Trustee** – Ruby Ackers, **Trustee**, Margie Curran, **Trustee** – R.A. Pickett, **Marshall**- Elizabeth Beers, **First Assistant Marshall**- Doris Mondragon, **Second Assistant Marshall**- Carole Herp, **Chaplain** - Elissa Dorsey, **First Guard** – Marlon Green, **Second Guard**.

Emblem Club #154 holds their monthly business meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm; their social meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. If interested in becoming a member of the Santa Monica Emblem Club 154, contact Frank H. Frazier, Membership Chairman at 310-702-4363.

The Supreme Emblem Club of the U.S.A.

A small group of Elk's ladies in 1917 began meeting together to wrap bandages for American troops during the First World War. They enjoyed the social ability, and at the same time felt the joy of accomplishment. The combination of assisting others and enjoying good fellowship appealed to other women, and a community group came together. Fifteen members of a group of ladies in Providence, Rhode Island, related to members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, who were active under the name of Emblem Club, developed the idea of a national organization of such groups. The organization was chartered in the State of Rhode Island as the Supreme Emblem Club of the United States by Esther A. Sweeney, Mary T. Duffy, Mary L Clark, and Charlotte O'Conner of the "original fifteen", on April 27, 1926, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Rhode Island on May 3, 1926. Nine Emblem Clubs were organized during the first year in the New England States in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. This number has steadily increased and now, in more than seventy years of formal existence, Emblem Clubs are located in every section of this country, including Alaska and Hawaii. With this organization continuously progressing, the future of Emblem is even more promising. The Emblem Club attracts individuals of many diverse talents, abilities, and ages, all of whom combine to make Emblem a very special organization. In Emblem there is an important place for each member.

Insignia

The insignia of the organization, an Elk's head surrounded by a wreath, is used on pins, stationary, publications and banners. This insignia shows that our members are related to or sponsored by members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and cooperates in their endeavors, when invited to do so.

Adopted Colors

The adopted colors of the Emblem Clubs are Purple and Gold.

PURPLE: The color of royalty denotes the highest standards and principles and is used by the Elks with whom our relationship or sponsorship establishes eligibility for membership in the Emblem Club. GOLD: This color is used to signify quality or great value and symbolizes the rich blessings and material things.

Ritual

The ritual for the Emblem Clubs was written by officers of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective of Elks of the U.S.A., and was adopted in the early years. The Ritual includes a nondenominational prayer, and a salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

Membership

An individual must be a citizen of the United States of America and at least eighteen years old. A prospective member must be sponsored by an Emblem Club member and by a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. An Emblem Club may be recognized as an auxiliary by an Elks Lodge. However, the Lodge has no jurisdiction in the formation, rules, or regulations of the Emblem Club. The Emblem Club is an independent organization. The goodwill and assistance of the members of the Lodge of Elks is most welcome and helpful and cooperation between the Elks and the Emblem Club is most desirable in the interest of progress and harmony. An Emblem member attending a meeting or social event within the Elks Lodge must be governed by and obey the House Rules of the Elks Lodge.

For More information on the Elks, visit their website at:

<http://www.elks.org/>