

Virginia Elks Association 135 Benefit from Annual Training Session



One hundred thirty-five Virginia Elks benefitted from the Training presented on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Charlottesville 389.

The opening was conducted by Vice-President Geoff Cox, in absence of our President Beverly Hamby, who was representing us at the Regional Hoop Shoots in Maryland, along with Hoop Shoot General Chair Lynn Rutherford-Snow.

Following the opening prayer by Ritualistic Chair Don Kidd and Salute to Our Flag by Veterans General Chair Vicky Shiflett, SDGER Dr. Bob Hinkle introduced the State Officers, PSPs, PDGERs, GL Members and Special Speaker, Rick Gathen (initially of Woodbridge Lodge 2355,) and the VEA Trustee Chairman, PSP

Ron Hicks, who presented an update on State happenings.

Vice-President Bobbie Fender presented updated information on the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, July 5 – 9.

During the presentation by Brother Rick, he reminded all on how Membership and Public Relations affected all Lodges.

Following his presentation, Charlottesville 389 provided a London Broil lunch to all attendees that was included in the registration fee – which was \$0.00

A Q&A Session during lunch was well-received.

The afternoon break-out sessions were conducted for Secretaries by Mel Huff, Secretary of Fredericksburg 875, a video of the Short Version of the Ritual by PER Don Kidd, Jr. of Harrisonburg 450 and a final wrap-up by Rick Gathen for Membership and Public Relations.

