

# Charlottesville Lodge 389 Hosts Brotherhood Riders



Jeff Morse, Founder of Brotherhood Riders, speaking to his unit and Charlottesville Elk members



L to R: Exalted Ruler Caleb Hall, Jeff Morse, Secretary Jim Ewing, Central District Deputy Esquire Vicki Shifflett, and Virginia Elks Association Chaplain Lynn Rutherford-Snow

**Charlottesville Elks Lodge # 389 hosted the Brotherhood Riders on Sunday, September 4, 2011. This group of police officers and firemen stopped by our lodge on the way to New York. They rode their bicycles for over 1,600 miles from North Naples, FL to New York City, NY. They ended their trip on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. Their ride was dedicated to the 411 fallen heroes of September 11, 2001. The Brotherhood Riders honor these fallen heroes by riding their bicycles over 1,600 miles in 22 days. Their ride began in North Naples, FL on August 20, 2011 and ended in NYC on September 2011. Charlottesville Elks Lodge # 389 provided dinner and their lodging for the evening in our lodge ballroom. Prior to the Brotherhood Riders departure on Labor Day, September 5, 2011, the lodge also provided breakfast. Our lodge was honored to host these 37 riders comprised of EMTs, Firefighters, and Police Officers. There were approximately 55 in the group who visited our lodge as riders and transporters of equipment and supplies. The Brotherhood Riders were formed June 18, 2007 by Jeff Morse who is a member of Elks Lodge # 2753 of Bonita Springs, FL. Their riders represent TX, AZ, NC, SC, and MA all across America. Each year they will honor an unsung hero or heroes from around the country by riding their bicycles from Florida to their hometown.**

**GOD BLESS the Brotherhood Riders and  
GOD BLESS the USA!**