

# Harrisonburg 450 Presents Flags to 53 New Citizens



Exalted Ruler Roger Monger, center, congratulates Elena Gopienko-Corbin, left, as a new citizen as Stephen See, Tiler, right, looks on.

Monday, November 14, at ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg 450 proudly presented American Flags to fifty-three new citizens. Presenting flags to new citizens has been a tradition in Harrisonburg's Americanism program for years. The presiding judge, James Welsh, always asks the new citizens to feel free to comment on their new status as citizens. It is always inspiring to hear the trials and troubles the new citizens endured on their way to citizenship and how thankful and grateful they are to be new citizens.