

# Virginia Elks Association News – February 2, 2012

## Southwest District “Ugly Stick” goes from Roanoke to Bedford



Exalted Ruler Paul Marnell (R) of Roanoke 197 passes the “Ugly Stick” to Exalted Ruler Robert Humphreys (L) of Bedford 2844. The "Ugly Stick" was developed by District Deputy Reggie Wood as a way to encourage visitation among lodges in Virginia’s Southwest District. He presented it to Jill Wagner at the District Deputy clinic last fall; Jill passed it on to Joan Vanosten in Danville; from there it went to Martinsville; on to Roanoke; and is now in Bedford. Reggie had hoped that the path of the "Ugly Stick" would correspond with his DD visitations and that it would have made its rounds by late October. But, alas, "the best laid plans of mice and men." The remaining lodges that have NOT hosted the "Ugly Stick" thus far are Clifton Forge, Pulaski and Galax. Reggie hopes that this well traveled artifact will come to rest at the DD clinic in Galax, scheduled for April 24th.