

## **Escort To the Colors**

Otherwise known as the “E.T.C.,” the Escort to the Colors is the unofficial “face” of the St. Andrew’s Society of Baltimore. In March, you will find them in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade going through the main streets of Baltimore. Come July, they will be doing the same thing in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Towson. On Memorial Day, you can find them at the Korean War Memorial in Canton and on December 7<sup>th</sup> they are on the USCG Taney in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

Some of them are church going as well. They make up most of the members attending “Kirkins” throughout the year – at the Basilica in April; St. Anne’s Episcopal in Annapolis in June, St. Andrews Christian Community (Ernest Smart’s church) in October, Perry Hall Presbyterian and Emmanuel Episcopal in Baltimore in November.

Many are rugged sportsmen and like the fresh air of Highland Games, so in April you’ll find them at the Colonial Highland Games in Fair Hill with a pitch-in picnic for all members of the Society to participate in.

When the haggis is proudly presented at our various functions, many ETC members often provide the security detail.

Since its founding over 30 years ago, attrition has drained the ranks of the ETC and we are in need of new members to carry on! The tradition, that is. Men with kilts are required for marching in parades & the color guard. Keeping cadence is not as important as lining up with the guys to either side of you. However if you would like to march & don’t have a kilt one may be found for you to borrow for a time. We would like to have you get acquainted with the ETC by attending the Kirkins you can march in & carry a tartan. This would give you an opportunity to meet the members of the ETC & join in the fun.

We welcome your joining us in the fun and camaraderie we share, so please contact Bud Howe (410-592-5349 / [achowe@verizon.net](mailto:achowe@verizon.net)), Don Kerr (410-879-6502 / [donkerr@kerrwoodworks.com](mailto:donkerr@kerrwoodworks.com)), or Al Schudel (410-828-6140 & 410-435-5200) to volunteer. Remember, whenever you find three or four Scots gathered, you’re sure to find a fifth (Single Malt?).