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BAGPIPES AND THE FIRE SERVICE

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The St Andrews Legion is made up of over 40 dedicated men and women who present the honor and traditions of bagpipers before them. They have graced us with their presence for several years now and are a large part of our procession of Honor Guard members into the assembly hall and then again when striking the colors to leave.

Bagpipers have been playing firefighter funerals for many years. History dates their participation in firefighter funerals back over 150 years. Firefighting back in the day was a job for what was considered a lesser job for a lesser person. Irish immigrants took many of these type jobs, one being that of firemen. When a fireman was lost many times it would have been a Irishman, and Irish funerals have bagpipes play at them. Before long non Irish funerals had bagpipers playing tunes such as Amazing Grace and other tunes Amazing Grace though is one that will bring a tear to the eye of the most hardened and strong firefighter you know of because of the haunting melody. Today bagpipers across the country help serve at funerals for retired and LODD firefighters. Virginia is lucky to have several such bagpiper groups that are willing to serve when called upon to offer final songs. I myself have dealt with St Andrews Legion on many occasions and they have yet to disappoint with their presentation and playing. Most of them pay their own way for all of the equipment and outfits and thus endue a heavy burden to look as professional as well as play as expertly as they do. So when you see them this year at the service, try to say hi and I hope thanks for their dedication and participation in the service as well as all year long to the fire service.

Latest Apparatus and other Commitments as of March 1, 2011

No New Commitments since last month



What Can We Count On You To Bring?

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