

## **P-rade Marshals' Marching Orders**

(Thanks to Bob Rodgers '56)

Thanks for your willing service as a P-rade Marshal. Your role is important in the success and enjoyment of this historic Reunions celebration – unique to Princeton across three centuries. Here are some of the ways each of you will be able to help, along with other specific responsibilities that may be assigned.

**Dress:** The official Marshal uniform is a navy blue blazer, white pants or skirt, a white shirt, a Princeton University or class tie or scarf, black shoes, the “da Vinci” hat from the Alumni Council and a special Marshal button. It is suggested for uniformity that the Marshal button be worn on the right lapel of the blazer and your class Reunion button on the left lapel.

**General approach to P-raders and spectators:** Our primary objective as Marshals is to provide structure within the greater mission of joy and celebration for P-raders and spectators. Therefore, our approach should be cheerful, requesting and explanatory as to the safety, order, pace and enjoyment of the P-rade. However, when necessary, do not hesitate to be firm and direct, e.g., “I need you to stand behind this line.”

**Clear route:** Clear waiting classes, spectators and photographers from route, safely behind marked lines or ropes, in good time before the vanguard of the P-rade, and continuously until its conclusion.

**Station/movement:** Locate assigned class(es), organize and coach as follows. and as class(es) enter P-rade, walk along to clear route, maintain formation and pace, and follow through to reviewing stand and beyond to end and dispersal, helping to accomplish the following.

**Class organization:** Locate class leaders in advance. Explain and ask for assistance in smooth transit, according to the following guidelines.

**Banner:** Be sure the class banner is on hand (50<sup>th</sup> and older classes pick up at Maclean House; 49<sup>th</sup> and younger pick up from Blair/Witherspoon lawn). Have banner stationed with carriers to enter P-rade at upstream end of class immediately after previous class passes, with class to fall in behind its banner as it passes.

**Class formation:** Keep class together, including band(s), banner, float and particularly classmates and family. Hasten stragglers to rejoin and tighten up formation throughout route.

**Class pace:** Keep tight behind preceding class. Keep moving throughout route. Cheerleader may stop to lead cheers (and then catch up); class to continue moving.

**Reviewing stand:** Class to move immediately behind preceding class to front of stand. Brief stop for one locomotive to salute President; then move on immediately in formation.

**P-rade end:** Class to continue with class banner still raised beyond reviewing stand within marked lane to truck. Carts and floats exit to right before truck; marchers to left, moving on to clear area promptly. Banners deposited in truck. (Marshals' hats also after the following.)

Remain at end to assure orderly conclusion for your assigned class(es), including clearance of end of route for following classes. Then you are free to become a spectator or Marshal emeritus (for this year).

Thanks for your contribution to the one and only P-rade. You've made it great for everyone!