

# Shrine Parade Regulations

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1. **Non-Shriners.** Other than the police escort, dignitaries and distinguished guests, only Shriners are permitted in Shrine parades.
2. **Cadence.** Marching cadence will be 110 steps to the minute, except for specialized units which may require a different cadence.
3. **Interval.** Intervals of not over 80 feet between temples and 40 feet between units are to be constantly maintained.
4. **No Impersonations.** No impersonations of ethnic groups, females or political figures are allowed in parades.
5. **Vehicle equipment.** No motorized vehicles shall engage their sirens, flashing lights or colored lights. They are to use their turn indicators and items required by law.
6. **Safety laws.** Motorcycles, scooters and other motorized vehicles shall obey the local laws regarding speed, prudent operation and the use of hard helmets instead of fezzes.
7. **Throwing objects.** Neither candy nor objects shall be thrown to spectators along the parade route but may be distributed in a manner that is consistent with the law of the land.
8. **Demeaning displays.** No demeaning displays, or discharge of firearms of any type, or other items that may be considered in poor taste are permitted.
9. **Alcoholic beverages.** Members of participating units shall not drink any alcoholic beverages before or during any parade, and they shall be circumspect in the use of soft drinks in public places so as not to give the impression they are drinking alcoholic beverages.
10. **Reviewing stand.**
  - (a) At Imperial Session parades, a reviewing stand is reserved for the exclusive use of the Imperial Potentate, Imperial officers, Past Imperial officers and such guests as invited by the Imperial Potentate.
  - (b) At the reviewing stand during Imperial parades, temple divans will give the hand salute and will not stop to salaam. The Imperial Potentate (or ranking Imperial officer) receives the salute. When temples from an Imperial officer's state or province pass in review, that officer receives the salute of these temples along with the Imperial Potentate.
  - (c) At association of temples parades, the ranking Imperial officer, along with the association president or potentate (as appropriate) receives the salute of all temples. Other Imperial officers and association officers will follow the same procedure as above.
  - (d) At association of temples parades, the temple potentates may leave their cars and accept the salutes of their units.
11. **National flags.** No national flag shall be lowered or dipped when passing the reviewing stand or elsewhere.

12. **Enforcement.** Parade marshals shall enforce all Shrine parade regulations and they shall report any violations to the Potentate of his temple. Failure on the part of a temple Potentate to cooperate with parade marshals shall be reported in writing.
13. **Potentate responsibility.** Each Potentate is personally responsible and accountable for knowingly permitting any violation of parade regulations. Temple Potentates are required to review parade regulations with their temple marshal, the Parade Marshal and their unit head.

### **CIVIC PARADES**

Units and/or clubs that participate in non-Shrine parades may do so *only* with approval from their Potentate. Should they be requested to participate in the jurisdiction of another temple, they will also need the permission of the Potentate of that temple. Practice good Shrine etiquette when parading in non-Shrine parades and follow the protocol set up by the host sponsor of the parade.

**Non-Shriners are not permitted to participate in Shrine units and/or clubs in civic parades.**