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SHERIFF KOUTOUJIAN CONTINUES TRADITION, OPENS HARVARD GRADUATION

On Thursday, May 26 2011 Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian continued a longstanding tradition at Harvard University by opening the Commencement exercises. The Middlesex Sheriff, dressed in top hat and morning suit, leads the procession of guests, administrators and graduates through Harvard Yard to the stage and is then asked to give order to the ceremony. Sheriff Koutoujian opened the proceedings with a booming proclamation and the stomping of the ceremonial staff.

“As the high sheriff of Middlesex County, I declare this meeting to be in order!” he announced to rousing applause from the graduates, staff and families gathered in Harvard Yard.

After the conferring of degrees upon graduates, Sheriff Koutoujian closed the celebration with another staff-stomping and rousing proclamation, backed by the thunderous applause of all in attendance.

Sheriff Koutoujian is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Attached, please find photos of Sheriff Koutoujian at the 2011 Harvard Commencement.

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