

Gravestone Abbreviations

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AAONMS	Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Masonic)
AASR	Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (Masonic)
ABA	American Benefit Association
AF&AM	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
ALOH	American Legion of Honor
AMD	Allied Masonic Degree
AMORC	Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (Rosicrucians)
AMOS	Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans (see IOOF)
AOF	Ancient Order of Foresters
AOH	Ancient Order of Hibernians
AOKMC	Ancient Order of Knights of Mystic Chain
AOUW	Ancient Order of United Workmen
APA	American Protective Association
AUM	Ancient Order of Mysteries (Masonic)
AUSA	Association of the United States Army
? AUV	Association of Union Veterans
B of RTM	Brotherhood of Rail Road Track Men
BARE	Benefit Association of Railway Employees
BAY	Brotherhood of American Yeomen
BK of M	Black Knights of Molders
BKA	Benevolent Knights Association
BLE	Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
BLF&E	Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Engineers
BPOE	Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
BPOEW	Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World
BRT	Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen
BSA	Boy Scouts of America
C of C	Children of the Confederacy
CAR	Children of the American Revolution
CBKA	Commandery Benevolent Knights Association
CBL	Catholic Benevolent Legion
CCTAS	Crusaders-Catholic Total Abstinence Society
CD of A	Catholic Daughters of America
CK of A	Catholic Knights of America
CMBA	Catholic Mutual Benefit Association
COOF	Catholic Order of Foresters
CSA	Confederate States Army
CSN	Confederate States Navy
CTAS	Catholic Total Abstinence Society
DAR	Daughters of the American Revolution
Deo Vindice	Latin for God will Vindicate
D.O.A./DA	Daughters of America
DAC	Daughters of the American Colonists
DAV	Disabled American Veterans
DOKK	Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan (Knights of Pythias)
DoL	Daughters of Liberty
DOLLUS	Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States
DON	Daughters of the Nile (Masonic)
DUV / DUVCW	Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

EAA Experimental	Aircraft Association
EAU	Equitable Aid Union
EBA	Emerald Beneficial Association
FAA	Free and Accepted Americans
FAM	Free and Accepted Masons
FCB	Knights of Pythias
FCL	Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty, seen on some Union and Masonic stones
FLT	Independent Order of Odd Fellows
FMF	Fleet Marine Force
FOAST	Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers
FOE	Fraternal Order of Eagles
FOF	Fraternal Order of Firefighters
FOP	Fraternal Order of Police
GAR	Grand Army of the Republic
GSA	Girl Scouts of America
GALSTPTR	German American Legion of St. Peter
GLAUM	Grand Lodge Ancient Order of Mysteries-Masonic Order
GLDS	Grand Lodge Daughters of Scotia
GUOOF	Grand United Order of Odd Fellows
IBBH	International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers
ICBU	Irish Catholic Benevolent Union
IHSV	Red Cross of Constantine (Masonic)
IOA	International Order of Alhambra
IODE	Independent Order, Daughters of the Empire
IOF	Independent Order of Foresters
IOGT	International Order of Good Templars
IOH	Improved Order of Heptasophs
IOI	Independent Order of Immaculates
IOJD	Independent Order of Job's Daughters
IOKP	Independent Order of Knights of Pythias
IOOF	Independent Order of Odd Fellows
IOOF-PM	Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Master
IOR	Independent Order of Rechabites
IORG	International Order of Rainbow Girls (Masonic)
IORM	Improved Order of Redmen (Sons of Liberty)
IOStL	Independent Order of St. Luke
IOV	International Order of Vikings
ISDA	Italian Sons and Daughters of America
ISH	Independent Sons of Honor
IUOM	Independent United Order of Mechanics
IWW	Industrial Workers of the World
JAOUW	Junior Order-Ancient Order of United Workmen
J.O.A.M.	Junior Order of American Mechanics
J.O.U.A.M.	Junior Order of United American Mechanics
K. of C. / KC	Knights of Columbus
K. of P. / KP	Knights of Pythias
K of FM / KFM	Knights of Father Matthew
K of H	Knights of Honor
K of L	Knights of Loyola
K of SJ	Knights of St. John

K of STP	Knights of St. Patrick
K of STW	Knights of St. Wenceslas
K of T / KT	Knights of Tabor
K of TM	Knights of the Macabees
KG	Knights of St. George
K.M. / KM	Knights of Malta (Masonic)
KM	Knights Militant (KKK)
K.T. / KT	Knights Templar (Masonic)
KGC	Knights of the Golden Chain
KGC	Knights of the Golden Circle
KGE	Knights of the Golden Eagle
KGL	Knight Grand Legion
KHC	Knights of Holy Cross
KKK	Knights of Klu-Klux Klan
KLH	Knights and Ladies of Honor
KMC	Knights of the Mystic Chain
KOL	Knights of Labor
KPC	Knights of Peter Claver
KSC	Knights of St. Columbkille
KSF	Knights of Sherwood Forest
KSL	Knights of St. Lawrence
KOTM	Knights of the Macabees
KSTG	Knights of St. George
KSTI	Knights of St. Ignatius
KSTJ	Knights of St. Joseph
KSTM	Knights of St. Martin
KSTP	Knights of St. Paul
KSTP	Knights of St. Peter
KSTT	Knights of St. Thomas
LAOH	Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
LDG	Independent Order of Foresters
LGAR	Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
LK of A	Loyal Knights of America
LOL	Loyal Order Orange Lodge (The Orange Order) {Orange Men}
L.O.M	Loyal Order of Moose
LOOM	Loyal Order of the MOOSE
LOVUS	Legion of Valor of the United States
MAW	Marine Air Wing
MBS	Mutual Benefit Society
MCL	Marine Corps League
MRA	Royal Arcanum
M.W.A.	Modern Woodmen of America
MOPH	Military Order of the Purple Heart
MOOSE	Loyal Order of the Moose
MOS&B	Military Order of the Stars and Bars
MOVPER	Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Mystic Realm (Grotto)
MOLLUS	Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
NL	Navy League
NU	National Union
N.O.W.	Neighbors of Woodcraft
NCOA	Non-Commissioned Officers Association (Military Society)
NEOP	New England Order of Protection
NOK	New Order Knights (KKK)

NSDAR	National Society Daughters of American Revolution
NSSUP	National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers
O of A	Order of Amaranth (Masonic)
O of UF	Order of United Friends
OCF	Order of Chosen Friends
OCR	Order of Confederate Rose
OES	Order of the Eastern Star
OGC	Order of the Golden Cross
OSC	Order of Scottish Clans (St. Andrew's Societies)
ODHS	Des Schwestern Verbandes (Sisters of the Federation)
OUAM	Order of United American Mechanics
PF of A	Patriotic Friends of America
PH	The Order of Patrons of Husbandry (The Grange)
PM	Patriarchs Militant (Independent Order of Odd Fellows)
PBA	Police Benevolent Association
POW / P.O.W.	Prisoner of War
RA	Royal Academy
RA	Royal Arcanum
RK	Roman Knights
R.A.M.	Royal Arch Masons
R.N.A.	Royal Neighbors of America
RIP	Requiescat in pace, Latin for REST IN PEACE
ROJ	Royal Order of Jesters (Masonic)
RMOKHSJ	The Religious and Military Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem
RO-AUM	Rosicrucian Order (Masonic)
RSGF	Royal Society of Good Fellows
RSM	Royal and Select Masons
RSTV	Rite of St. Vaclara
RSTV	Rite of ST. Vita
RTT	Royal Templars of Temperance
S of E	Sons of England
S of St.G	Sons of St. George
SR	Scottish Rite (Masonic)
ST	Sons of Temperance
SV	Sons of Veterans of the United States of America
S.A.L.	Sons of the American Legion
?SAR	Sisters of the American Revolution
SAR	Sons of the American Revolution
SBL	Society B. Lafayette
SCV	Sons of the Confederate Veterans
SUV / SUVCW	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
S.A.W.V.	Spanish American War Veteran
SBCL	Saint Bonifazius Catholic Union
S.F.W.C.	Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle
SMAA	Scandinavian Mutual Aid Association
SNA-AUM	Shrine of North America (Masonic)
S.S.M.A.	Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Association
TCL	Tall Cedars of Lebanon (Masonic)
TH	Temple of Honor and Temperance-Independent Order of Odd Fellows
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TPLF	Temple of Honor and Temperance, TROA The Retired Officer's Association
UR	The Uniform Ranks designation
UCV	United Confederate Veterans
UDC	United Daughters of the Confederacy
UFL	Union Fraternal League
U.S.A.	United States Army
U.S.N.	United States Navy
U.S.A.F.	United States Air Force
U.S.C.G.	United States Coast Guard
U.S.M.C.	United States Marine Corp
UAOD	United Ancient Order of Druids
UOPF	United Order of Pilgrim Fathers
VFW	Veteran's of Foreign Wars
W.C.	Woodmen Circle
W.O.W.	Woodmen of the World
W.O.W.	Women of Woodcraft
WKSC	White Knights of the Southern Cross (KKK)
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association
1861 – 1865	This is not a child, but the years of the War Between the States

Military markers

BTN	Battalion
DIV	Division
ART	Artillery
INF	Infantry
CAV	Cavalry

Rank

PVT	Private
CPL	Corporal
SGT	Sergeant
WO	Warrant officer
LT JG	Lieutenant Junior Grade
LT	Lieutenant
COM	Commander
CAPT	Captain
COL	Colonel
MAJ	Major
ADM	Admiral
GEN	General