

COMMON HEADSTONE ABBREVIATIONS

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
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
CTAS	Catholic Total Abstinence Society
DAR	Daughters of the American Revolution
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	Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
D.U.V.C.W.	Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
EAA	Experimental Aircraft Association
EAU	Equitable Aid Union
EBA	Emerald Beneficial Association
ECVE	Clampus Vitus
FAA	Free and Accepted Americans
FAM	Free and Accepted Masons
FCB	Knights of Pythias
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
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
HZ	Haro Zaro
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
IOHH	International Order of Hoo-Hoo
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.	Knights of Columbus
K.of P.	Knights of Pythias
K of FM	Knights of Father Matthew
K of H	Knights of Honor
K of L	Knights of Loyola
K.M.	Knights of Malta (Masonic)
K.T.	Knights Templar
K of SJ	Knights of St. John
K of STP	Knights of St. Patrick
K of STW	Knights of St. Wenceslas
K of T	Knights of Tabor
K of TM	Knights of the Macabees
K.of C.	Knights of Columbus
K.of P.	Knights of Pythias
KC	Knights of Columbus
KFM	Knights of Father Matthew
KG	Knights of St. George
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
KM	Knights Militant (See KKK)
KM	Knights of Malta (Masonic)
KMC	Knights of the Mystic Chain
KOL	Knights of Labor
KOTM	Knights of the Macabees
KP	Knights of Pythias
KPC	Knights of Peter Claver
KSC	Knights of St. Columbkille
KSF	Knights of Sherwood Forest
KSL	Knights of St. Lawrence
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
KT	Knights of Tabor
KT	Knights Templars (Masonic)
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
M.W.A.	Modern Woodmen of America
MAW	Marine Air Wing
M.W.A.	Modern Woodmen of America
MBS	Mutual Benefit Society
MCL	Marine Corps League
MOLLUS	Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
MOOSE	Loyal Order of the Moose
MOPH	Military Order of the Purple Heart
MOVPER	Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Mystic Realm (Grotto)
MRA	Royal Arcanum
N.O.W.	Neighbors of Woodcraft
NCOA	Non-Commissioned Officers Association (Military Society)
NEOP	New England Order of Protection
NL	Navy League
NOK	New Order Knights (see KKK)
NSDAR	National Society Daughters of American Revolution
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NSSUP	National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers
NU	National Union
O of A	Order of Amaranth (Masonic)
O of UF	Order of United Friends
OCF	Order of Chosen Friends
ODHS	Des Schwestern Verbandes (Sisters of the Federation)
OES	Order of the Eastern Star
OGC	Order of the Golden Cross
OSC	Order of Scottish Clans (St. Andrew's Societies)
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)
RA	Royal Academy
RA	Royal Arcanum
R.A.M.	Royal Arch Masons
*R.N.A.	Royal Neighbors of America
RIP	Requiescat in pace, Latin for REST IN PEACE
RK	Roman Knights
RMOKHSJ	The Religious and Military Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
RO-AUM	Rosicrucian Order (Masonic)
ROJ	Royal Order of Jesters (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.A.L.	Sons of the American Legion
SAR	Sisters of the American Revolution
SAR	Sons of the American Revolution
S.A.W.V.	Spanish American War Veteran
SBCL	Saint Bonifazius Catholic Union
SBL	Society B. Lafayette
SCV	Sons of the Confederate Veterans
S.C.V.C.W.	Sons of the Confederate Veterans of the Civil War
S of E	Sons of England
S.F.W.C.	Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle
SMAA	Scandinavian Mutual Aid Association
SNA-AUM	Shrine of North America (Masonic)
S.O.C.V.	Sons of the Confederate Veterans
SR	Scottish Rite (Masonic)
ST	Sons of Temperance
ST.G S o NY	St. George's Society of New York
SUVCW	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
S of St.G	Sons of St. George
S.S.M.A.	Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Association
S.U.V.C.W.	Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
SV	Sons of Veterans
SV	Sons of Veterans of the United States of America
TCL	Tall Ceders of Lebanon (Masonic)
TH	Temple of Honor and Temperance-Independent Order of Odd Fellows
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TPLF	Temple of Honor and Temperance, IOOF
TROA	The Retired Officer's Association
U.S.A.	United States Army
U.S.A.F.	United States Air Force
U.S.M.C.	United States Marine Corp
U.S.N.	United States Navy
UAOD	United Ancient Order of Druids
UCV	United Confederate Veterans
UDC	United Daughters of the Confederacy
UFL	Union Fraternal League
UFM	United Friends of Michigan
UOPF	United Order of Pilgrim Fathers
UR	The Uniform Ranks designation found on many
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 (See KKK)
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

*Many times the RNA will only have a small aluminum stake beside the tombstone with those initials on it. The others will usually have the name of the organization spelled out but occasionally have only the initials on the stone.