

# Common Abbreviations Found on Tombstones or in Obituaries

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AOF – Ancient Order Of Foresters  
AOH – Ancient Order Of Hibernians  
AOKMC – Ancient Order Of Knights of Mystic Chain  
AOUW – Ancient Order Of United Workmen  
ALOH – American Legion of Honor  
BPOE – Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
BPOEW – Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World  
CK of A – Catholic Knights of America  
CTAS – Catholic Total Abstinence Society  
CBKA – Commandery Benevolent Knights Association  
CCTAS – Crusaders-Catholic Total Abstinence Society  
DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution  
DOR – Daughters of the Revolution  
EBA – Emerald Beneficial Association  
FAA – Free and Accepted Americans  
FOE – Fraternal Order of Eagles  
GALSTPTR – German American Legion of St. Peter  
GAR – Grand Army of the Republic  
GUO of OF – Grand United Order of Odd Fellows  
IHS – The first 3 letters in the Greek spelling of Jesus are IHS  
IOI – Independent Order of Immaculates  
IOKP – Independent Order of Knights of Pythias  
IOOF – Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
ISH – Independent Sons of Honor  
IORM – Improved Order of Red Men  
JAOUW – Junior Order-Ancient Order of United Workmen  
JOUAM – Junior Order-Order of United American Mechanics  
KGL – Knight Grand Legion  
KM – Knights Militant  
KC – Knights of Columbus  
K of C – Knights of Columbus

K of FM – Knights of Father Matthew  
KFM – Knights of Father Matthew  
K of H – Knights of Honor  
K of L – Knights of Loyola  
KM Knights of Malta  
KMC – Knights of Mystic Chain  
KPC – Knights of Peter Claver  
KP – Knights of Pythias  
K of P – Knights of Pythias  
KSC – Knights of St. Columbkille  
KG – Knights of St. George  
KSTG – Knights of St. George  
KSTI – Knights of St. Ignatius  
K of SJ – Knights of St. John  
KSTJ – Knights of St. Joseph  
KSL – Knights of St. Lawrence  
KSTM Knights of St. Martin  
K of STP – Knights of St. Patrick  
KSTP – Knights of St. Paul  
KSTP – Knights of St. Peter  
KSTT – Knights of St. Thomas  
K of STW – Knights of St. Wenceslas  
KT – Knights of Tabor  
K of T – Knights of Tabor  
KWM – Knights of Wise Men  
KGE – Knights of Golden Eagle  
KHC – Knights of Holy Cross  
KKK – Knights of Ku Klux Klan  
KOTM – Knights of Maccabees  
KSF – Knights of Sherwood Forest  
KT – Knights Templar (Masonic)  
LK of A – Loyal Knights of America  
MOLLUS – Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States  
MWA – Modern Woodsmen of America  
OUAM – Order of United American Mechanics  
PM – Patriarchs Militant (Independent Order of Odd Fellows)  
POSA – Patriotic Order of the Sons of America  
IHSV – Red Cross of Constantine (Masonic)  
RSTV – Rite of St. Vaclara  
RSTV – Rite of St. Vita  
RK – Roman Knights  
MRA – Royal Arcanum  
RAM – Royal Arch Masons  
SBCL – Saint Bonifacius Catholic Union

SBL – Society B. Lafayette  
SCV – Sons of the Confederate Veterans  
SAR – Sons of the American Revolution  
SV – Sons of Veterans  
TH – Temple of Honor-Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
UCV – United Confederate Veterans  
VFW – Veterans of Foreign Wars