

## Gravestone Abbreviations: By Michael (Mike) Joseph Mitchell

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  
 AOJW 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)	KKK	Knights of Klu-Klux Klan
IOA	International Order of Alhambra	KLH	Knights and Ladies of Honor
IODE	Independent Order, Daughters of the Empire	KMC	Knights of the Mystic Chain
IOF	Independent Order of Foresters	KOL	Knights of Labor
IOGT	International Order of Good Templars	KPC	Knights of Peter Claver
IOH	Improved Order of Heptasophs	KSC	Knights of St. Columbkille
IOI	Independent Order of Immaculates	KSF	Knights of Sherwood Forest
IOJD	Independent Order of Job's Daughters	KSL	Knights of St. Lawrence
IOKP	Independent Order of Knights of Pythias	KOTM	Knights of the Macabees
IOOF	Independent Order of Odd Fellows	KSTG	Knights of St. George
IOOF-PM	Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Master	KSTI	Knights of St. Ignatius
IOR	Independent Order of Rechabites	KSTJ	Knights of St. Joseph
IORG	International Order of Rainbow Girls (Masonic)	KSTM	Knights of St. Martin
IORM	Improved Order of Redmen (Sons of Liberty)	KSTP	Knights of St. Paul
IOSL	Independent Order of St. Luke	KSTP	Knights of St. Peter
IOV	International Order of Vikings	KSTT	Knights of St. Thomas
ISDA	Italian Sons and Daughters of America	LAOH	Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
ISH	Independent Sons of Honor	LDG	Independent Order of Foresters
IUOM	Independent United Order of Mechanics	<b>LGAR</b>	<b>Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic</b>
IWW	Industrial Workers of the World	LK of A	Loyal Knights of America
JAOUW	Junior Order-Ancient Order of United Workmen	LOL	Loyal Order Orange Lodge (The Orange Order){Orange Men}
J.O.A.M.	Junior Order of American Mechanics	L.O.M	Loyal Order of Moose
J.O.U.A.M.	Junior Order of United American Mechanics	LOOM	Loyal Order of the MOOSE
K.of C. / KC	Knights of Columbus	LOVUS	Legion of Valor of the United States
K.of P. / KP	Knights of Pythias	MAW	Marine Air Wing
K of FM / KFM	Knights of Father Matthew	MBS	Mutual Benefit Society
K of H	Knights of Honor	MCL	Marine Corps League
K of L	Knights of Loyola	MRA	Royal Arcanum
K of SJ	Knights of St. John	M.W.A.	Modern Woodmen of America
K of STP	Knights of St. Patrick	MOPH	Military Order of the Purple Heart
K of STW	Knights of St. Wenceslas	MOOSE	Loyal Order of the Moose
K of T / KT	Knights of Tabor	<b>MOS&amp;B</b>	<b>Military Order of the Stars and Bars</b>
K of TM	Knights of the Macabees	MOVPER	Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Mystic Realm (Grotto)
KG	Knights of St. George	<b>MOLLUS</b>	<b>Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States</b>
K.M. / KM	Knights of Malta (Masonic)	<b>NL</b>	<b>Navy League</b>
KM	Knights Militant (KKK)	NU	National Union
K.T. / KT	Knights Templar (Masonic)	N.O.W.	Neighbors of Woodcraft
KGC	Knights of the Golden Chain	NCOA	Non-Commissioned Officers Association (Military Society)
KGC	Knights of the Golden Circle	NEOP	New England Order of Protection
KGE	Knights of the Golden Eagle	NOK	New Order Knights (KKK)
KGL	Knight Grand Legion		
KHC	Knights of Holy Cross		

**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 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,

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