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District Grand Council of Cheshire And
North Wales

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Dear Brother Secretary,

There has been much confusion in the past as to the official abbreviations to be used to distinguish Brethren who hold Grand or District Grand Ranks.

The following guidance is given for the correctness, and no other form should be used, it should be noted that punctuation marks are to be used for all Orders administered from Mark Masons Hall.

GRAND RANKS

The correct abbreviations together with a table of precedents is to be found in the 2024/25 Book of Constitutions and Regulations 4(i). Note that the punctuation mark is always to be used, for example P.G.J.D. **not** PGJD, and P.G.St.B. **not** PGStB. Active Grand Ranks would be G.J.D. or G.St.B.

Only use the current Grand Rank, if the Brother has been promoted then use only the latest Rank. If the Grand Officer also holds an **Active District Rank**, as for example as does our District Grand Treasurer, then the official abbreviation for him would be P.G.J.D., Dist.G.Treas. The District Rank is only afforded him whilst he holds the position as an Active District Officer, if he is a Past District Officer then the District Rank is omitted.

DISTRICT GRAND RANKS

The same format should be used as with Grand Ranks, but the word "**District**" abbreviated to "**Dist**" should precede the Rank. If the Brother holds a Past Rank, then the Rank should be preceded by "**P.Dist**"

For example, an Active Rank of District Grand Standard Bearer would be abbreviated Dist.G.St.B. and a Past District Grand Standard Bearer would be P.Dist.G.St.B.

Remember therefore always to use the punctuation in the Rank, **never** abbreviate GStB or PGStB for Grand Ranks or DistGStB or PDistGStB for District Ranks.

Please ensure that the above protocols are adopted on Summonses, lists of members, letterheads, and all other documents on which the names and designations of Grand and District Grand Officers appear.

I fully accept that this issue has not proved a problem within the District, but for the sake of uniformity I hope that this email clarifies the situation.

My very warm regards,

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