



# Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia

## Explanation of precedence of Craft Ranks

1. A Grand Rank always takes precedence over a Provincial Rank e.g. PAGDC, ProvGStB. It makes no difference whether active or passed.
2. This can be followed by the Royal Arch **PZ** (First Principal).
3. Civil Decorations or Honours [i.e., *JP, OBE, CBE, DL, TD, QPM*, in Italics] can be placed after the Masonic Rank.

A Brother's precedence i.e. where he occurs in a list, or seating plan, is also governed by the above, but with one difference. If two Brethren have the same Grand or Provincial Rank, then chronology comes into effect. E.g. if two Provincial Grand Officers have the rank of PAGDC then the one who was appointed first (Dispensation order) takes precedence, however if one has Grand Rank then he takes precedence.

## PROTOCOL FOR THE ABBREVIATIONS FOR LODGE RANKS

**Abbreviations should not contain spaces or full stops**

Worshipful Master .....	WM
Senior Warden .....	SW
Junior Warden.....	JW
Chaplain.....	Chap
Secretary .....	Sec
Treasurer.....	Treas
Director of Ceremonies.....	DC
Almoner .....	Alm
Charity Steward .....	ChStwd
Senior Deacon.....	SD
Junior Deacon .....	JD
Assistant Director of Ceremonies.....	ADC
Steward .....	Stwd
Inner Guard.....	IG
Organist.....	Org
Tyler.....	Tyler

Civil Decorations or Honours [i.e., *JP, OBE, CBE, DL, TD, QPM*, in Italics]

Academic or membership honorifics should not be used unless special exemption has been granted for a School / University Lodge. [i.e., BSc, FCA] but academic titles are used as a prefix [i.e., Prof., Dr., Rev.]

Military Ranks are used as a prefix for Commissioned Officers but, if retired,



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only use the ranks of Major or above (or the equivalent rank in other branches of the Armed Forces)

A comma should be placed after a Brother's name and before the Grand or Provincial rank. A further comma should be placed between any subsequent Office.

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### PROTOCOL FOR THE ABBREVIATIONS OF PROVINCIAL RANKS

**Abbreviations should not contain spaces or full stops**

Provincial Grand Master .....	ProvGM
Deputy Provincial Grand Master .....	DepProvGM
Assistant Provincial Grand Master.....	AProvGM
Provincial Grand Inspector .....	ProvGInsp
Provincial Senior Grand Warden .....	ProvSGW
Provincial Junior Grand Warden.....	ProvJGW
Provincial Grand Orator .....	ProvGOR
Provincial Grand Chaplain.....	ProvGChap
Provincial Grand Treasurer .....	ProvGTreas
Provincial Grand Secretary .....	ProvGSec
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	ProvGDC
Provincial Grand Archivist .....	ProvGArc
Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works .....	ProvGSuptWks
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer .....	ProvGSwdB
Provincial Grand Charity Steward .....	ProvGChStwd
Provincial Grand Almoner .....	ProvGAlm
Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain .....	ProvDepGChap
Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary.....	ProvDepGSec
Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	ProvDepGDC
Provincial Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.....	ProvDepGSwdB
Provincial Deputy Grand Almoner .....	ProvDepGAlm
Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works .....	ProvDepSuptWks
Provincial Senior Grand Deacon.....	ProvSGD
Provincial Junior Grand Deacon .....	ProvJGD
Provincial Assistant Grand Treasurer .....	ProvAGTreas
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary.....	ProvAGSec
Provincial Grand Communications Officer .....	ProvGComO
Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	ProvAGDC
Provincial Assistant Grand Charity Steward.....	ProvAGChStwd
Provincial Grand Organist.....	ProvGOrg
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer .....	ProvGStB
Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer.....	ProvAGStB
Provincial Grand Inner Guard.....	ProvGIG
Provincial Grand Steward .....	ProvGStwd
Provincial Grand Tyler.....	ProvGTyler



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## PROTOCOL FOR THE ABBREVIATIONS OF PAST PROVINCIAL RANKS

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Past Provincial Grand Master .....	PProvGM
Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master .....	PDepProvGM
Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master.....	PAProvGM
Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden .....	PProvSGW
Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden .....	PProvJGW
Past Provincial Grand Chaplain.....	PProvGChap
Past Provincial Grand Registrar .....	PProvGReg
Past Provincial Grand Treasurer.....	PProvGTreas
Past Provincial Grand Secretary .....	PProvGSec
Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies .....	PProvGDC
Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer .....	PProvGSwdB
Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works .....	PProvGSuptWks
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain .....	PProvDepGChap
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Registrar.....	PProvDepGReg
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary .....	PProvDepGSec
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	PProvDepGDC
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Sword Bearer .....	PProvDepGSwdB
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works .....	PProvDepSuptWks
Past Provincial Grand Almoner.....	PProvGAlm
Past Provincial Grand Charity Steward.....	PProvGChStwd
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon.....	PProvSGD
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon.....	PProvJGD
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain .....	PProvAGChap
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Registrar.....	PProvAGReg
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary .....	PProvAGSec
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	PProvAGDC
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Sword Bearer .....	PProvAGSwdB
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works ....	PProvAGSuptWks
Past Provincial Grand Organist .....	PProvGOrg
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer .....	PProvGStB
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer.....	PProvAGStB
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Organist.....	PProvDepGOrg
Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant .....	PProvGPurs
Past Provincial Grand Steward .....	PProvGStwd
Past Provincial Grand Tyler.....	PProvGTyler

If a Brother has not held the active rank, but was invested as a past rank initially, then PP should be used instead of PProv e.g. PPAGDC instead of PProvAGDC.



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## CRAFT GRAND RANKS

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Grand Master.....	GM
Deputy Grand Master.....	DepGM
Assistant Grand Master.....	AGM
Grand Inspector.....	GInsp
Senior Grand Warden.....	SGW
Junior Grand Warden.....	JGW
Grand Secretary.....	GSec
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	GDC
Grand Sword Bearer.....	GSwdB
Grand Superintendent of Works.....	GSuptWks
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	DepGDC
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.....	DepGSwdB
Senior Grand Deacon.....	SGD
Junior Grand Deacon.....	JGD
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	AGDC
Assistant Grand Sword Bearer.....	AGSwdB
Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works.....	AGSuptWks
Grand Standard Bearer.....	GStB
Assistant Grand Standard Bearer.....	AGStB
Grand Steward.....	GStwd

[Past Ranks should be prefixed by a “P” e.g. PSGD = Past Senior Grand Deacon].