**Meaning of Markings – Jewelry**

**Gold**

K = Karat, P = Plumb (Plumb is high quality when P is on gold (Example 18KP)

10K = 41.7% pure .417 = 10K

12K = 50% pure

14K = **58.5% pure .585 = 14K**

**18K = 75% pure .750 = 18K**

**22K = 91.2% pure**

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**G.F. = Gold Filled (bonded or bronze w. fusing). By law 5% of total weight must be gold**

**HGE = Heavy Gold Electroplating – thin coating of gold over base metal**

**Silver**

**Ster or Sterling = 92.5% silver, 7.5% copper**

**.925 = Sterling (92.5% silver)**

**Mexico = Sterling (92.5% silver)**

**Lion Hallmark = Sterling from England**

**S.F. = Silver Filled (1/20 silver filled)**

**Vermeil is sterling silver covered by an electroplating of gold**

**Platinum**

**Plat or Platinum = 75% platinum .750 = 75% Platinum**

**Designer Stamp**

**Maker of piece will often stamp insignia inside, i.e. James Avery “Avery” and or candlestick, Tiffany, etc.**