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**DECISION OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
ARREST OF CHARTER – OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER NO. 41**

In accordance with the Powers granted to the Grand High Priest in Section 28, paragraph 8, I hereby arrest the Charter of Okanogan Valley Chapter No. 41. Official activities of Okanogan Valley Chapter No. 41 are hereby suspended until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter on 10 May 2024.

*Alan T. Spreen*

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Grand High Priest

*Sept. 25, 2023*

Date

**Explanation:**

The above decision is issued for the following reasons:

1. I drove to Oroville on 19 September 2023 for my Official Visit as previously published and announced. My intention was to discuss with them possible options of making Okanogan Valley Chapter viable for the future. I waited at the published location, but no member of the Chapter arrived.
2. In accordance with Section 186, and in accordance with Section 278 paragraph 3, a chapter must meet at least quarterly, and failure to meet for six months is grounds for forfeiture of its charter. Okanogan Valley Chapter has not met since before the beginning of the pandemic.
3. In accordance with Section 278 paragraph 4, the charter of a chapter may be revoked or declared forfeit if the number of members is reduced to less than nine. The report of the Grand Secretary as of 05/02/2023 shows the number of members of Okanogan Valley Chapter No 41 at four.
4. In accordance with Section 279, a charter may be arrested by the Grand High Priest until the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter for just cause.