

Challenge to the Administrative Suspension

Filed February 27, 2026 · Pending before the Grand Boulé Grievance and Complaints Committee

Subject of Complaint

The “Administrative Suspension” imposed by the Grand Board on May 21, 2025.

Conduct Alleged

On or about May 21, 2025, the Grand Board imposed what was characterized as an “administrative suspension” upon the Complainant. The stated basis was the Complainant’s initiation of civil litigation in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas challenging the procedural validity of the April 9, 2025 removal vote. No formal complaint preceded the suspension, no notice was served, no investigation was conducted, and no opportunity to respond was provided. The Code of Conduct Policy and Grievances and Disciplinary Manual (2024) does not authorize “administrative suspension” anywhere in its text, and the procedural pathway the Manual prescribes for any form of discipline was bypassed in its entirety. The suspension has remained in effect for approximately ten months.

Counts

1. No Authority for “Administrative Suspension” Exists in the Code of Conduct
2. Filing Litigation Is Not a Prohibited Activity Under the Code
3. The Suspension Preceded Any Formal Complaint by Two Days
4. The Suspension Lacks Any Procedural Foundation in the Governing Documents

Documentary Foundation

- Code of Conduct Policy and Grievances and Disciplinary Manual (2024)
- Formal complaint of Archon Alvin R. Johnson, dated May 23, 2025 — filed two days after the suspension was imposed
- Grand Boulé Grievance and Complaints Committee Report on Investigation, dated August 7, 2025 (“The Committee sees no useful purpose to be served by recommending further action”)
- Decree of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, Orphans’ Court Division (No. 600 NP of 2025), dated September 16, 2025, containing preliminary findings that the Complainant is likely to prevail on the merits

Relief Requested

A finding that the May 21, 2025 administrative suspension is procedurally void for failure to comply with the mandatory procedures of the Code of Conduct; a recommendation to the Grand Board that the suspension be lifted immediately; and a clarifying determination that no provision of the Constitution, Bylaws, or Code of Conduct authorizes suspension of a member outside the procedures established in the Grievances and Disciplinary Manual.

Status

Filed February 27, 2026 with the Grand Boulé Grievance and Complaints Committee. No formal response has been issued.

Full complaint is on file with counsel and with the Grand Boulé Grievance and Complaints Committee. Made available upon written request to the Office of the Grand Sire Archon (elected).