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INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER,  
Claimant,  
v.  
ANTHONY ZAPPI,  
Respondent.

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DECISION OF  
THE INDEPENDENT  
ADMINISTRATOR

This matter involves a charge filed by the Investigations Officer against Anthony Zappi ("Zappi"), Secretary-Treasurer of Local 854 in Valley Stream, New York. The charge reads as follows:

You are charged with:

Violating Article II, § 2(a) and Article XIX, § 6(b) of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Constitution, by conducting yourself in a manner to bring reproach upon the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and by violating your oath, to wit: while an officer of Local 854, being a member of La Cosa Nostra and knowingly associating with members of La Cosa Nostra, including John Gotti, Frank Dapolito and Frank Morano.

A hearing was held before me at which Zappi was represented by counsel. Zappi testified on November 27. Post-hearing submissions were also received. Having reviewed the evidence, the arguments of counsel and the post-hearing submissions, I find that the Investigations Officer has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, this charge against Zappi.