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COMPLAINT TO:
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In 2001 Lindsay Lee, Gerald Grant and David Griffiths reported that L.U. 429 located at 2001 Elm Hill Pike in Nashville, TN stated in Form LM-2 to the Department of O.L.M.S. that L.U. 429 had no P.A.C. Fund in 2000. However, in the statement L.U. 429 officers and agents reported in Schedule 14 other receipts that they collected was \$68,874 and was described as Campaign C.O.P.E.

In 2002 Lindsay Lee, Robert Emery Jr. and David Cantrell stated in Form LM-2 to the Department of O.L.M.S. that L.U. 429 had no P.A.C. Fund in 2001. However, in the statement for 2001 in Schedule 12 - contributions, gifts & grants they said a donation of \$58,000 was issued to C.O.P.E.-International P.A.C.

In 2003 Lindsay Lee, David Cantrell and Sharon Pitkin stated in Form LM-2 to the Department of O.L.M.S. that in 2002 L.U. 429 had a P.A.C. Fund, and in Schedule 12 contributions, gifts & grants they reported that a donation of \$88,900 was issued to C.O.P.E.-International P.A.C. Further, it stated that contributions were received in Schedule 14 other receipts, of \$50,201 as C.O.P.E. Receipts and stated in Item #75 of the statement that it had no filing requirements because all moneys were disbursed to another P.A.C. Fund, and not to candidates.

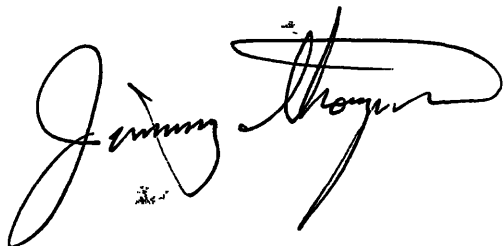
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In 2004 Robert Emery Jr., David Cantrell and Sharon Pitkin stated in Form L.M.-2 to the Department of O.L.M.S. that L.U. 429 had no P.A.C. Fund in 2003. However, in the statement prepared by L.U. 429 it's officers and agents reported in Schedule 12, contributions, gifts, & grants that it made (political contributions) of \$70,000. It further reported in Schedule 14, other receipts, that it received \$69,179 as C.O.P.E.-International P.A.C. donations.

In 2005 Robert Emery Jr., Michael Bearden and Sharon Pitkin stated in Form L.M.-2 to the Department of O.L.M.S. that it had no P.A.C. Fund at L.U.429 in Nashville, TN, located at 2001 Elm Hill Pike. However, L.U. 429 officers and agents reported that during 2004 in Schedule 12-contributions, gifts, & grants that it made (political contributions) of \$45,000 and received in Schedule 14 other receipts that it received \$39,546 from C.O.P.E. - International P.A.C. contributions.

Complaint:

1. In all 5 years of reporting to the Office of Labor Management Standards L.U. 429 has solicited it's membership for P.A.C. Fund Contributions to the (I.B.E.W. L.U. 429 C.O.P.E. Fund) The solicitation methods are clearly not in the guidelines of the Commission's jurisdiction.
2. L.U. 429 in at least 1 of the 5 years of reporting stated that it had a P.A.C. Fund and stated in that year that it had no reporting requirements because it forwarded all it's funds to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Committee on political education. This appears to be another violation of the Commission's rules and regulations in that L.U. 429 has a P.A.C. Fund that has not registered with the Federal or State Government for disclosure purposes.
3. L.U. 429 has stated that the I.B.E.W. L.U. 429 C.O.P.E. Fund has no Treasurer or records. This appears to be another violation of the F.E.C.'s rules, and guidelines.



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