

# **THE LANCASTER-YORK FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS**

## **LOCAL 294, American Federation of Musicians**



The Musicians Protective Association of Lancaster, Pennsylvania was issued its charter by the American Federation of Musicians on April 14, 1903 and was formally organized on May 26, 1903 at the Association's first scheduled meeting. The first President was Charles R. Sell. Early prominent members were Frank McGrann, nationally known band leader, contemporary of John Philip Sousa, and founder of the first Lancaster City Band; B. Frank Streaker, arranger

for many of Sousa's performance selections; Clyde L. Hall, clarinetist and member of both Sousa's band and the US Marine Band; and bugler J. Edward Mack, a national leader in the Boy Scouts of America organization.

Officers of local notoriety in the ensuing years were:

- Presidents John Peifer, longtime music director at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster
- Samuel O. Zimmerman, conductor of the New Holland Band
- Gerald S. Wingenroth, music educator in the Lancaster County school system and the longest-serving president in the history of the Local
- Secretary-Treasurer Ira T. Bowman, who served in that capacity longer than any other officer in the 100-plus years of the Local
- Josephine Wingenroth, accordionist and freelance musician par excellence
- Marlin Houck, music educator at Garden Spot High School and director of the New Holland Band

The mottos of Local 294 have been "We're The Professionals," "Celebrating Over One Hundred Years of Musical Excellence in Lancaster County," and "Serving Music, Musicians, and Community"

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