80th Annual Concert and Ball



BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOSTON GARDEN

Monday Evening, April 27, 1959

BE SAFE

FOR ALARMS OF FIRE USE
THE NEAREST FIRE
ALARM BOX

HELP ELIMINATE FALSE ALARMS

THEY CAUSE

A reduction in manpower and equipment available to answer genuine alarms.

Increased danger of injuries and loss of life at actual fires.

Increased exposure to accidents in traffic.

Needless expense to the community.

TO REPORT A FIRE BY TELEPHONE — CALL OR DIAL KE 6-1500





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Appreciation



The trustees of the Relief Fund in behalf of the members of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments extend our sincerest thanks to all who have aided in making this 80th Annual Ball a success. It is only through your continued help and cooperation that this needed fund may continue to take care of those who have lost their bread-winner protecting our citizenry, from the ravages of fire.

It is our ardent hope that you who exemplified the great virtue of charity may have a most enjoyable evening.

May continued help and happiness be yours.

ROBERT J. CRAWFORD, President for the Trustees of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.



John B. Hynes Mayor of Boston

THE BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND



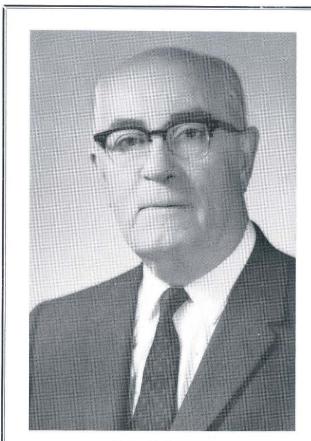
PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund was organized in 1879 and incorporated under the statutes of Massachusetts in 1909 and is now completing seventy-eight years of successful operation.

Every man appointed permanently to the department automatically is eligible for assistance from the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund from the day he is appointed.

The proceeds from this Ball are used to pay doctors' bills and hospitalization of members injured in the performance of their duty, also to assist dependents of deceased firefighters.

The Board of Trustees will greatly appreciate any contributions and donations to help the work of this fund.



TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR

Fire Commissioner

1959 ANNUAL BALL COMMITTEES

Honorary Chairman: Timothy J. O'Connor

Reception Committee:

Joseph G. Finneran, Protective Joseph H. Hardiman, Engine 3 Albert G. Spitz, Engine 4 Thomas H. Getherall, Engine 49

Entertainment Committee:

William H. McClennan, Ladder 14 Robert J. Crawford, Ladder 22 William E. Hackett, Engine 27 Daniel G. Ford, District 1 and 2

Ticket Sellers and Donation Committee:

Thomas Getherall, Engine 49 Emilio F. Marino, Engine 25 Robert J. Crawford, Ladder 22 Leo F. Rusk, Engine 3

Program and Book Committee:

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Decorating Committee:

Emilio F. Marino, Engine 25 John J. McCorkle, Engine 7 Joseph H. Hardiman, Engine 3



LEO C. DRISCOLL
Chief of Department



JOSEPH F. SULLIVAN
Chief, Boston Protective Department



Dr. Edward H. Hommel Medical Examiner

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THOMAS G. SULLIVAN







CAPT. JOSEPH M. CADY CHIEF DANIEL G. FORD LT. WILLIAM E. HACKETT

PROGRAM

8:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. - Concert

Presenting

"Swing and Sway"

with

SAMMY KAYE

AND HIS ORCHESTRA

9:00 P. M. Entrance of Officers and Guests of the Boston Firemen's Relief Association — Honor Escort, Boston Fire Depart10:30 P. M. ment Band

National Anthem - Boston Fire Department Band

Greetings by President Robert J. Crawford, Boston Firemen's Relief Fund

Selections by Boston Fire Department Band

President Crawford introduces Master of Ceremonies Mr. Jim Britt from Staff of Station WHDH-TV

Presentation of "Roll of Merit" Awards.

Presentation "Walter Scott Medal For Valor" by Mayor John B. Hynes

Presentation ''Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor' by Fire Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor

Presentation "John E. Fitzgerald Medal for Most Meritorious Act," by Chief of Department Leo C. Driscoll

Presentation "WBZ Newsmen Award" by Mr. Jack Chase

Presentation of "40 year Service Buttons"

Presentation of "25 year Service Buttons"

Ceremony for Departed Members of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments — By Chaplain Rabbi Samuel I. Korff, Boston Fire Department

Drawing of Appreciation Award

10:30 P.M.

to Dancing

1:00 A.M.

1959 SERVICE BUTTON LIST FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE COMPLETED 40 YEARS AS OF APRIL 27, 1959



40 YEAR SERVICE BUTTONS

Fire Captain James G. Buchanan	Ladder Co. 7
Firefighter Cornelius Johnson	Ladder Co. 31
Firefighter Nicholas Vogel	Ladder Co. 31
Firefighter John F. Regan	
Firefighter Joseph A. Shea	Headquarters Div.
Firefighter William J. Winn	Headquarters Div.
Foreman of Linemen and Cablesplicers	
Frederick I. Harris	Fire Alarm Construction Div.



25 YEAR SERVICE BUTTONS

District Fire Chief Gerald F. Keenan	
Fire Captain Kenneth C. Arnold	*
Fire Captain Philip J. Flynn	Engine Co. 17
Fire Lieutenant Edmund D. Farrell	Engine Co. 32
Fire Lieutenant Peter P. Finnegan	Engine Co. 21
Fire Lieutenant Lawrence T. Morgan	Ladder Co. 26
Fire Lieutenant Frederick J. Timmins	
Firefighter Harry E. Bryant	Ladder Co. 22
Firefighter John F. Donovan	Engine Co. 20
Firefighter Edward B. Nolan	· ·
Firefighter John J. Power	Engine Co. 21
Working Foreman, Lineman and Cablesplicer Herbert F. KearnsF	

BOSTON FIREMEN'S MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The following members died in 1958:

Name Cempany	Dat		Age
ARTHUR E. HUDGINS, Ex-Rescue 2	16,	1958	64
James J. Killey, Ex-Fire Prevention	17,	1958	66
JOHN H. LAUGHLIN, Ex-Engine 50			50
JOHN T. McInness, Ladder Co. 20Feb.			31
THOMAS E. REARDON, JR., Ex-Ladder Co. 20			64
WALTER F. McCourt, Ex-Engine Co. 34Feb.	19,	1958	71
JEROME J. SULLIVAN, Ex-Ladder Co. 27	27,	1958	69
EDWIN J. KELLEY, Ex-Engine Co. 37			54
George A. Ellsworth, Ex-Engine Co. 5			72
ALONZO P. BROOKS, Ex-Engine Co. 27			58
THOMAS F. HALEY, Ex-Engine Co. 43			55
BENEDICT J. PHILLIPS, Ex-Ladder Co. 5			64
JOHN F. CUDDY, Ex-Tower 1			68
JOHN A. CONNERTY, Headquarters	18.	1958	64
EDWARD J. O'GORMAN, Ex-Engine Co. 47			54
CHARLES H. McCarthy, Ex-Lieut. Engine 31May			64
ALEXANDER ORAM, Ex-Fire Prevention			41
AVERY B. HOWARD, Ex-Chief Dist. 4			89
EDWARD F. FITZGERALD, Ex-Engine Co. 47	26.	1958	63
JOHN B. PARKES, Ex-Capt. Engine 7			57
ROBERT J. CALLAHAN, Ex-Fire Prevention			72
WILLIAM A. S. HUGHES, Ex-Capt. Ladder 17			74
DONALD CALDER, Ex-Maintenance			83
JOHN E. SWEENEY, Ex-Lieut. Engine 7July			74
John F. Horgan, Ex-Engine Co. 32			73
WILLIAM J. KELLEY, Ex-Ladder Co. 4			73
WILLIAM E. DEVINE, Ex-Engine Co. 40			70
JOHN J. LOWNEY, Ex-Lieut. Rescue 1			62
JOHN F. FITZGERALD, Ex-Capt. Engine Co. 49			74
Fred G. Menghi, Ex-Motor Squad			78
WILLIAM F. SWEENEY, Maintenance			69
MICHAEL F. SILVA, Ex-Chirf Dist. 15			87
EDWARD A. HALLIGAN, Ex-Engine 7			64
JOHN F. Cox. Ex-Capt. Ladder 25 Sept.			75
JAMES W. McQUAIDE, Ex-Aide to Medical Examiner			64
Peter F. Towle, Ex-Ladder Co. 25			84
WILLIAM J. FORSTER, Ex-Fire PreventionOct.			65
ROBERT R. TALBOT, Ex-Engine Co. 3		1958	83
LEO F. MURPHY, Ex-Fire Headquarters Nov.		1958	63
Frederick T. Dyer, Ex-Engine Co. 9		1958	86
Archibald W. Cochrane, Ex-Engine Co. 48			81
THOMAS J. KILDUFF, Ex-Ladder Co. 30			71
MAURICE A. DALY, Ex-Engine Co. 44			71
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BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS



RABBI SAMUEL I. KORFF



REV. JOHN J. McMannon



REV. JOHN E. BARCLAY

The following is dedicated to the Memory of the Men Who Have Died in the Performance of their Duty:

PRAYER FOR FIREMEN

Dear God, Who, in Thy providence didst appoint Thy servants to protect life and property from the dangers and ravages of fire, we pray Thee to guide and guard with especial care our stalwart, heroic, untiring sons in their perilous, self-sacrificing labors.

We beseech Thee, dcar God, to grant to them and to their loved and loving families, the rewards of abundant blessings on earth, and in the life to come, eternal salvation through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN,

Archbishop of New York

IOHN E. FITZGERALD MEDAL FOR MOST MERITORIOUS ACT

Bequest of John E. Fitzgerald, the income to be collected by the City Collecter and to be paid annually to the Fire Commissioner, to be used yearly in buying a gold medal to be presented to the fireman, who in the judgment of the Fire Commissioner, had performed the most meritorious act and whose conduct has called for special mention. Received bond from Executors of the estate of Henry S. Russell, Fire Commissioner, May 24, 1905. The first Fitzgerald Medal was awarded for an heroic act performed in 1922.

WALTER SCOTT MEDAL FOR VALOR

Under the terms of a gift made by Mr. Walter Scott, formerly of Boston, as published in General Orders No. 95, dated December 29, 1922, bonds of the par value of two thousand dollars (\$2000) were deposited with the Treasurer of the City of Boston, to be held in perpetual trust, and the annual income therefrom to be used in the purchase of solid gold medals to be known as the "Walter Scott Medal for Valor." It was further stipulated that one-half of the net income thereof annually be paid to the Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston for the purchase of such gold medal, to be presented by him to the fireman who, in his judgment, has during the calendar year specially distinguished himself for valor in the performance of his duty as a fireman. This award shall be made on or about the first of February each year unless, in the opinion of the Fire Commissioner, there is no fireman entitled to receive such a medal. The first award of the Walter Scott Medal for Valor was made for an heroic act performed in 1922.

PATRICK J. KENNEDY MEDAL OF HONOR

This fund was established in General Orders No. 39, dated September 12, 1951, and the following City Council order was published:

"ORDERED: That the United States Treasury Bonds aggregating \$2200 in par value and presently tendered to the City of Boston by the Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy for the purpose of establishing in memory of his late father, Patrick J. Kennedy, who served as Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston in 1905, the Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor Fund, income thereof to be used for a medal, to be known as the Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor, which shall be awarded annually by the Mayor, on recommendation of the Fire Commissioner, to a member of the fire lighting lorce of the Boston Fire Department who has performed an act of outstanding heroism in connection with his duties as such member, be, and the same hereby are, accepted with gratitude and funded as the Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor Fund the income thereof to be used as aloresaid: and

"FURTHER ORDERED: That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to receive and receipt for said bonds in the name and behalf of the city.

> In City Council September 10, 1951. Passed. Approved by the Mayor September 11, 1951."

The first Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor was awarded for an heroic act performed

During the seventy-eight years since the First Annual Ball of the Boston Fire Department, thirty-two members have received medals, as follows:

65 members have been placed on the Roll of Merit.

13 members have received the Fitzgerald Medal

4 members have received the Kennedy Medal

15 members have received the Scott Medal

(These details received from Executive Secretary William D. Slattery, March 12th, 1957.)

JOHN E. FITZGERALD MEDAL FOR MOST MERITORIOUS ACT

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM E. PERO

A Member of Ladder Company 3



For the extreme personal risk to which he was exposed in the performance of his duty as a firefighter during operations at Box 1671, three alarms, January nineteen, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, for repeated attempts to enter a building heavily involved in fire, for successfully entering the building and removing an unconscious man from a burning bedroom to safety, and during this rescue warned other firefighters that another victim was trapped, and being under such severe strain due to heavy concentration of flame, heat and gases that he was taken to Boston City Hospital.

Firefighter William E. Pero was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 8, series of 1958, for his heroism.

Because he performed the rescue work under very hazardous conditions caused by heat, smoke and gases, and without any thought of his own safety, the Board of Merit recommends that Firefighter William E. Pero be awarded the "John E. Fitzgerald Medal For Most Meritorious Act."

PATRICK J. KENNEDY MEDAL OF HONOR

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM A. DOWER

A Member of the Rescue Company



For extreme personal risk involved in his duty at Box 1347, January 31, 1958 during a fire in a tenement house at 103 Brighton Street, West End, for ascending a ladder to the third floor, forcing entry and without benefit of a mask, crawled through extreme heat, smoke and flame, found a child and passed him to a firefighter on a ladder; then, although weak and exhausted, returned and brought out a second child to safety.

Firefighter Dower was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Order No. 8, series of 1958, for his heroism.

Because of the extreme risk to which he exposed himself, without any thought for his own safety, the Board of Merit recommends that Firefighter William A, Dower be awarded the "Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor."

WALTER SCOTT MEDAL FOR VALOR

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER RICHARD W. LYNCH

A Member of Engine Company 13



For extreme personal risk involved in the performance of his duty at Box 2217, for a fire at 542 Shawmut Avenue on June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in making his way without his gas mask through an apartment heavily charged with heat, smoke and gases searching for children he heard crying, groping his way through the living room to a bedroom where he found one child whom he brought to safety, retraced his steps and found a second child in a rear bedroom and rescued the child from the building under hazardous conditions and without regard for his safety.

Firefighter Lynch was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 32, series of 1958, for his heroism.

Because of the fact that he performed this rescue work under very hazardous conditions, and without regard for his own safety, the Board of Merit recommends that Firefighter Richard W. Lynch be awarded the "Walter Scott Medal of Valor."

ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER WARREN J. CUDMORE

A Member of Ladder Company 18

For great personal risk involved in the performance of his duty at Box 7143, 12-31 Fargo Street, South Boston on March fourteen, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, for entering a warehouse which was heavily involved in fire, without a gas mask and before water was put on the fire, and for locating a man trapped in the room and pulling him to safety under severe fire conditions.

ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER HENRY J. MILLER

A Member of Engine Company 43

For the great personal risk involved in his duty at Box 1816 at 180 Monticello Avenue, Dorchester on August 12th, 1958, when informed that an infant was trapped in a burning apartment on the second floor, he groped his way up the stairway without the aid of a gas mask, located the infant in a crib and brought him to the stairway where the smoke was so intense that his vision was limited and he fell down the stairs, protecting the infant as he fell.

ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIRE LIEUTENANT GEORGE F. LEE

A Member of Ladder Company 3

For his keen sense of duty as a Fire Lieutenant even though he was off duty at the time, his quick grasp of the situation when his attention was drawn to smoke above the altar, his immediate action involving strenuous physical effort and fine judgment which brought a small fire under control and averted the possibility of a serious panic in the Holy Cross Cathedral during Holy Thursday services on April third, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM B. LINNANE

A Member of Ladder Company 14

For the great personal risk involved in the performance of his duty as a firefighter, for searching through a third-floor apartment in which there was a heavy concentration of heat and smoke at 11 Gorham Street, Brighton, on January 11, 1958, and for succeeding in removing an unconscious woman to a ladder and safety, under such strain that he collapsed and was taken to a hospital.

ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER THOMAS J. HEANUE

A Member of Engine Company 1

For his quick action without regard for his own safety, while off duty on April fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, for plunging into the icy waters off Morrissey Boulevard, for swimming one hundred feet to a raft where he found an unconscious boy, for lifting him on to the raft and hauling the raft to the shore where he then performed artificial respiration on the boy until he was revived.

ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTERS

LEON G. CRISPO, LADDER CO. 12

WILLIAM H. HALPIN, LADDER CO. 13

ROBERT L. Larose, LADDER CO. 13

For the great personal risk to which they were exposed during operations at Box 1671, three alarms, January nineteen, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, when they entered the rear of a building heavily charged with heat, smoke and gases, crawling and groping their way through the attic to the front of the building where they carried an unconscious man to the window where he was taken down an aerial ladder to the street.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, through its Board of Trustees, acknowledges a debt of gratitude to the Public Relation Office of the Boston Fire Department; the staff of the 22 weekly papers; the Boston American-Daily Record; the Boston Herald-Traveler; the Boston Globe; all local Radio and TV Stations, for their splendid cooperation in publicizing the Annual Ball this year.

We are particularly grateful to Mr. W. Gordon Swan and his staff at Westinghouse Broadcasting Company for their valuable assistance in preparing this evening's program.



The membership of the Boston Firemen's Relief Association expresses sincere thanks to the Doctors and Nurses of all hospitals for the prompt, efficient and sympathetic treatment accorded our brave Firefighters who have been injured protecting the homes and families of our citizenry.



OFFICIAL TICKET SELLERS — 1959 ANNUAL BALL op Row: William Spitz, Joseph Curran, Leo Rusk, William Cosgrove, Robert Beagle.
Middle Row: John Brennan, Frank Goyette, John Morgan.

Our Honorary "District Chief" Sammy Kaye in the company of the Entertainment Committee



Left to right: Lieut. John McCorkle, Sammy Kaye, President Robert J. Crawford and Thomas G. Sullivan.

Each year the Trustees of The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund strives to bring the "Top Band in Our Land" to Boston on the night of Boston Firefighter's Annual Ball to make an enjoyable evening for our kind friends who by their purchase of tickets to the Annual Ball help to keep this most worthy charitable function in good financial condition.

We know when this evening is over you will agree that our choice of Sammy Kaye and his "Swing and Sway" music made this year's Ball a most outstanding social success,

THE BOSTON PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

In some of the larger cities of the United States, the insurance companies, have maintained salvage patrols, fire patrols, or protective departments. In Boston this service is rendered by the Boston Protective Department.

Salvage work in Boston actually began in 1854 in a very small way. From the beginning, the value of salvage was recognized and its growth though slow was steady. In 1874, the service had developed to the point where more definite and efficient operation was needed and the Boston Protective Dept, was organized and incorporated by representatives of fire insurance companies doing business in Boston. During the intervening years the department had greatly expanded and hit its peak in the latter part of the twenties when they had three houses and ran two fully manned companies from each house.

In 1947, the house at 124 Broad Street was closed and in 1953 the house at 159 Roxbury Street, Roxbury was closed, thus leaving one house at 4 Appleton Street and two companies in service.

At the present time the dept, responds to all boxes in the high value area plus all A.D.T. and Automatic boxes throughout the city on a first alarm and on all working fires and multiple alarms in the city. The dept, also responds to still alarms for broken water pipes, windows, and damaged roofs. In the past few years both companies have averaged about three thousand runs annually.

The primary job of the Protective Dept, is to save property from fire, water and smoke damage; of course the saving of life in any case would precede this. Secondary job is to relieve the building of water and debris left after a fire and to secure the premises before leaving the scene. In other words, the Protective Dept, tries to leave the building in as liveable a condition as possible until permanent repairs are made or as the building had been before the fire.

The Boston Protective Department hit its peak in the latter part of the twenties when they had three houses and six fully manned companies. The salvageman's primary job is the saving of property from water, and his primary tool is the salvage cover. During the year the protective dept. spreads from two to three thousand covers on the contents in buildings, thus saving millions of dollars from possible water damage. Secondly the salvageman's job is to rid the building of water during and after the fire has been extinguished and to secure the building and contents before leaving the scene.

In Boston the service will be discontinued on April 30, 1959.

Frank M. Murray, Printer 19 High Street, Boston

