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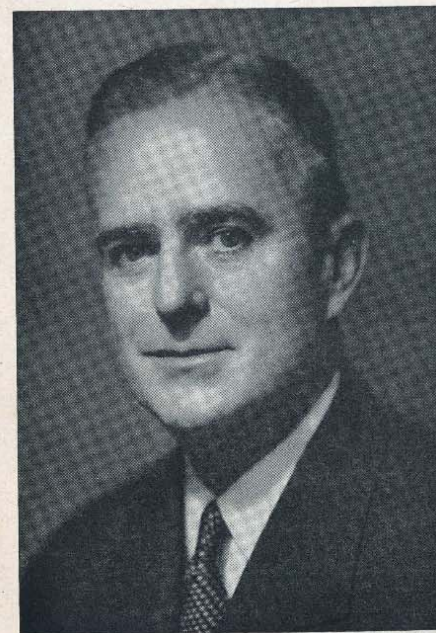


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JOHN B. HYNES
Mayor of Boston

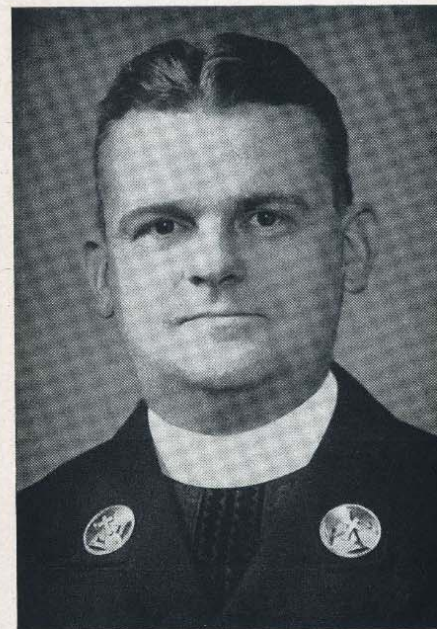


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MICHAEL T. KELLEHER
Fire Commissioner



JOHN F. McDONOUGH
Chief of Department



REV. HENRY J. O'CONNELL
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department



REV. HOWARD E. POMEROY
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department



RABBI SAMUEL I. KORFF
Chaplain, Boston Fire Dept.

Program

- 8:00 P.M. Concert
- 8:30 P.M. Entrance of Officers and Guests escorted by the
Boston Fire Dept. Band
Deputy Chief Franklin B. Sanborn, Master of
Ceremonies
- 8:35 P.M. Awarding of "Medals" for valor by Fire Commissioner
Michael T. Kelleher
Fire Dept. Drill by Drill Team
Deputy Chief John J. Crehan, Drill Master
- 9:30 P.M. Floor Show
- 10:00 P.M. Grand March

MEMO: Names of members who have received medals awarded in the
past who will act as escort to members who will receive medals
at Firemen's Ball on Monday, February 13, 1950 at the Boston
Garden

Dep. Chief John J. Crehan	Hdqtrs.
Capt. Raymond Frazel	Engine 6
Capt. Thomas Clark	Ladder 12
Lieut. Thomas Kilduff	Hdqtrs.
Lieut. George Roy	Ladder 30
Aide to Deputy John F. Holland	Engine 22
Hosn. James W. McDonald	Engine 13
Hosn. Leo Manning	Res. 3
Hosn. Thomas J. McGrath	Engine 14
Ladn. Edward C. Donovan	Ladder 18
Ladn. Louis J. Civitarese	Ladder 26
Hosn. Edward A. Codair	Engine 22
Ladn. William W. Austin	Ladder 26
Hosn. James H. Curran	Lighting Plant 1

Dance Order

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| 1. Fox Trot | 9. Fox Trot |
| 2. Fox Trot | 10. Waltz |
| 3. Fox Trot | 11. Fox Trot |
| 4. Waltz | 12. Fox Trot |
| 5. Fox Trot | 13. Fox Trot |
| 6. Fox Trot | 14. Waltz |
| 7. Fox Trot | 15. Fox Trot |
| 8. Waltz | 16. Fox Trot |

THE BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

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THE FOLLOWING VERSE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE MEN
WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY

*All honor unto gallantry
In reverence we pay —
That others might have days to be
These gave their lives away.
Now glory shall enshrine each name
And time their deeds defy —
Since humble men who sought no fame
Have taught us how to die.*

DEATHS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS DURING 1949

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Company</i>
Feb. 16	WILLIAM J. TIERNEY	Hoseman	Eng. Co. 9
June 2	PHILIP S. BATES	Captain	Eng. Co. 18
July 5	WILLIAM F. RYAN	Lieutenant	Lad. Co. 28
July 24	JOSEPH W. THOMPSON	Engineer	High Pressure
Aug. 30	JAMES F. HOBAN	Engineer	High Pressure
Sept. 7	HERBERT C. COLLINS	Captain	Eng. Co. 16
Sept. 15	PETER V. COSTELLO	Hoseman	Eng. Co. 44
Oct. 18	TIMOTHY J. QUINLAN	Hoseman	Eng. Co. 41
Oct. 23	JOHN T. MULLINS	App. Operator	Eng. Co. 23
Oct. 25	DANIEL CROWLEY	Dist. Chief	Dist. 5
Oct. 25	T. WISS	Boston Protective Dept.	
Nov. 6	FRANK D. McMACKIN	Captain	Eng. Co. 27
Nov. 8	JOHN E. McFARLAND	Engineer	High Pressure
Nov. 8	EDWARD F. MCCARTHY	Dist. Chief	Dist. 13

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

by
FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

The Board of Merit has brought to the attention of the Fire Commissioner the following outstanding cases in which members of this department have specially distinguished themselves for valor in the performance of their duty.

The Commissioner, therefore, makes the following awards:

"John E. Fitzgerald Medal"

DISTRICT CHIEF JOSEPH F. KILDUFF of Districts 9-10

At 3:50 P.M., March 11, 1949, the department responded to an alarm from Box 3135 for a fire in the dwelling house at 54 Langdon Street, Roxbury. Upon arrival of the department, fire involved the entire kitchen of the second floor and was extending through windows to the rear wooden piazza and to the third floor.

District Chief Joseph F. Kilduff of Districts 9-10 was informed by the occupant of the second floor, who was in the street, that her infant child was in the second floor of the burning dwelling house. District Chief Kilduff attempted to gain entrance to the second floor by the front stairway but was unable to do so on account of heat, heavy smoke and gases. He immediately proceeded to the rear stairway and thence to the second floor under difficult conditions. After a search, he found the child on the floor in a bedroom. He carried the infant to the street where mother and child were placed in a police ambulance and removed to Boston City Hospital.

As District Chief Kilduff was the first member of the department to arrive at the scene of the fire, his prompt action and the risk to which he exposed himself during the rescue work undoubtedly saved the infant from serious injury or death.

He was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 18, series of 1949.

The Board of Merit, consisting of the Chief of Department, and the Deputy Chiefs, is pleased to recommend that District Chief Joseph F. Kilduff be awarded the "John E. Fitzgerald Medal".

"Walter Scott Medal"

LIEUTENANT-AIDE TO COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM H. BELL of Headquarters

Box 2761 was sounded at 1:25 A.M., February 20, 1949, followed by 2nd alarm at 1:37 A.M. and 3rd alarm at 2:08 A.M., for a fire at 1-9 Corinth Street and 22-26 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale. The former Fire Commissioner, Russell S. Codman, Jr. and the Chief of Department responded to this box.

During the course of operations, the building was ordered vacated because of the large amount of fire, and severe smoke and gas condition. The danger of an explosion was present. It was rumored that Hoseman John A. Abbott of Engine Co. 26 had failed to vacate the basement. The Commissioner and his Aide entered the building in order to warn Hoseman Abbott to vacate. The Commissioner covered his Aide with a line while he searched through the basement. (It was later found out that Hoseman Abbott had left the building.)

After several minutes of investigation, Aide to Commissioner Bell proceeded to leave the basement. On his way out he stumbled across the body of a person who proved to be the Fire Commissioner. He had been overcome from inhalation of smoke and gases due to a clogged gas mask. Aide Bell lifted and dragged Commissioner Codman to the outside where he collapsed. Both were taken to the Boston City Hospital and treated. Aide to Commissioner William H. Bell displayed great courage and was subjected to intense heat and smoke, involving personal risk, while effecting this rescue.

The Board of Merit is pleased to recommend the awarding of the "Walter Scott Medal" to Lieutenant-Aide to Commissioner William H. Bell.

Use or Misuse

In the plan of the Creator, all things fit into their proper places. It is only when we mortals try to find a better place for things that trouble comes to us. As there is a proper place, there is also a PROPER USE for things.

Do you sometimes clean garments with gasoline? Many hundreds of folks have done so and are no longer with us. . . They died because they violated one of the basic laws of safety. They did not remember that gasoline is essentially a motor not a cleaning fluid. In other words, death came not from the USE but the MISUSE of gasoline.

Let's consider the cigarette. . . The primary purpose is to please—but by its MISUSE we have made it an instrument of destruction. The lowly match is one of the greatest conveniences known to man. . . Properly used, it is a most beneficial implement. . . MISUSE it and it becomes an enemy of man and all his works. That familiar phrase "Careless Use of Smoker's Articles" might well read "Misuse of Smoker's Articles."

So it goes. . . We try to make electricity do what it is not intended to do. . . We try to make one outlet do the work of two. . . We MISUSE the energy and its appurtenances—which causes fire! Again, MISUSE, not USE is the fault.

Remember, then, that just as all things have their proper place in the plan of the great Architect, so, too, they have a PROPER USE.

EDWARD N. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Chief in Charge
Fire Prevention Division

Firemen's Ball—1950

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Directors of the Grand March

Dist. Chief JOHN H. HOAR

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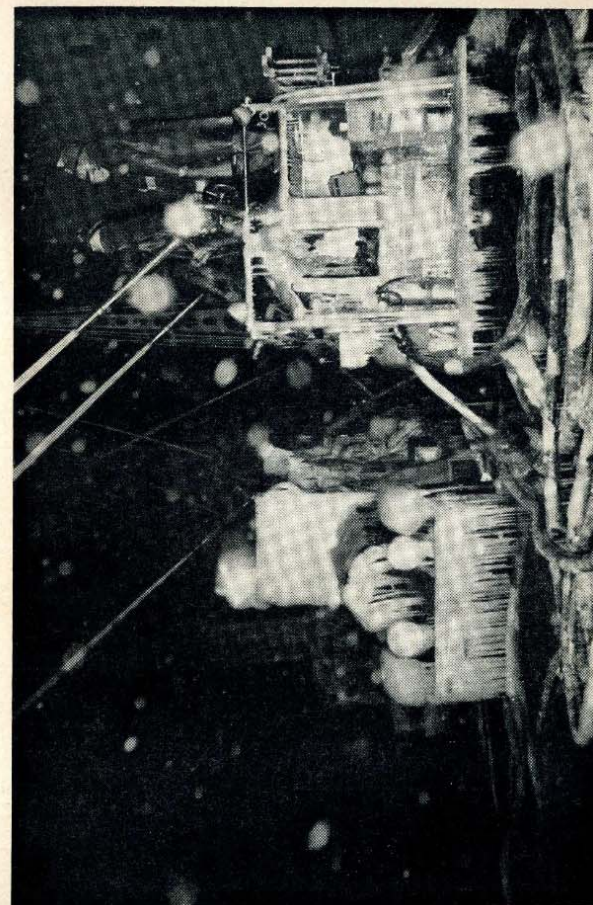


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— OUR THANKS —

On this, the 71st Anniversary of our Annual Ball, may we take this opportunity to thank all who have aided us in any way toward making this Ball a success.

The benevolence of the people of the City of Boston has been shown time and again over the past years, for without such aid this organization, The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, would be non-existent.

It is self-evident, that the faith of the people of Boston in their Fire Department and the men to whom the responsibility of keeping that department foremost and at an efficient peak ever ready at all hours day or night for the protection of life and property, has been well established.

Many of the former citizens and firemen who were the originators of and gave this fund its necessary impetus to make it the solid foundation of charity that it now occupies have passed onto their eternal award. We pray in common, that they be numbered among the just and that their deeds will not go unheralded.

To their successors, we say "Yours is a solemn obligation." The duties of a firemen, at all times, is the saving of life and the protection of property. Firemen gladly risk their lives in performing this duty owing to, two most important factors. First, the divine revelation that "Greater love has no man than he who gives up his life for another," and secondly, that if he loses his life or becomes disabled in performing this duty, a grateful public, through appeals for donations and the annual purchasing of Ball Tickets, guarantees that his family will not be in want or go without the essentials which make up the American way of living, that they may be proud that their loved one paid the supreme sacrifice that others may live.

DIST. CHIEF JAMES F. McFADDEN,
President