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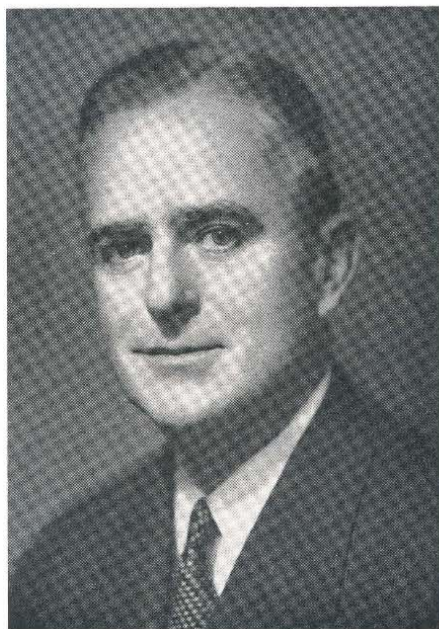
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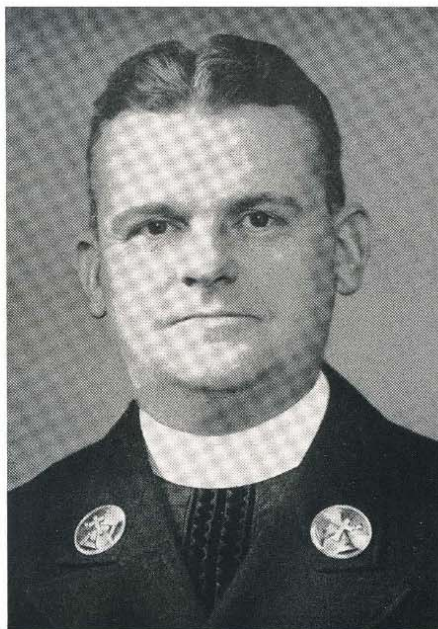


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MICHAEL T. KELLEHER  
*Fire Commissioner*



JOHN V. STAPLETON  
*Chief of Department*





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

*The Following Verse Is Dedicated to the Memory of the Men Who  
Have Died in the Performance of Their Duty*

#### FIREFIGHTERS' PRAYER

By JAMES J. METCALFE  
*(In the Boston Globe)*

When I am called to duty, God . . . Wherever flames may rage . . .  
Give me the strength to save some life . . . Whatever be its age . . . Help  
me embrace a little child . . . Before it is too late . . . Or save an older  
person from . . . The horror of that fate . . . Enable me to be alert . . .  
and hear the weakest shout . . . and quickly and efficiently . . . To put  
the fire out . . . I want to fill my calling and . . . To give the best in me  
. . . To guard my every neighbor and . . . Protect his property . . . And if  
according to my fate . . . I am to lose my life . . . Please bless with your  
protecting hand . . . My children and my wife.

PROGRAM

- 8:00 P. M. Concert  
Music by JIMMIE McHALE'S ORCHESTRA
- 8:30 P. M. Entrance of Officers and Guests of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments
- 8:40 P. M. Presentation of "Medals for Valor," by Fire Commissioner MICHAEL T. KELLEHER and Chief of Department JOHN V. STAPLETON
- LIEUT. FRANCIS X. BROWN, President of Firemen's Relief Fund,  
*Master of Ceremonies*
- 8:55 P. M. Presentation of 25 and 40-Year Buttons.
- 9:10 P. M. Ceremony to Departed Members.  
Very Rev. Msgr. HENRY J. O'CONNELL, *Fire Department Chaplain*
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- 9:15 P. M. Cavalcade of Stars
- TOM FORAN ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY  
*presents*  
"CAVALCADE OF STARS"
- TOM FORAN  
*Master of Ceremonies*
- BOBBY "TABLES" DAVIS  
Featured for three years at Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe. Also appeared with Milton Berle several times on TV.
- 10:00 P. M. Drawing of \$1,000. Bond, Appreciation Award

INTERMISSION

PROGRAM

- 10:05 P. M. Cavalcade of Stars (continues)
- LOU FITZGIBBONS  
King of the Xylophone: Acclaimed in Europe and the Continent.
- HALPIN SISTERS  
Songs of the Day. Youthful TV Favorites.
- TOM HARTY  
Laffs on Parade. Boston's Favorite Irishman.
- MARTHA ANN BENTLY  
Premiere Ballerina; Featured on Kay Kyser's TV Show.
- JOHNNY ALDEN  
Romantic Baritone; Star of "Toast of the Town" TV Show.
- MIA and MATTI  
Poetry in Motion: European Novelty.
- BOBBY WINTERS  
World's Greatest Comedy Juggler. "Toast of the Town" Favorite.
- FRANKIE FONTAINE  
Boston's Own Favorite Comic. Star of Jack Benny's Radio and TV Show.
- MUNROE AND GRANT  
International Clowns. Bouncing Around.
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- 11:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. Dancing  
Music by JIMMIE McHALE'S ORCHESTRA



REV. HOWARD E. POMEROY  
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department

## "LAST ALARM"

### NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 1950

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
HENRY A. GUTTERMUTH	Jan. 8
GEORGE A. BOODRO	Jan. 10
JOHN T. KILEY	Jan. 21
JOSEPH L. SHILLANE	Jan. 30
WILLIAM A. FALLON	Feb. 11
GUY H. HENDRICKSON	Feb. 12
JOSEPH W. FOX	Mar. 9
WILLIAM S. TRAUTVETTER	Mar. 14
DAVID J. MURRAY	Apr. 6
CHARLES V. CAMPBELL	Apr. 18
PATRICK F. PHILLIPS	Apr. 20
JOHN L. McLAUGHLIN	Apr. 21
DEWITT LANE	Apr. 24
ALOYSIUS A. HART	May 1
JOSEPH C. MORGAN	May 4
JOHN B. McDONALD	May 30
WILLIAM H. HAWKINS	Jun. 6
JOSEPH M. FERREIRA	Jun. 18
JOHN J. CARTY	Jul. 5
JOSEPH A. GALLAGHER	Jul. 5
WILLIAM PETERSON	Jul. 14
JOHN J. McNAMARA	Jul. 19
GEORGE J. HAMILTON	Jul. 23
THOMAS J. KENNEALY	Aug. 1
FREEMAN WAGNER	Aug. 2
JAMES H. MORAN	Aug. 18
LAWRENCE J. SWEENEY	Aug. 19
SAMUEL ENGLER	Aug. 23
THOMAS A. McLAUGHLIN	Aug. 26
JOHN J. BURKE	Aug. 27
McDARRAH FLAHERTY	Sep. 3
PATRICK F. CARROLL	Sep. 5
FRANCIS E. SULLIVAN	Sep. 7
WILLIAM McQUARRIE	Sep. 9
WILLIAM F. TIGHA	Sep. 11
WILLIAM R. BENSON	Sep. 23
ROY BURRILL	Sep. 23
DANIEL F. CROWLEY	Sep. 30
JOHN J. WHALEN	Oct. 5
THOMAS H. KELLY, JR.	Oct. 6
WILLIAM A. KELLEY	Oct. 16
FRANCIS A. NUGENT	Oct. 18
DANIEL E. DRISCOLL	Oct. 19
GEORGE W. WOODWORTH	Nov. 6
DANIEL GLEASON	Nov. 9
JAMES J. CORBOY	Nov. 12
FRED I. ADAMS	Nov. 23
JOHN J. FRAZIER	Nov. 23
FREDERICK J. BRENNAN	Dec. 22
WILLIAM J. NOLAN	Dec. 22





RABBI SAMUEL I. KORFF  
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department

#### 1951 ANNUAL BALL COMMITTEE

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Fire Commissioner Michael T. Kelleher

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All Officers and Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund

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*Program Committee:*

John E. Burwell, William H. McClellan, Timothy F. Galvin, Martin E. Pierce, Patrick E. Collins, William E. Stewart, John Reagan

#### 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-two years of successful operation.

Every man appointed permanently to the department automatically becomes a member of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund 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 firemen.

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

# PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

by  
FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER  
AND  
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT JOHN V. STAPLETON

## "John E. Fitzgerald Medal"

LIEUTENANT JOHN C. REARDON, Rescue Company 3



Fire Alarm Box 1341 was sounded at 12:59 A.M. on December 9, 1950, for a fire in a dwelling at 47 Lynde Street, West End section of Boston.

Upon arrival of the apparatus at the scene, fire was issuing from two attic windows of the 3½ story dwelling house. The members stretched lines, raised ladders, and assisted occupants to the street. Lieut. Reardon and Hoseman Desmond, upon being informed that the occupant of an attic room was still inside, entered the building. They made three attempts before they reached the attic room. Lieut. Reardon entered the room and in a far corner, found the occupant, an aged man, unconscious and badly burned. Under the most difficult conditions, the Lieut. removed the unconscious victim to the stairway where Hoseman Desmond assisted in carrying him down the narrow stairway to the street. This rescue was carried

out under extreme heat, fire and smoke conditions. In performing this meritorious act, Lieut. Reardon was overcome by heat and smoke to the extent that it was necessary to administer oxygen to him.

## "Walter Scott Medal"

LIEUTENANT JOHN M. BURKE, Rescue Company 2



The department responded to an alarm from Box 3143, at 9:34 A.M., on January 17, 1950, for a fire in a three family dwelling at 28 Batchelder Street, Roxbury. Upon arrival of the apparatus, fire involved two rooms on the first floor and there was a heavy concentration of heat, smoke and gases throughout the building.

Upon being informed there was a child in a rear bedroom, Lieut. John M. Burke of Rescue Co. 2 entered the first floor apartment through a door leading into the kitchen which was afire. Under extreme conditions and at personal risk, Lieut. Burke passed through the kitchen to a bedroom leading off the kitchen in the rear. In spite of the presence of a heavy concentration of smoke and heat in the bedroom, he made a search and found a child on the floor beside the bed. Lieut. Burke then carried the child out

through the rear exit where first aid was given and the child was taken to a hospital. Because of the prompt action and great personal risk to which Lieut. Burke exposed himself, the child was undoubtedly saved from serious injury or death.

## "Patrick J. Kennedy Medal"

(First Award — 1951)

LADDERMAN LLOYD C. PHILIPS, Ladder Company 12



A still alarm was received at the Fire Alarm office on the morning of November 27, 1950, followed by an alarm from Box 2213 at 7:56 A.M. Ladder Co. 12 responded on the still alarm to a dwelling house at 42 Cunard Street, Roxbury, and upon arrival fire was issuing from three front windows on the fourth floor. Ladderman Philips, learning that a man was trapped on the fourth floor, entered the building through the front door, and proceeded over the front stairs to the fourth floor, forced an entrance to the apartment, crawled along a hallway to the rear of the building, into a room, under severe conditions of fire, heat and smoke, where he found the occupant in a semiconscious condition on the bed. He removed the man by way of the front stairway to the street. Ladderman Philips specially distinguished himself in effecting this rescue.



## SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

LIEUTENANT FRANCIS X. FINNEGAN, Ladder Company 23

LADDERMAN WALTER J. CAMERON, Ladder Company 23

Box Alarm 216, at 11:28 A.M. on March 24, 1950. Dwelling house at 32 Savin Street, Roxbury was involved in fire. Rescuing a woman from the second floor under difficult conditions, heavy smoke and intense heat, with unusual personal risk to themselves.

HOSEMAN WILLIAM DESMOND, Rescue Company 3

Box Alarm 1341, at 12:59 A.M. on December 9, 1950, dwelling at 47 Lynde Street, West End section of Boston. Assisted in the rescue of a man from the attic of the building, under extreme heat, fire and smoke conditions.





LIEUT. FRANCIS X. BROWN  
*President, Firemen's Relief Fund*

#### IN APPRECIATION

Dedicated as we firefighters are, to the protection of the life and property of the citizens of the City of Boston, it is only natural that the protective instinct be applied even to a greater degree to those of our profession.

To the injured and sick of our active ranks, to the pensioned firefighter or his widow in times of stress, and to any present or past member of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments or their families in times of need, we seek to extend a helping hand.

To you, who support our annual ball with the purchase of ball tickets or with donations, we offer our heartfelt thanks for the assistance in helping us to carry on these works, and for making it, for us, a mutual pact of dedication among our fellow men.

FRANCIS X. BROWN,  
*President.*



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FOUR ALARM FIRE ON BROAD STREET, BOSTON