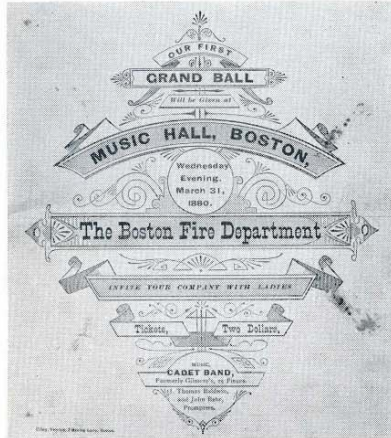




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Seventy-Five Years Ago



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# 75th



## *Annual Concert and Ball*

### BOSTON FIRE AND PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENTS

Patriots Day  
Monday Evening, April 19, 1954

BOSTON GARDEN  
Boston, Mass.

*Proceeds to Boston Firemen's Relief Fund*





JOHN B. HYNES  
*Mayor of Boston*



FRANCIS X. COTTER  
*Fire Commissioner*



JOHN V. STAPLETON  
*Chief of Department*

## FIRE !!

What an ominous fearful sound is the cry of FIRE! How instant is the response! Up on towering ladders the firefighters creep, laboriously dragging after them the ammunition, hidden in smoke and frequently in flame, to destroy this consuming monster. Up they go to meet it all! The unexpected explosion that scar and kill — the cry for help — the crumbling walls — the acid fumes — and the still forms in blue that often lie on the ground, some of them never to rise again. That is warfare in the midst of peace; that is what is called the home front, that is why the firefighters are beloved of all Boston — loved by children who are thrilled — loved by their elders who understand what heroism and sacrifice means.

It is the duty of the people of this metropolitan city with its great buildings, its happy homes, its teeming population never to break faith with these soldiers and heroes of peace, nor with the memory of their dead. Next to the soldier, sailor and marines give fire fighters a place in the line of duty, and in the field of heroism.

CHARLES S. O'CONNOR  
*Former Clerk of Supreme Judicial Court.  
Deceased.*





JOSEPH F. SULLIVAN  
*Chief, Boston Protective Department*

In Memory of  
  
Fire Commissioner  
  
John H. Cotter



Appointed ..... June 1, 1953

Died ..... January 23, 1954



*Requiescant in Pace*



DR. MARTIN H. SPELLMAN  
*Medical Examiner*

On the occasion of our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary may we the members of the Firemen's Relief Association express our gratitude to the Doctors and Nurses of the Boston City Hospital for their prompt, efficient and sympathetic treatment to our unfortunate brave firefighters who have been injured protecting the home and families of the citizens of our City.

## 1954 ANNUAL BALL COMMITTEE

### *Honorary Chairman:*

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Gerard S. Melia (Chairman)  
Olaf T. Svenson  
Leo J. Walker  
Michael J. O'Donnell

# PROGRAM



- 8:00 P.M. Concert  
Musical Program by KARL RHODE AND HIS ORCHESTRA
- 8:30 P.M. Exhibition and Drill  
Gate of Heaven Cadets, C.Y.O.  
Gate of Heaven Parish, South Boston, Mass.
- 9:00 P.M. Entrance of Officers and Guests of the Boston Fire and  
Protective Departments  
Honor Escort — B.F.D. Band and Color Guard  
National Anthem
- 9:15 P.M. Greetings by President of Boston Firemen's Relief Fund  
President Francis J. Dooley
- 9:20 P.M. Presentation of "Roll of Merit" by Mayor John B. Hynes  
Presentation of "High Commendation" awards by Senator  
John E. Powers of Boston.  
Presentation of "High Commendation" awards by Fire Com-  
missioner Francis X. Cotter
- 9:40 P.M. Presentation of 25 and 40 year Service Buttons by Chief of  
Department John V. Stapleton
- 9:50 P.M. Ceremony to Departed Members of Boston Fire and Protective  
Departments

# PROGRAM

- 10:00 P.M. Entertainment  
TOM FORAN ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY  
*Presents*  
REVUE — "YESTERDAY AND TODAY"  
DANNY DILLON, EMCEE  
FOURTEEN ADORABLES  
The Ladies of the Ensemble  
RUBBERNECK "WOW" HOLMES  
Mr. Rhythm  
OLD TIMERS QUARTET  
Old Time Songs  
GAUDSMITH BROTHERS AND POODLES  
Knockabout Comedy TV Favorites  
JIMMY VALENTINE AND RITA  
"Toast of the Town" Favorites. Dancing That Is Different  
GEORGE NELSON  
The Singing Firefighter  
DILLON AND ROSE  
Two Boys On a Spree  
FOURTEEN ADORABLES  
Ladies of the Ensemble
- 11:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Dancing.  
Music by KARL RHODE AND HIS ORCHESTRA



# BOSTON FIREMEN'S MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The following members died in 1953:

PETER A. MATHIEWS	Ex-Lieutenant—Tower 3
WALTER C. STICKNEY	Ex-Engine 34
JOHN H. WIRMANN	Ex-Ladder 17
THOMAS J. DRISCOLL	Fire Prevention
MICHAELANGELO LAURANO	Ex-Ladder 21
THEODORE GALLIPEAU	Ex-Ladder 12
FLORENCE T. MOORE	Ex-Engine 10
THOMAS F. ROACH	Ex-Captain—Engine 27
FRANCIS J. DERMODY	Ex-Lieutenant—Engine 21
JOSEPH M. FLYNN	Ex-Captain Engine 25
CHIESTER J. MELANSON	Ex-Captain Engine 13
CORNELIUS J. HARRINGTON	Ex-Engine 18
LEO P. HUGHES	Ex-Boston Protective Department
JOSEPH L. MURPHY	Ladder 26
DANIEL F. HARRINGTON	Ladder 22
WILLIAM J. BARRETT	Ex-Engine 8
DANIEL A. WHITE	Ex-Engine 53
DANIEL P. McLAUGHLIN	Ladder 20
EDWARD V. STONE	Ex-Engine 17
FREDERICK L. WAGGETT	Ex-Engine 35
JOSEPH J. DWYER	Ex-Boston Protective Department
JAMES E. DOWNEY	Ex-Engine 6
DANIEL F. HOOLBY	Ex-Engine 37
THOMAS F. MULDOON	Ex-Lieutenant Engine 51
PEARSON J. POWERS	Ex-Lieutenant Ladder 30
DANIEL J. WALLACE	Ex-Ladder 16
THOMAS P. LOHAN	Ex-Lieutenant—Engine 51
DAVID A. TOOMEY	Ex-Ladder 22
WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN	Ex-Engine 36
STEPHEN L. SULLIVAN	Ex-Engine 39
ARTHUR E. GATELEY	Engine 30
THOMAS J. CAHILL	Ladder 10
JOHN D. J. DOWNEY	Ex-Fire Prevention
JOHN J. FEELEY, JR.	Engine 27
MICHAEL T. MURPHY	Ex-Fire Prevention
JOSEPH F. HOHMANN	Ex-Engine 52
JOHN H. LEARY	Ex-Captain Ladder 12
STANLEY J. GAWLINSKI	Ladder 18
JACOB MORRIS	Ex-Headquarters
WILLIAM H. McCORKLE	Ex-District Chief—District 9
THOMAS W. KEENAN	Ex-High Pressure
JOHN V. NEY	Ex-Engine 46
MICHAEL JOY	Maintenance Division
FRED H. McDERMOTT	Engine 54
CHARLES VOGEL	Ladder 33
WILLIAM E. DOWER	High Pressure
WILLIAM J. CROWLEY	Ex-Ladder 3

# BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS HAVING 25 AND 40 YEARS SERVICE PRESENTATION OF BUTTONS

by  
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT JOHN V. STAPLETON  
FORTY YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE    APRIL 19, 1954

## FIRE FIGHTING FORCE

District Chief John J. O'Brien, D15  
Captain Thomas M. Manning, E28  
Captain Lawrence J. McAdams, L15  
Captain Francis J. McFague, L16  
Captain Michael J. McLaughlin, E50  
Captain Thomas J. Mulhern, R3  
Captain Egbert R. Murphy, E28  
Aide to Deputy Chief Thomas F. Callahan, L23  
Hoseman Thomas J. Glennon, E42

## HIGH PRESSURE SERVICE

Engineer John R. Keefe

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE    APRIL 19, 1954

## FIREFIGHTING FORCE

Captain Alonzo P. Brooks, E27  
Lieutenant John E. Napier, E43  
Hoseman Arthur D. Brownell, E48  
Hoseman William F. Clancy, E45  
Hoseman John J. Doyle, E37  
Hoseman Everett J. Hassell, E48  
Hoseman John J. McCue, E17  
Hoseman Hiliary J. O'Connell, E40  
Ladderman Jeremiah A. McCarthy, L2

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION DIVISION (civilian)  
Head Clerk Joseph A. Magner

FIRE ALARM DIVISION (CONSTRUCTION) (civilian)  
General Foreman Joseph E. Donovan

## HIGH PRESSURE SERVICE

Engineer Joseph T. Savage

## LIGHTING PLANT 1

Hoseman William A. Moore

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION (civilian)  
Principal Clerk Edward W. Purcell



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*Very Reverend Monsignor*  
HENRY J. O'CONNELL



*Rabbi*  
SAMUEL I. KORFF



*Reverend*  
HOWARD E. POMEROY

### PRAYER FOR FIREMEN

O Almighty God, powerful Creator of the universe and loving Protector of all who trust in Thee, give me strength in the work to which I have dedicated my life. Help me to see even in disaster and ruin the mysterious designs of Thy Providence. Raise me to the dignity of an angel of mercy as I speed to the relief of those whom Thou hast permitted to be afflicted by the scourge of fire. As Thy Divine Son Christ our Lord accomplished His earthly mission through self-sacrificing service of his human brethren, so let me find in the faithful fulfillment of my duty the means of imitating His all-embracing charity and of uniting myself with Him through the consolations and rewards for which I honestly strive.

I ask Thy blessing, O God, for my brothers as well as for myself in the perilous tasks which are entrusted to our common effort. Spare us to our families and our loved ones; mercifully hear their prayers for our safety which ascend to Thee each day as we depart for our posts of duty. Give us courage to face danger without flinching, to be calm and constant as we risk our lives that others may be spared, to be towers of strength for those who are visited by the tragedies which call us into action. Help us to work together, to bear one another's burdens, to dedicate ourselves in a spirit of honesty and fairness to the interests of the community which places such great trust in us. Drive far from our minds all thoughts of selfishness which might lead us to debase the ideals which have been created for us by our noble predecessors.

Have mercy, dear God, on the souls of our comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of their duty, and on all who have gone before us after years of faithful discharge of the responsibilities which now rest on ourselves. Give us grace to prepare each day for our own summons to Thy tribunal of justice. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Whithersoever Thou callest me, I am ready to go. Merciful Father of all men, save me from all bodily harm, if it be Thy Will, but above all, help me to be loyal and true, respectable and honorable, obedient and valiant. Thus fortified by virtue, I shall have no fear, for I shall then belong to Thee and shall never be separated from Thee. Amen.

By: —

MOST REVEREND RICHARD J. CUSHING, D.D.,  
*Archbishop 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-five 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 doctor's 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.



PRESENTATION OF ROLL OF MERIT

by

HON. JOHN B. HYNES, MAYOR

Deputy Chief WALTER E. CROUCH, Div. 3  
Lieutenant JAMES G. BOLES, Ladder Company 6  
Hoseman JOHN E. KELLY, Engine Company 16

At 7:36 A.M., on November 22, 1953, the department responded to an alarm from box 3654 for a fire in a building at 45-53 Adams Street, Milton. During the fire, Hoseman Arthur C. Morton of Engine Co. 16 was operating a line of hose inside the building on the third floor was thrown into the cellar due to a sudden collapse of the roof and floor.

Immediately, with total disregard for their own safety, Assistant Chief of Department Walter E. Crouch, followed by Lieutenant James G. Boles of Ladder Company 6 and Hoseman John E. Kelly of Engine Company 16 slid down the line of hose into the cellar. They found Hoseman Morton, unconscious, trapped in the wreckage, with his right foot wedged under a heavy beam.

They removed the debris which covered the victim and because of the heavy weight of the beam, lifted him bodily in such a manner so that his right leg could be slipped out of his rubber boot, thus freeing him.

This rescue work had to be done with great care in order to prevent additional wreckage from falling and trapping the victim and his rescuers. After freeing Hoseman Morton, they carried him to a point of safety where other members removed him to a waiting ambulance.

The prompt action, courage and resourcefulness displayed by these members in effecting this rescue saved Hoseman Morton from serious injury and possible suffocation.

PRESENTATION OF HIGH COMMENDATIONS

by

SENATOR JOHN E. POWERS  
(South Boston)

Captain FREDERICK T. WILLETT, Engine Co. 2  
Hoseman FRANCIS J. HURLEY, Engine Co. 2  
Hoseman WILLIAM H. HURLEY, Engine Co. 2  
Lieutenant ROBERT J. CRAWFORD, Engine No. 39  
Hoseman LAWRENCE T. WHITE, Engine Co. 26

At 3:16 P.M. October 16, 1953 the department responded to Box 7545 (2 alarms) for a fire aboard the U.S.S. Leyte, which was docked at the South Boston Navy Yard Annex.

Upon arrival of apparatus at the scene, Captaint Fred T. Willett, Hoseman Francis J. Hurley and Hoseman William H. Hurley of Engine Co. 2 received information that members of the crew of the Leyte were trapped below. They donned all-service masks and descended to the deck below the hangar deck for the purpose of rescuing members of the crew. They passed through a door in a bulkhead but found the heat unbearable and had to return to the hangar deck where they procured a 1½" line and stretched it down a gangway in order to extinguish the fire or dissipate the

extreme heat. About this time, Hoseman Francis J. Hurley had difficulty in breathing and went toward the gangway where he collapsed and was carried up to the hangar deck from whence he was removed to the hospital. Meanwhile, the all-service mask worn by Captain Willett apparently became fouled or clogged, and he lost consciousness. Hoseman William H. Hurley of Engine Co. 2, who had gone to the hangar deck to procure Chemox masks, again descended to the deck below accompanied by Lieutenant Robert J. Crawford of Engine Co. 39. They found the unconscious form of Captain Willett and carried him up to the hangar deck from whence he was removed to the hospital.

Later, at another incident at the fire, Hoseman Lawrence T. White of Engine Co. 26, wearing a Chemox mask, descended with other members of the department to the second deck below the hangar deck for the purpose of recovering the bodies of victims of the fire. They came across the body of a crew member in a small room off a passageway, and Hoseman White entered the room to assist placing the body in a stretcher. Because of the confined area in which he had to work and the exertion required, he became exhausted and was assisted up the gangway by other members of the department and was removed to the hospital.

PRESENTATION OF HIGH COMMENDATIONS

by

FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Lieutenant RAYMOND E. FAVRET, Ladder Co. 10  
Hoseman EDWARD H. HANBURY, Engine Co. 28

At 9:15 P.M., March 1, 1953, the department responded to an alarm from Box 2524 for a fire in the dwelling house at 41 Everett Street, Jamaica Plain.

Upon arrival at the scene, it was found that a portable oil burner had overturned in a second floor bedroom causing a fire and trapping two small children. Lieut. Raymond E. Favret of Ladder Co. 10 and Hoseman Edward H. Hanbury of Engine Co. 28 proceeded to the second floor, forced their way through a burning paper wall-board partition which blocked entrance to the bedroom, entering the room which was then fully involved with fire, heat and smoke where they found the two children and carried them to the street.

Lieutenant JOSEPH P. ANDERSON, Engine Co. 12

Hoseman POMPIO J. MAGISTRI, Engine Co. 12

At 2:09 P.M., February 12, 1953, the department responded to an alarm from Box 2134 for a fire in a dwelling house at 2 Hubbard Terrace, Roxbury.

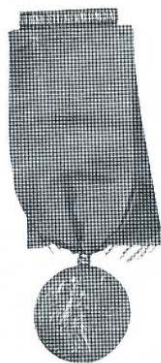
Upon arrival at the fire, Lieutenant Joseph P. Anderson and Hoseman Pompio J. Magistri of Engine Co. 12 were informed that two children were trapped in a second floor apartment which was involved in fire. They entered the second floor apartment, which had not been ventilated, made their way into the bedroom which was heavily charged with heat, smoke and flame, groped around until they found the two children in a bed, and carried them from the room. Both children suffered severe burns and were unconscious when taken from the premises.

Because of the fact that the above mentioned members of the department performed the above rescue work under very difficult conditions and exposed themselves to great personal danger, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend them highly.

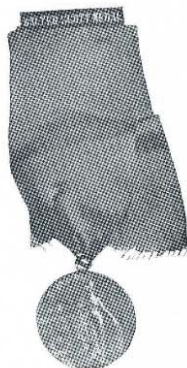




PATRICK J. KENNEDY MEDAL  
This medal established 1951  
in memory of Patrick J. Kennedy



JOHN E. FITZGERALD MEDAL  
This medal established 1905  
in memory of John E. Fitzgerald, Boston



WALTER SCOTT MEDAL FOR VALOR  
This medal established 1922  
in memory of Walter Scott

## 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 Diamond Jubilee 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.

FRANCIS J. DOOLEY, *President*  
*for the Trustees of the*  
*Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.*