

78th Annual Concert and Ball

OF THE

**BOSTON FIRE and PROTECTIVE
DEPARTMENTS**



Boston Garden

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 1957



FIRE!!!!!!

The front cover picture was taken by William Smith of the Boston Herald, and appeared in the Herald on December 27th, 1956.

This fire occurred shortly after noon, December 26th, 1956, in a five-story dwelling house at 534-536 Columbus Avenue, South End. Three alarms were sounded.

The picture brings out the fact that **LADDERS** were a definite necessity. Through the use of **LADDERS**, lives were saved, and firefighters were able to reach the seat of the fire.

Please take another look at the picture on the front cover
FIRE !!!!!!!

We urge you to help **PREVENT** fire, by observing a few **FIRE PREVENTION** rules.

1. A tiny flame may cause **DISASTER** — **BE CAREFUL**.
 2. **DON'T SMOKE** in **BED**.
 3. Keep Matches out of hands of **CHILDREN**.
 4. Clean your **CHIMNEY** yearly.
 5. Make every week **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**.
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IN CASE OF FIRE, telephone **KE**nmore 6-1500; or sound an alarm from the nearest fire alarm box.

Appreciation



The Board of Trustees of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund wishes to extend its sincere appreciation in behalf of the members of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments, to those who have so generously contributed to make this, our 78th Annual Ball, a success.

It is only through the generosity of the public that the Relief Fund can continue to operate and to provide the necessary medical aid to sick and injured Firefighters and their families.

It is our hope that this evening will be one of pleasant entertainment and will leave you with the assurance that your Firefighter is ever ready to serve you.

EMILIO MARINO, *President*



JOHN B. HYNES
Mayor of Boston



FRANCIS X. COTTER
Fire Commissioner



LEO C. DRISCOLL
Chief of Department



JOSEPH F. SULLIVAN
Chief, Boston Protective Department



DR. EDWARD H. HOMMEL
Medical Examiner

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.. Program ..

8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. — Concert

Presenting

"The Sweetest Music This Side of Heaven"

GUY LOMBARDO

AND HIS

ROYAL CANADIANS

Featuring

CARMEN LEBERT VICTOR KENNY GARDNER

with

BILL FLANIGAN CLIFF GRASS
THE LOMBARDO TRIO THE LOMBARDO TWIN PIANOS

9:00 to 10:30 P.M.

- ★ Entrance of Officers and Guests of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund Association — Honor Escort — Boston Fire Department Band
- ★ Greetings by President Marino, Firemen's Relief Fund
- ★ Drawing — name of winner of \$1000.00 Bond
- ★ Selections by Boston Fire Department Band
- ★ Ceremony for Departed Members
- ★ Presentation "Walter Scott Medal for Valor" by Mayor John B. Hynes
- ★ Presentation "Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor" by Fire Commissioner Francis X. Cotter
- ★ Presentation "Roll of Merit" awards by Chief of Department Leo C. Driscoll, and Assistant Chiefs John Clougherty, John Howard, and William Terrenzi.
- ★ Presentation 40 years Service Buttons by Fire Commissioner Francis X. Cotter
- ★ Presentation 25 years Service Buttons by Chief of Department Leo C. Driscoll

10:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. — Dancing

AWARDING OF SCOTT AND KENNEDY MEDALS



WALTER J. SULLIVAN
awarded
Walter Scott Medal
for Valor



FRANKLIN E. MACKAY
awarded
Patrick J. Kennedy
Medal of Honor

OFFICIAL CITATION

A still alarm was received by Ladder Co. 9 at 7:42 P.M. on December 30, 1956, for a fire in a three-story wooden dwelling house at 6 Franklin Street, Charlestown. Box 4154 was struck for this fire at 7:43 P.M.

Upon arrival of the apparatus at the scene of the fire, the members of Ladder 9 were informed that a woman and a child were trapped on the second floor. The fire had already involved a portion of the lower hallway. Firefighters Walter P. Sullivan and Franklin E. MacKay of Ladder Company 9, in spite of the intense heat and smoke, made their way through the hall and up the stairs to the second floor. They searched through the smoke-filled rooms, located the mother and her young son, and removed them to the street via the rear stairway. This was accomplished before a line could be laid. In the performance of this rescue, Firefighter Sullivan received first and second degree burns to his face and hands. He was taken to the Boston City Hospital, where he was admitted and held for several days. He was off duty for two weeks as a result of these burns. Firefighter MacKay was partially overcome because of the intense heat, and the inhalation of smoke and gases and was assisted from the building.

Firefighters Sullivan and MacKay were highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 2, series of 1957, for their heroic action, under most difficult conditions, with a total disregard for their own personal safety. The Board of Merit recommends that Firefighter Walter P. Sullivan be awarded the "Walter Scott Medal For Valor" and Firefighter Franklin E.E MacKay be awarded the "Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor."

The recommendation of the Board of Merit was accepted by the Fire Commissioner.

ROLL OF MERIT

Firefighter GEORGE J. LOHNES, Ladder Company No. 4

Firefighter JOHN J. DEVINE, Ladder Company No. 4

Firefighter GEORGE W. GIRVAN, Ladder Company No. 4

ROLL OF MERIT

An alarm was received from Box 2161 at 10:59 P.M., January 27, 1956. The apparatus responded, and upon arrival, the members encountered a fire involving the first floor of a two-story wood frame dwelling at 5 Bower Park, Roxbury. Members of Ladder 4 were informed that some of the occupants were trapped in the building. Immediately, and without taking time to don a gas mask, Firefighter George J. Lohnes entered the building and made his way up the front stairs to the second floor. There was a heavy concentration of smoke and heat present. He entered a bedroom that led off the hallway and groping and searching about the room he came upon two brothers, one age 4 and the other, 3, lying on a bed, partially unconscious because of inhalation of smoke. He gathered both children in his arms, carried them out of the room and down the stairs to the street and safety.

At about the same time that his rescue was being carried out, Firefighters John J. Devine and George W. Girvan of Ladder Company 4 attempted to enter the first floor apartment through the front entrance but were driven back by the fire. They went to the rear where they were able to force an entrance. They proceeded into the kitchen which was involved in fire, due to the exploding of a fuel oil tank. The occupant, a middle-aged man, was on his hands and knees in the middle of the floor, severely burned, dazed and bewildered. They carried him out of the kitchen to the rear yard and to the street, where he was placed in a police ambulance and brought to the Boston City Hospital.

Firefighters George J. Lohnes, John J. Devine and George W. Girvan were highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 11, series of 1956, for their quick and heroic action. The Board of Merit recommends that the names of these members be placed on the "Roll of Merit."

The recommendation of the Board of Merit was accepted by the Fire Commissioner.

ROLL OF MERIT

Firefighter RAYMOND M. McDONOUGH, Engine Company No. 21

At 2:29 A.M., December 10, 1956, an alarm was sounded from Box 1742 for a fire in the dwelling house at 654 Columbia Road, Dorchester.

Upon arrival at this location, Engine Company 21 ran a line of hose in the front door and another line of hose through a first floor window, from which fire was issuing. While the members were working in the front hallway they were informed that there was a child upstairs. Firefighter Raymond M. McDonough passed the line to another member, donned a gas mask, and made his way up the stairway, which was heavily charged with heat, smoke and gases. He searched the several rooms on this floor but could find nobody. He then proceeded over the stairway to the third floor and after searching the rooms he found a young child, unconscious, in a bedroom in the front of the apartment. He picked up the child and started down the stairway. He collapsed on the stairs between the second and first floors. Other members came to his assistance and removed them from the building. Both the child and Firefighter McDonough were removed to the Boston City Hospital in the Police Ambulance of Station 9.

Firefighter McDonough was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 72, series of 1956, for his courageous action under adverse conditions. The Board of Merit recommends that the name of Firefighter Raymond M. McDonough be placed on the "Roll of Merit."

The recommendation of the Board of Merit was accepted by the Fire Commissioner.



ROLL OF MERIT

Firefighter JOSEPH V. MORGAN, Ladder Company No. 13

Engine Company 22 and Ladder Company 13 responded on a still alarm at 12:09 P.M., December 26, 1956, to a fire in the building at 534-536 Columbus Avenue and 159 Worcester Street. This was a five-story dwelling and the fire extended from the first floor to the entire building, necessitating three alarms from Box 1554.

Upon arrival of the first due companies, the fire had already broken out through the middle window of the top floor and was threatening to break out on all floors. The occupants of the building, about twelve in number, were on the fire escapes but unable to descend because of heat and smoke. Members of Ladder Company 13 immediately went to their assistance.

On the fifth floor fire escape, cut off from the stairs by fire issuing from a window, was a middle aged woman. Firefighter Joseph V. Morgan of Ladder Company 13 made his way up the fire escape to the fifth floor. Before reaching her, he had to get under the fire issuing from the window; and when he tried to get her to come down the fire escape with him, she would not come. He then picked her up and carried her, shielding her with his body as he passed the window from which fire was emanating; thence, down the fire escape to the street and safety.

Had it not been for the prompt and daring action of Firefighter Morgan, the woman might have jumped from the fifth floor, or have been trapped by the fire.

Firefighter Morgan was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 2, series of 1957, for his prompt and daring action. The Board of Merit recommends that the name of Firefighter Joseph V. Morgan be placed on the "Roll of Merit."

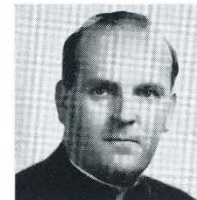
The recommendation of the Board of Merit was accepted by the Fire Commissioner.

BOSTON FIREMEN'S MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The following members died in 1956:

Name	Date	Age
DENNIS A. CONNELLY, Ex. Lieut. Eng. 1	Jan. 4, 1956	70
EDWARD CONNERS, Ex. Capt. Eng. 2	Jan. 9, 1956	94
WILLIAM J. COONEY, Ex. Eng. 2	Jan. 13, 1956	60
HENRY J. BYRNES, Eng. 55	Jan. 17, 1956	60
FREDERICK F. KEENAN, Ex. Dist. Chief Dist. 11	Jan. 22, 1956	61
THOMAS J. TALBOT, Ex. Fire Prevention	Jan. 26, 1956	71
JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM, Ex. Lad. 6	Jan. 26, 1956	42
THOMAS SLATTERY, Eng. 40	Jan. 29, 1956	30
MICHAEL A. LANGONE, Lieut. Eng. 40	Feb. 2, 1956	46
WILLIAM B. JENNINGS, Ex. Capt. Eng. 12	Feb. 2, 1956	85
EDWARD F. BRICKLEY, Ex. Eng. 13	Feb. 16, 1956	61
HENRY S. FRANZ, Ex. Dep. Chief Hdqrs.	Feb. 25, 1956	61
WILLIAM L. LANE, Eng. 46	Feb. 26, 1956	69
DANIEL H. GADE, Boston Prot. Dept.	March 21, 1956	56
JAMES F. KENNEY, Ex. Eng. 46	April 1, 1956	69
TIMOTHY J. GUINEE, Ex. Eng. 40	April 2, 1956	67
JAMES F. MARSHALL, Ex. Fire Prev.	April 15, 1956	66
JOHN J. DEGAN, Ex. Lad. 1	April 16, 1956	76
THOMAS M. CURLEY, Ex. App. Oper. Eng. 30	May 4, 1956	78
WILLIAM P. DUNGAN, Ex. Lieut. Eng. 51	May 7, 1956	80
FRANK H. DALY, Ex. Lad. 28	May 20, 1956	57
CHARLES H. McDONNELL, Ex. Dist. Chief Dist. 8	May 26, 1956	66
EDWARD E. WILLIAMSON, Ex. Supt. Maint. Div.	May 27, 1956	72
JOHN F. McDONOUGH, Ex. Chief of Dept.	May 31, 1956	75
STEPHEN C. MANLEY, Ex. Eng. 55	June 1, 1956	43
EDWARD W. FOTTLER, Ex. Lieut. Lad. 23	June 24, 1956	88
JOHN F. CURLEY, Ex. Lieut. Lad. 19	July 2, 1956	92
WILLIAM T. TAYLOR, Ex. Boston Prot. Dept.	July 8, 1956	59
GEORGE J. HIGBEE, Lad. 1	July 17, 1956	38
JOHN J. BUCKLEY, Ex. Lad. 14	July 20, 1956	71
JAMES F. MCFADDEN, Ex. Dist. Chief Dist. 8	July 31, 1956	62
GEORGE A. CUSACK, Ex. Eng. 51	Aug. 16, 1956	60
WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, Ex. Eng. 2	Aug. 20, 1956	59
JOHN F. McNAMARA, Ex. Lieut. Fire Prev.	Aug. 20, 1956	66
JAMES M. BURKE, Ex. Lad. 19	Aug. 30, 1956	79
EDWARD F. TRAINOR, Ex. Lad. 16	Aug. 30, 1956	65
DANIEL J. LOONEY, Ex. Tower 2	Sept. 16, 1956	77
MICHAEL H. POWERS, Ex. Fire Prev.	Sept. 17, 1956	71
THOMAS J. SHERIDAN, Ex. Lad. 18	Sept. 21, 1956	63
WILLIAM L. MAGEE, Ex. Eng. 45	Oct. 4, 1956	70
JAMES J. CONLEY, Ex. Eng. 20	Oct. 7, 1956	71
MICHAEL H. DEVIN, Ex. Eng. 13	Oct. 9, 1956	74
ROBERT L. DWYER, Ex. Lad. 5	Oct. 29, 1956	68
JOHN H. MCCARTHY, Ex. Capt. Lad. 10	Nov. 2, 1956	61
FRANCIS J. MURPHY, Ex. Eng. 31	Nov. 11, 1956	54
JOHN J. WILLIAMS, Ex. Lieut. Boston Prot. Dept.	Nov. 12, 1956	60
MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL, Ex. Hdqrs.	Nov. 21, 1956	75
HENRY J. SMITH, Ex. Boston Prot. Dept.	Nov. 23, 1956	85
JOHN J. RITCHIE, Ex. Tower 1	Nov. 28, 1956	66
JOSEPH A. O'NEIL, Ex. Ladder Co. 28	Dec. 21, 1956	41
JOSEPH V. O'DONNELL, Ex. Eng. 40	Dec. 24, 1956	66
THOMAS H. WALDRON, Ex. Ladder Co. 24	Dec. 25, 1956	32

BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS



THE REVEREND JOHN J. McMANMON



REV. JOHN E. BARCLAY



RABBI SAMUEL I. KORFF

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 perious, self-sacrificing labors.

We beseech Thee, dear 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

1957 SERVICE BUTTON LIST
FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE
COMPLETED 40 YEARS AS OF APRIL 22, 1957

Deputy Fire Chief John J. CrehanDivision 2
Deputy Fire Chief John J. RyanDivision 2
District Fire Chief Henry M. WheelerDistrict 5
Firefighter-Engineer William A. HughesHigh Pressure



25 YEARS SERVICE

District Fire Chief Harry W. MurphyDistrict 5
District Fire Chief William D. HartDistrict 10
Fire Captain John J. MartinFireboat Engine Co. 31
Firefighter-Master John J. LeahyFireboat Engine Co. 31



OFFICIAL TICKET SELLERS — 1957 ANNUAL BALL
Front Row: John Brennan, John Foley, Raymond Moorehouse, Robert Hayhurst, Edward Becker, Edward Gregory and John Morgan.
Back Row: Arthur Bunker, William Coyne, Joseph Dart (Protective), Thomas Whalen, Ernest Thompson, William Spitz, Joseph Curran.

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



JACK B. CHASE



PAUL E. MILLS



W. C. SWARTLEY



F. A. TOOKE



W. GORDON SWAN

Lastly but not least we acknowledge our appreciation to the staff of Radio Station WBZ, represented in the photos above, for donating the facilities of their station and their personal time to carry a broadcast of the first half of the 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.

These Firefighters took part in the successful rescue of a man who threatened to jump from 100 feet up, on the abandoned WBZ television tower on Soldiers Field Road, Allston.



FRONT ROW: Capt. Luke D. Mullen, Jr. and Arthur Tuik
SECOND ROW: John C. Murphy, John McLaughlin, Joseph Mandeville
BACK ROW: Henry McCormick

The Staff at WBZ are presenting a plaque to Ladder Company 14 in the presence of those attending this 78th Annual Ball, in recognition of the quick response and willingness to endanger their own lives at this incident which took place at 1:53 p.m., Saturday, February 16, 1957.

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-seven 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.



GUY LOMBARDO AND HIS ORCHESTRA — "SWEETEST MUSIC" THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN