

81st Annual Concert and Ball

OF THE

BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



at the Boston Garden

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 1960

FIRE !!!!!

The front cover picture shows firefighters at work on a COLD night.

THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF LOSS OF LIFE BY FIRE DURING THE COLD WEATHER IS SPACE HEATERS.

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES, THE FOLLOWING COMMON SENSE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED.

1. Fill the supply tank or container to its brim each time it is filled. This is most important.
2. Fill container outside the building or in basement only. Wipe up all spillage.
3. Do not store fuel oil or kerosene in any location other than the basement or outside the building.
4. Never carry or fill a portable heater when lighted.
5. Do not place a portable heater in the line of traffic in the home, where it could be knocked over by children or animals.
6. Have burner cleaned each year at the beginning of the heating season, by a competent service man.
7. Keep combustible curtains, drapes, or other fabric hangings a safe distance from the heater.
8. In case of fire, call the Fire Department immediately.

Front cover picture by Russ Lowell, BFD

Appreciation

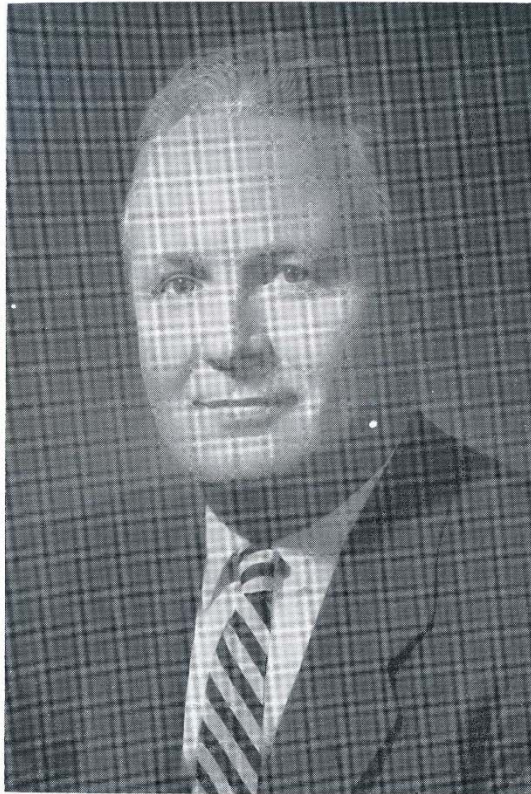


The Trustees of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, in behalf of the members of the Boston Fire Department, extend their most sincere thanks to all who have assisted in making this 81st Annual Ball the success that it is.

It is only through the continued help and cooperation of the good citizens and business people of our city that the Relief Fund is able to carry on its work of assisting firefighters, their families and widows in times of illness and misfortune.

We wish you a most enjoyable evening.

JOSEPH H. HARDIMAN, *President*
For the Trustees of the
Boston Firemen's Relief Fund



JOHN F. COLLINS
Mayor of Boston



EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN
President, Boston City Council



HENRY A. SCAGNOLI
Fire Commissioner



JOHN A. MARTIN
Chief of Department



EDWARD H. HOMMEL, M.D.
Medical Examiner

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Program

8:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. — Concert

Presenting
RALPH FLANAGAN
AND HIS ORCHESTRA

8:45 to 10:00 P. M.

- ☆ Entrance of Board of Trustees and Guests of Boston Firemen's Relief Fund — Honor Escort, Boston Fire Department Band.
- ☆ Greetings by Joseph H. Hardiman, President, Boston Firemen's Relief Fund
- ☆ Presentation "John E. Fitzgerald Medal for Most Meritorious Act Year 1959" by Edward F. McLaughlin, President, Boston City Council
- ☆ Presentation "Walter Scott Medal for Valor" by Fire Commissioner Henry A. Scagnoli
- ☆ Presentation "Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor" by Chief of Department John A. Martin
- ☆ Presentation "Roll of Merit" awards by Chief of Staff BFD, John F. Howard; Assistant Chief William Terrenzi; Assistant Chief John Clougherty; and Dept. Medical Examiner Edward H. Hommel, M.D.
- ☆ Presentation 40 Years Service Buttons by Fire Commissioner Henry A. Scagnoli
- ☆ Presentation "John V. Stapleton Medal" by former Chief of Department John V. Stapleton and Martin E. Pierce, President Firefighters Local 718
- ☆ Ceremony for Departed Members
- ☆ Selections by Boston Fire Department Band
- ☆ Drawing — name of winner of Appreciation Award

10:00 P. M. to Midnight — Dancing

JOHN E. FITZGERALD MEDAL FOR MOST MERITORIOUS ACT

Bequest of John E. Fitzgerald, the income to be collected by the City Collector 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 fighting force 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 aforesaid; 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 in 1950.

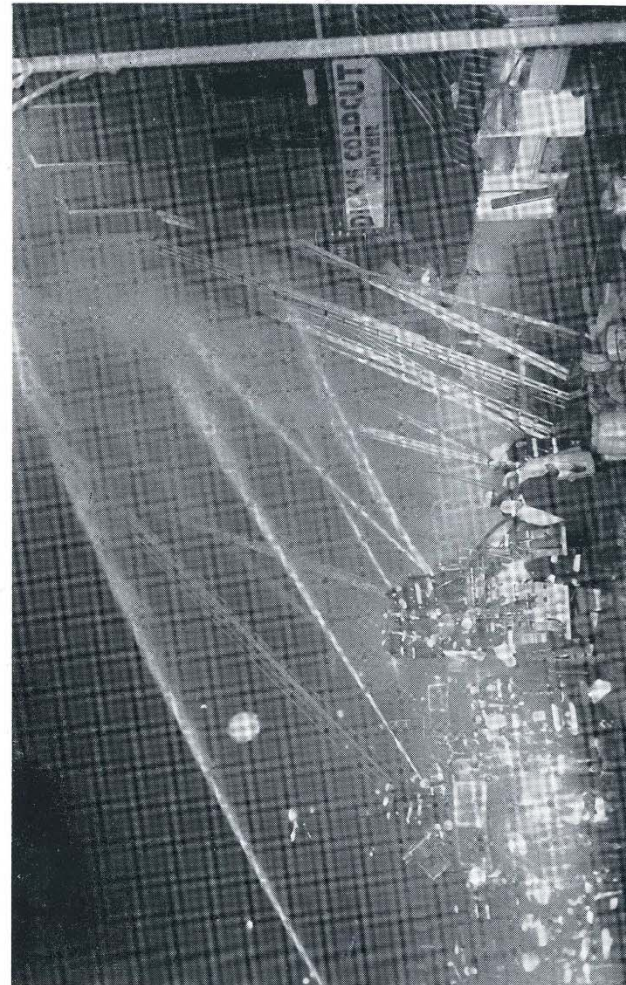
JOHN E. FITZGERALD MEDAL
FOR MOST MERITORIOUS ACT — 1959

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER JOHN L. CAMPBELL
A Member of Ladder Company 12



For the extreme personal risk involved in his duties as a firefighter during operations at Box 1258, three alarms, for a fire at 142-144 Blackstone Street, Boston on March twenty-seven, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, for repeated and daring attempts to rescue a member of the department despite an intense volume of fire which caused him severe burns.



FIRE ON BLACKSTONE STREET
Photo by BFD Photographer E. Radzik shortly after all men were ordered out of building at 142-144 Blackstone Street, Boston, March 27th, 1959. Box 1258, 3-Alarms.

WALTER SCOTT MEDAL FOR VALOR

is hereby awarded to

LIEUTENANT WARREN A. HARDY

A Member of Ladder Company 12



For extreme personal risk involved in the performance of his duty at Box 1258, three alarms, for a fire at 142-144 Blackstone Street, Boston on March twenty-seven, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, upon hearing an explosion which forced the firefighters to retreat, for noticing one member unable to descend a ladder without assistance, for reaching inside the window and for succeeding in getting the man and bringing him down the ladder to safety, disregarding the flames which caused severe burns to him.



PATRICK J. KENNEDY MEDAL OF HONOR

IS HEREBY AWARDED TO

FIRE LIEUTENANT PAUL J. O'BRIEN

A Member of Ladder Company 4



For extreme personal risk involved in the performance of his duty at Box 2251 for a fire in a dwelling at 2476 Washington Street, Roxbury on February twenty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, for discovering that children were trapped in the burning apartment and crawling into the bedroom through fire and smoke, for locating one child whom he passed to members, returning to the room and succeeding in finding two other children and removing them to safety.



ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER WILBUR W. LUACAW

A Member of Engine Company 42

For great personal risk involved in the performance of his duty as a firefighter, for effecting the rescue of a small child during the early stages of operation at the fire in a dwelling house at 15 Bragdon Street, Roxbury on January twenty-second, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, under such severe conditions that he was partially overcome from the heat and smoke.



ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTERS

JAMES FITZGIBBONS, LADDER COMPANY 15

FRANK GAMBARDELLO, ENGINE COMPANY 33

JOHN NICHOLAS, ENGINE COMPANY 33

Because of great personal risk involved in breaking the ice, diving and swimming in the frigid water of Muddy River on February fourteen, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in an attempt to locate two boys lost under the ice and for succeeding in locating one of the boys and bringing him to shore without regard for the danger involved or the freezing temperature at the time.

ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIRE LIEUTENANT FRANCIS J. CUMMINGS

A Member of Ladder Company 13

For great personal risk involved in the performance of his duty at Box 1554, a fire at 4 Claremont Street, Boston on April nine, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, for forcing entrance to a second-floor apartment in which there was a heavy concentration of fire and smoke and before ventilation had been effected, for succeeding in locating a small boy in the burning room and removing him to the street.



ROLL OF MERIT AWARD

is hereby awarded to

FIREFIGHTER LEO M. MYOTT

A Member of Ladder Company 21

For great personal risk involved in his duty at Box 6214 for a fire in a dwelling at 119 McClellan Highway on December twenty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, for entering a room heavily charged with heat and smoke in an attempt to rescue a person trapped inside, for removing her, under trying conditions, to the window where she was taken down a ladder to the street.

SERVICE BUTTON RECIPIENTS
40 YEARS SERVICE AS FIREFIGHTERS



FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL SHEEHAN
Engine Company No. 7

Appointed January 12, 1920

Served at:

Engine 341920-1926

Rescue 11926-1955

Engine 71955-



FIREFIGHTER LESTER BRASHER
High Pressure Station

Appointed July 22, 1919

Served at:

Engine 241919-1948

Lighting Plant 31948-1956

Engine 181956-1957

High Pressure1957-



JOHN V. STAPLETON MEDAL



The practice of awarding this Medal was established by the Officers and members of Boston Firefighters Local 718, International Association of Firefighters, in June of 1957, out of respect for John V. Stapleton, who, during 32 years of Firefighting, serving in all grades, and retiring as Chief of Department on June 6, 1956, exemplified the qualities of HUMILITY, INTEGRITY, LOYALTY and FORTITUDE to his professional calling.

The John V. Stapleton Medal is awarded annually to the Firefighter or Officer of the Boston Fire Department, who, in the opinion of the Executive Board of Local 718, IAFF, best illustrates any one, or all of these qualities.

NOTE:—The past recipients of the John V. Stapleton Medal are, co-incidentally, part of the Program this evening.

1957 — Capt. Charles Fleming, present Trustee, Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

1958 — Firefighter Michael Sheehan, recipient of 40-year Service Button this evening.

1959 — Firefighter Thomas Sullivan, present Trustee, Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

1960 —

BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

The following members died in 1959:

Name	Company	Date	Age
PETER A. REILLY, Ex-Ladder Co. 23		Jan. 12, 1959	78
JOHN A. McGRANACHAN, Ex-Engine Co. 51		Jan. 18, 1959	64
RICHARD A. DININ, Jr., Ex-Capt. Ladder Co. 26		Jan. 22, 1959	72
HENRY D. WALSH, Ex-Engine Co. 51		Feb. 25, 1959	65
KERIN L. SHAUGHNESSEY, Ex-Fire Prevention		Feb. 28, 1959	73
CHAUNCEY R. DELANO, Ex-Lieut. Ladder Co. 10		Mar. 7, 1959	86
MICHAEL L. CONLEY, Ex-High Pressure		Mar. 11, 1959	71
MARTIN T. REYNOLDS, Ex-Boston Protective		Mar. 11, 1959	63
JOSEPH M. McCARTY, Ex-Engine Co. 47		Mar. 17, 1959	72
JOHN F. H. FOX, Ex-Lieut. Fire Prevention		Mar. 22, 1959	74
PELLEGRINO MULLO, Ex-Fire Prevention		Mar. 23, 1959	83
CHARLES J. GREELEY, Ex-Capt. Ladder Co. 29		Mar. 24, 1959	82
WILLIAM J. WALSH, Ex-Capt. Engine Co. 17		Mar. 24, 1959	83
GEORGE H. NILAND, Ex-Engine Co. 24		Mar. 25, 1959	59
DANIEL F. SHAUGHNESSEY, Ex-Ladder Co. 13		Mar. 27, 1959	66
CHARLES A. RODD, Ex-Ladder Co. 28		Mar. 28, 1959	95
JOSEPH F. LYNCH, Ex-Ladder Co. 27		Apr. 26, 1959	70
WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, Ladder Co. 28		Apr. 28, 1959	65
JOSEPH E. KELLEY, Ex-Engine Co. 38		May 11, 1959	66
WILLIAM J. MCCARTHY, Ex-Motor Squad		June 8, 1959	73
EDWARD J. FOGARTY, Ex-Arson Squad		June 10, 1959	50
HENRY A. FOX, Ex-Chief of Dept.		July 3, 1959	92
JAMES L. BARTLETT, Ex-Boston Protective		July 7, 1959	66
JOHN J. MCGLINCHY, Ex-Engine Co. 32		July 12, 1959	77
FRANK H. WALTER, Ex-Engine Co. 6		Aug. 16, 1959	71
ROBERT F. BARRY, Ex-Engine Co. 14		Aug. 18, 1959	61
WILLIAM M. DUNDON, Ex-Engine Co. 9		Aug. 29, 1959	70
WILLIAM E. COUGHLIN, Ex-Maintenance		Aug. 30, 1959	70
FREDERICK J. DOBRATZ, Ex-Lieut. Ladder Co. 18		Sept. 22, 1959	76
LEO R. SENNETT, Engine Co. 2		Sept. 28, 1959	47
FREDERICK C. ROHRER, Ex-Engine Co. 2		Oct. 3, 1959	71
JOHN J. HURLEY, Fire Headquarters		Oct. 16, 1959	67
PATRICK J. DOHERTY, Ex-Lieut. Fire Prevention		Nov. 5, 1959	83
JAMES E. PLUNKETT, Ex-Motor Squad		Nov. 27, 1959	71
JAMES A. BROWN, Ex-Engine Co. 50		Nov. 29, 1959	71
CHARLES R. MACLAUGHLIN, Ex-Engine Co. 31		Dec. 7, 1959	76
CARL P. FRANKS, Ex-Ladder Co. 21		Dec. 14, 1959	77
MATTHEW P. SCANLON, Ex-Maintenance Div.		Dec. 19, 1959	72
JOHN J. CORCORAN, Ex-Maintenance Div.		Dec. 24, 1959	70
ARTHUR P. SPACONE, Engine Co. 2		Dec. 25, 1959	41

BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS



RT. REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN J. McMANMON



REV. JOHN E. BARCLAY



RABBI SAMUEL I. KORFF

PRAYER FOR FIREFIGHTERS

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.

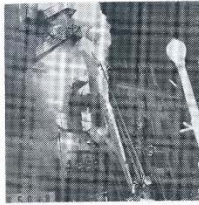
By:—

RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING,
Archbishop of Boston

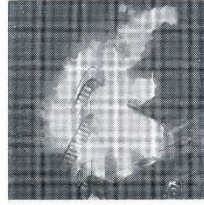
FIREFIGHTING IS A HAZARDOUS PROFESSION

Word-Picture Story of a Fire

4:22 A. M. — SUNDAY — MARCH 8, 1959 — BOX 1262 — 4 ALARMS
FIRE ON TOP 5 FLOORS OF 6-STORY BUILDING AT 3-15 CORNHILL ST., BOSTON
Firefighters entered the building via stairways and over ladders.



THE FIRE



AN EXPLOSION

An explosion inside the building cutting off stairways and fire escapes, leaving only means of escape A LADDER.



FIREFIGHTER
THOMAS CALLAGHAN
Rescue Company



FIREFIGHTER
WILLIAM SHEA
Ladder 24



FIREFIGHTER
CHARLES KENNEY
Rescue Company

These men were severely burned and barely escaped with their lives, from the third floor, over the ladder pictured below.



THE LADDER

(Burned rungs are mute evidence of heat and flames from which men escaped.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, through its Board of Trustees, acknowledges a debt of gratitude to 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.



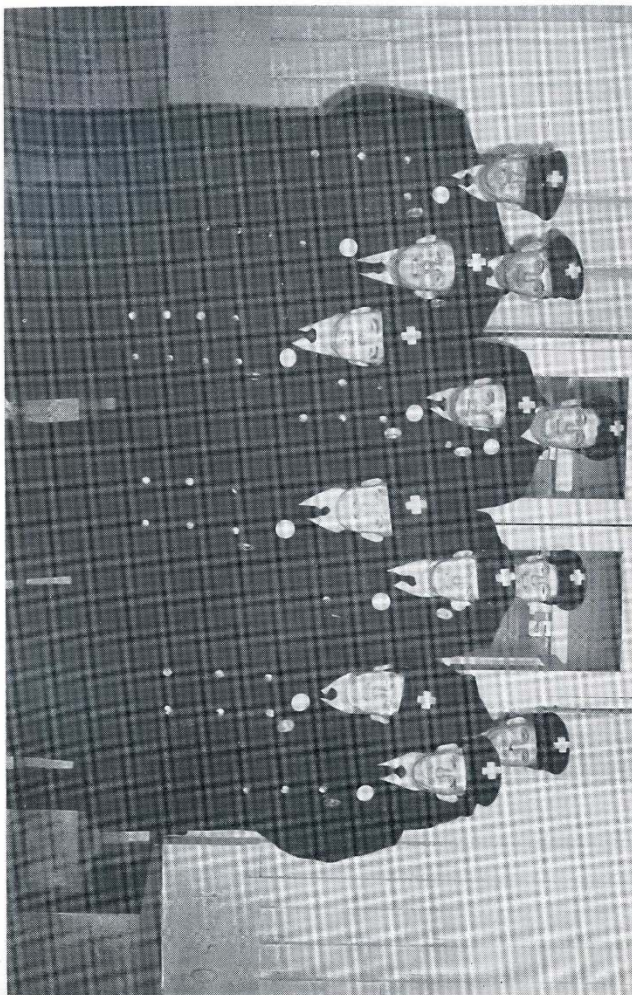
W. GORDON SWAN

We are particularly grateful to Mr. W. Gordon Swan for his 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 — 1960 ANNUAL BALL
Back Row: William Spitz, John Burnell, Robert B. Brown, Thomas Lewis, Middle Row: John Morgan, Frank Goyette, Paul Hastings, William Cosgrove, Front Row: John Mullen, Thomas Whelan, Joseph Curran.



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 eighty 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 of the Ball are used to pay doctors' bills and hospitalization of sick and injured members, and to assist dependents of deceased members.

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



With sincere thanks, we acknowledge the following:

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