

Winter 2025 Newsletter

Lazaretto Restoration: The B.R. Howard Company in Carlisle, PA continues their long work of cleaning and restoring the original 1803 “Philadelphia-style” Pat Lyon hand engine from the Lazaretto Quarantine Station in Tinicum, carefully stabilizing the original colorful paint surviving underneath its later plain varnish and two centuries worth of wear. Anyone interested in helping Fireman’s Hall Museum to support this important project should contact the museum or see the donation link on the museum website.



Philadelphia’s Engine Industry: Shown here are two of the latest additions to the collection here at Fireman’s Hall Museum: a pair of delicate ledger books of craftsman Edmund Young, with orders ranging 1858-1879. Entries cover repairs, rebuilding, painting of ornamental enhancements, and occasionally full construction of all types of fire apparatus from hose tenders to steam fire engines for Philadelphia’s volunteer fire companies.



The prices listed, ranging from a few dollars to a few hundred, may not build a new fire engine – or even restore an old carriage – today, but any [donation](#) towards projects like the Lazaretto Engine add up in the same way that the various repairs listed in these ledger books once did.



FHM Online Store: Check out FiremansHallStore.com or the Gift Shop link on the museum web page; we’ve been hard at work continuously updating our new storefront, adding new items and making it easier to shop! In addition to our products, the online storefront now supports donations and museum memberships. It’s a one-stop shop to support Fireman’s Hall Museum!

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19th Annual Golf Outing: Fireman's Hall Museum will be returning to Westover Country Club in Norristown again this spring for our 19th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday May 21, 2025! Join us for a day on the links with raffles, cocktails, and a dinner in support of our museum programming. New this year: a trophy for participating fire companies! Look out for more information plus sign-up and sponsorship material coming soon via email and at www.firemanshallmuseum.org!



Benjamin Franklin's Birthday: The Philadelphia Fire Department and Fireman's Hall Museum once again helped to celebrate the birthday of Benjamin Franklin – founder of the first volunteer fire company and the first fire insurance company in our city among his other achievements, on Friday, January 17, 2025. If you missed seeing the wreath laid on his grave at Christ Church Burial Ground, you can still come learn about “Franklin's Volunteers” and his early colleagues in the exhibits at Fireman's Hall Museum! Special thanks to Deputy Commissioner Carl Randolph for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the event luncheon.



Franklin event photos by jackramsdales.com



First Fridays: Out late in Old City? Fireman's Hall Museum is now open until 9:00pm again on the first Friday of every month!

2025 Memberships: If you haven't renewed your annual membership to Fireman's Hall Museum, now's the time – or become a new member of the museum today. Get discounts to our museum store, special tours for your family, and invitations to all the various special events described within these newsletters! Check out details on the museum's [website](http://www.firemanshallmuseum.org) or purchase your membership through our [online store](http://www.firemanshallmuseum.org). News on this spring's members-only events is coming soon!



Social Media: Keep an eye on the Fireman's Hall [website](http://www.firemanshallmuseum.org) and follow the museum at [@firemanshall](https://www.instagram.com/firemanshall) on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/firemanshall) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](https://twitter.com/firemanshall) for all the latest news, and subscribe to our [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) channel for the Curator's Corner and other updated offerings! Join the museum's [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/firemanshall) group to become part of the conversation on ongoing research and to view photos and stories from our archives!

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