

# 20th Colonial Ball set for Dec. 17 in Charleston

By Greg Ohanesian

CHARLESTON — The South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold its 20th Colonial Ball with Debutante Presentation, Saturday, Dec. 17, at Charleston Place Hotel, 205 Meeting St., in Charleston.

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution are invited to sponsor their daughters, granddaughters and nieces at the Colonial Ball. To be presented, a young lady must be single, at least 17 years old at the time of the ball, and be a lineal descendant of a Patriot proven through the SAR, DAR or CAR.

The total Debutante fee is \$950, which includes the application fee of \$50 and the presentation fee of \$900 and must be paid in full by Nov. 4.

Those interested in sponsoring a debutante should contact Greg Ohanesian, SAR Colonial Ball Chairman, P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, S.C. 29512-1373. After Sept. 1, no part of the presentation fee or application fee will be refundable.

The presentation fee includes dinner and dance for the debutante and her escort, flowers and a gift for the debutante as well as the reception dinner for the debutante. Questions regarding information, the application form or the ball should be directed to Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman, P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, S.C. 29512-1373 (843-479-7193). Completed applications with all fees must be received by Friday, Nov. 4.

The debutante should choose her own escort and presenter. If assistance with a presenter or escort is required, please notify Greg Ohanesian. Pictures, dress and hotel reservations will be the responsibility of the sponsor.

Hotel reservations may be made by contacting Charleston Place (1-800-832-3490 or by e-mail at [groupres@charlestonplace.com](mailto:groupres@charlestonplace.com)) and indicating that you (and your party) will be attending

the SCSSAR Colonial Ball in order to qualify for a special rate of \$159 per night for a deluxe room (double occupancy). The special rate will apply if reservations are made by Dec. 2. A reception dinner Friday evening, Dec. 16, will honor the debutantes, so you may wish to make reservations for Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 16 and 17.

The ball is a formal affair. Debutantes will wear long white gowns (with straps, at least one half inch wide — no strapless gowns) and long white gloves (either cotton or kid). All other ladies will wear evening attire of any color other than white. Escorts, presenters and others taking part in the program will be attired in white tie (black shoes, black pants and tailcoat, white vest, white shirt with wing collar, white tie and gloves). Other men will wear either white tie, tuxedo black tie or tartan.

All SARs, SRs, DARs, CARs and their guests are invited to attend this elegant affair during the Christmas season in Old Charleston.

## Colonial Ball Information

The SCSSAR Debutante Colonial Ball will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Charleston Place Hotel at 205 Meeting St. in Charleston.

The receiving line and seating for dinner will commence at 6:15 p.m. The program of Presentation of Debutantes will begin promptly at 7 p.m. A formal dinner will be accompanied with wine. A cash bar will be available from 7:45 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Swing Set Band. The cost is \$87 per person.

Dress for the ball is formal gown, white tie, black tie, or tartan, and white tie for program participants (presenters, escorts). The hotel has an adjacent covered parking garage.

A reception dinner (seating limited to 60) in honor of debutantes will take place Friday, Dec. 16, at Olde Towne Grill and Seafood Restaurant (229 King St. — across the street from the Charleston Place Hotel). A three-course meal (soup, salad and entree) will be accompanied with wine. The reception dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. The cost for the reception dinner is \$38 per person for all except debutantes.

Entree selections are limited to (1) Ribeye (R); (2) Super Steve's Special (SSS) —

platter of roasted chicken, sliced gyro, grilled pork tenderloin, shrimp, baked leg of lamb; (3) sauteed shrimp and scallops (SS); and (4) grilled salmon (S). Please note on the reservation form the names of guests for the reception dinner and their choice of entree (R, SSS, SS or S.). Appropriate dress for the reception dinner is semiformal (black tie optional).

Reservations for the debutante reception dinner Friday evening and Colonial Ball on Saturday evening must be received by Dec. 5 and may be made by completing the form on page 15 and returning it to Greg Ohanesian (P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, S.C., 29512).

Reservations for the ball received after Dec. 5 but by Dec. 12 may be made as noted above but by adding an additional cost of \$20 per person. Reservations for the reception dinner may be made by adding \$10 to the original cost (\$48) and will be accepted only if space is available. If you have any questions regarding reservations, you may call Greg Ohanesian at 843-479-7193.

Whether you attend the Colonial Ball, your financial support is heartily solicited and donations will be listed in the program (Benefactors — \$1,000 or more; Sponsors — \$500 or more; Patrons — \$100 or more; Friends — less than \$100). Net proceeds go to the Society's patriotic education programs.

# Debutante Reception and Colonial Ball

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Street Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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Telephone Number

\* Debutante Reception (Friday, Dec. 16)  
Enclosed is my check for \$38 per person:

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No. of Reservations

Names of attendees and choice of entree

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\* Colonial Ball (Saturday, Dec. 17)  
Enclosed is my check for reservations at \$87 per person

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No. of Reservations  
Names for Ball Seating

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SAR Member

DAR Member

Guest of \_\_\_\_\_ Debutante

Guest of \_\_\_\_\_ SAR Member

Please mail to Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman, P.O. Box 1373,  
Bennettsville, SC 29512-1373.