

COLONIAL BALL 2009

The South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's Nineteenth Colonial Ball with debutante presentation will be held on the evening of Saturday, December 19, 2009, at the Charleston Place Hotel (205 Meeting Street) in Charleston. A Reception honoring the Debutantes will be held Friday evening (December 18th).

Following the Debutante Presentation will be a formal dinner with wine followed by dancing to music provided by the Swingtime Orchestra. As in the past, Citadel Cadets will participate in the Debutante Presentation. Dress is white tie, black tie and tartan optional. Participants are required to wear white tie, tartan optional.

Qualified Debutantes must be at least seventeen (17) years old and prove lineage to an ancestor who participated in the American Revolution. Daughters, granddaughters, and nieces of S.A.R. and D.A.R. members and C.A.R. members are eligible for presentation.

Attached is a debutante presentation application. When returning the application, please also enclose a recent photo of the prospective Debutante and a \$50.00 check made payable to "S.C.S.S.A.R.—Colonial Ball."

The total debutante presentation fee is \$950.00 (including application fee of \$50.00) if received by September 1, 2009. Persons interested in sponsoring a Debutante should return the application along with the application fee to the S.A.R. Colonial Ball Chairman, Post Office Box 1373, Bennettsville, S.C. 29512-1373. In the event of an applicant's cancellation before September 1, 2009, 50% of the presentation fee and all of the application fee are non-refundable. After September 1, 2009, no part of the presentation fee or application fee will be refundable. The presentation fee includes dinner for the Debutante and her escort, flowers and a gift for the Debutante.

Special arrangements have been made with the Charleston Place Hotel for participants and guests of the Colonial Ball. Well appointed rooms with two double beds are available at \$159.00 per night for Friday, December 18th, and Saturday, December 19th, 2009. If reservations are identified as being associated with the Colonial Ball, the special rate will apply if made by Friday, December 4, 2009. Charleston Place Hotel is located on Meeting Street in the heart of the old part of the city. Reservations may be made by calling (800) 831-3490 or via e-mail at groupres@charlestonplace.com.

The Colonial Ball, a very formal affair, has in recent years, presented debutantes from New York to Florida. The Debutantes will wear long white gowns (with at least ½" wide straps-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 having a 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), or white tie tartan (black shoes, white vest, white shirt with wing collar, white tie and gloves). Other men will wear "white tie," or tuxedo "black tie," or tartan.

Please forward applications with attachments and checks to Greg Ohanesian, Post Office Box 1373, Bennettsville, S.C. 29512-1373. If there are any questions, please call (843) 479-7193.