



On behalf of the sponsoring Hungarian Veterans' Association and the Ball Committee we welcome every returning gentlemen dancer to the

HUNGARIA GALA BALL

This short synopsis should assist the young gentlemen in their preparation for the Ball.

For additional information and ideas please approach one of the available Committee Members. They are available on Sundays during the dance practices or through the contact information from the website www.hungariaball.com

All dancers should have registered and paid their dancer fees by the due date. Please review the Code of Conduct, which is also available on the website.

The PALOTÁS dancer gentleman

Men of the court wore Huszár Tunics. The Hungarian style was quickly copied by other countries for their mounted military.

The Palotás male dancer will wear:

- The Ball Committee will rent the Tunic to the dancer. Colours are blue and burgundy. Tunics need to be hung on the coat hangers properly and returned immediately after the dance.
- If the Tunic requires cleaning you will be charged for it.
- The dancer MUST wear a short sleeved T-shirt under the *blue Tunic*. NOT the tuxedo shirt.
- The collar on the *blue Tunic* must be tightly closed.
- A tuxedo shirt and a tie, which is provided, are worn with the *burgundy Tunic*.
- Tuxedo pants are worn with both Tunics
- White gloves are always worn with the Tunics.
- Black leather soled shoes are worn with black socks. You may be given a pair of spurs to wear.

Important Note

If you are not also escorting a debutante young lady then you may select your own tuxedo or tailcoat style. For information please read the Formal wear for gentlemen on the Ball's website. CAMEO & CUFFLINKS (see website for address) is our tuxedo sponsor for the Ball. Guests of the Ball receive discounted rental rates when they obtain tuxedos from here. You may take advantage of this.

Accessories:

- White gloves are also provided. These are often forgotten and misplaced by their owners. DO NOT LOOSE THEM as you need it while dancing and for the photos.
- Have linen handkerchief in your pocket or some "Kleenex"
- Two pairs of BLACK SOCK TO GO WITH THE SHOES! One pair for the dress rehearsal night and one pair for the Ball night.
- Boutonnieres are not worn with military Tunics.

Personal grooming:

- If haircut is needed, do this at least a minimum of two weeks prior to the Ball.
- Long hair needs to be clean & secured in a back ponytail
- Do not do trendy styles, as it will date your photos.
- Shower in the morning.
- Bring a tooth brush/paste & deodorant with you. You will need to freshen up before the Reception.
- Trim your finger and toe nails.
- Shave prior to coming and use cologne SPARINGLY, no one else wants to wear it after a hug, nor smell you after you have left the room!
- Wear clean undergarments and socks. Bring extra items if you perspire excessively.

A gentleman has impeccable behavior. So here are some ideas:

- Practice good table manners. Review the Etiquette site on our website.
- Talk to everyone at your table and ask all the young ladies to dance.
- The evening jacket is never taken off in the Ball room.
- Have a linen handkerchief in your pocket to use to dab off perspiration.
- While standing the jacket is buttoned, however, while sitting it is unbuttoned.
- Gentlemen stand when a lady leaves the table or when she comes back.
- A seat is offered to the lady while her long gown is protected.
- The lady is walked on the gentleman's right forearm.
- Do not chew gum! Use a breath mint instead.
- Do not become intoxicated!
- Be punctual

It is customary for dance couples attending a formal evening to purchase either a corsage, for a young lady, or a boutonniere for the gentlemen. In this case please do not purchase a corsage for your Palotás partner as she may not wear one with her diszmagyar.

You and the rest of your dancer friends may decide to present your partners with a single rose as a compliment to her.

An appropriate color of rose would be white - usually means perfection and goodness. Pink means - femininity & friendship.

Enjoy yourself and remain safe with your friends