

ON THE CLASSY SIDE

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WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU HAVE A FORMAL OCCASION BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR KNIFE?

I am the kind of person who always has at least one knife on my person at all times—but the reality is that it is more like two or three ... maybe four.

But the problem comes with the fact that I typically carry knives that are ready for actual use, not so much anything in the fancy variety. Unfortunately, this sometimes makes it difficult when dressing for church, a business meeting or a nice evening out with my wife.

Truth be told, I'm really not one for dressing up, so for the most part, it can be a bit of a moot point. But an occasion does arise from time to time for which I have to "play nice" and act like a civilized human being.

For the longest time, I thought of it as more of a compromise, and I would still carry my typical EDC blade, no matter what I was wearing. However, I found that most EDC knives tend to pull down on dress slacks; this situation is only shadowed by the odd looks I would get from people as they witnessed the rather large knife clip hanging from what would have otherwise been a nice-looking outfit.

Fortunately, there are options for people such as me.

The knife world is an eclectic and diverse industry that

The Spyderco Hanan is as functional as it is elegant; and, with a closed length of 3.88 inches and weight of 2.8 ounces, it won't deform the pocket of your dress slacks.

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is rife with smaller knives perfectly capable of handling minor tasks while the wearer is in full dress attire. There is everything from expensive customs that can set off your wardrobe with as much style and panache as high-priced cufflinks to high-quality budget knives from companies such as Spyderco, CRKT, Buck, etc. Even if you want to go middle of the road and pick something that looks and functions like a beautiful custom but won't break the bank, there are a lot of options there as well: Liong Mah, Spartan Blades, Michael Zieba, etc.

Whatever your budget, there is no excuse to ever again have to walk around with droopy pockets in your dress slacks.

Ideally, you will not have to deal with any hard-use tasks while dressed to the nines. However, if you do find yourself in that kind of situation, your knife will probably be the least of your worries (and hopefully, you will have thought to put something a little more "stout" in your vehicle).

Stay sharp, and keep it real. **KI**



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