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Object:	Dinner reception at the House of the Guard
Description:	Partial view of a dinner reception at 'Dom garde' (House of the Guard). The camera's gaze follows the axis of an l-shaped dinner table along one side of a spacious, grand hall. At the far end of the table, men in formal suits are sitting on both sides, while the part nearest the photographer is empty but for a few decorations. Under the crystal chandeliers fixed along the wall to the left, ten formally dressed waiters in white gloves are lined up in a row. Most of the men are looking towards the camera.
Comment:	The 'Dom garde' (House of the Guard) is part of a large military complex in Topčider constructed in the interwar period of the 20th century. It served as a venue for large formal functions, among others for receiving the official guests of a slava ceremony. Officers of the Royal and later Tito's Guard and their families used to be housed in adjoining buildings. The 'Dom garde' is still in use today as part of the Topčider barracks, but four buildings belonging to the initial complex were destroyed during the NATO bombing of 1999.
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