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Dear friends,

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The past year has slipped by quickly and by the time you receive this letter we will already be in the New Year. As I reflect on 2008, I can see God's hand directing and blessing my family and I. I hope He has been a blessing to you, also.

In a little over six weeks we will again be holding our csendőr conference in Venice, Florida, on February 21. The program will be distributed at the conference, and also will be posted on our website. It will include three honorary csendőr guests from Hungary: Dr. Ottó Francsics retired police Colonel, Dr. István Gulyás retired police Lt. Colonel, both members of the Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület's governing body, and László Hájas. I am looking forward to see many of my friends and acquaintances at the conference.

We are on the verge of a major project that will tremendously enhance the usefulness of our csendőr website, which will make information available both for historical research and for providing accessible data for the public to rebut the flood of false accusations still circulated by the media, radio, TV, internet, books and publications. This project that will be measured not in days or weeks but rather in months and years.

After WWII, the Hungarian communist regime disbanded the csendőrs, collectively declared them war criminals, and systematically destroyed nearly all material related to them. The annual Csendőrségi Közlöny, which contained all the Regulations governing the function of the csendőrs, had the same fate. They preserved only two or three complete volumes, and stored these in certain libraries, locked up, inaccessible to the general public. With the end of the communist regime these volumes became available for use, but could not be removed from the library, making their access very limited. Furthermore, grant money for their research, or for any research related to the csendőrség, is simply not available.

We have been discussing this problem with Dr. József Parádi, the president of the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-Történeti Tudományos Társaság, a professional law enforcement historical research society. Their research papers dealing with the csendőrség can already be accessed through our website. Dr. Parádi also provided for the website the compilation of the csendőrség-related laws, which he previously digitized. With his help, we are now in the process of making the *Regulations* from the annual Csendőrségi Közlönys

available, as well. The complete *index* of the Regulations, which Miklós Dobai, another friend of the csendőrs, scanned into digital format, are now posted on the website. The next major step is to copy and to place on the web the *actual Regulations* contained in the Közlönys. This will be a very time consuming and expensive endeavor, as it consists of well over 1000 pages, each of which will need to be copied before it can be scanned. But once completed, this vital information will be available for anyone throughout the world, making research possible, and providing a tremendous resource for the public to counter any false charges against the csendőrség. Considering the tremendous importance of this work in the clearing the good name of the csendőrs, we took the financial support onto ourselves, while our friends in Hungary will carry out the actual work of copying, scanning, and sending the material to us for posting on the website.

The web site continues to grow in size and popularity. Over 17,000 visits have been made to the site in the past three years, with more than three-fourths being first time visitors. The picture gallery now contains nearly 1,400 photographs. I receive letters almost weekly through the website asking for information about csendőrs or just to thank us for providing such a site.

Pál Ságvári, president of the Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület (MCSBE) in Hungary has also shared with us some exciting news. The six-year old Egyesület, which is also represented on our website and whose members work toward the preservation of the csendőr traditions, developed csendőr districts throughout Hungary. In light of the general deterioration of public safety, most local governments welcome these individuals, who assist the local law enforcement agencies in crime prevention, maintaining law and order, and rendering assistance in times of catastrophes. The members of the districts offer their services without remuneration and under the direction of the local police and within the boundaries of the MCSBE directorship, as established in their published operational guidelines.

It is with a saddened heart that I have to report the passing of our former Central Director and dear friend Béla v. Viczián csendőr 2nd. Lt. in Neenah, Wisconsin. After many years of hardship with his health the Lord summoned him into His presence on December 1, 2008. A wreath was sent to his funeral and condolences were extended to the family in behalf of the MKCsBK, MCSBE and his friends and csendőr comrades.



I was also informed of the passing in December of 1st. Lt. Andor Molnár csendőr in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary, captain Mihály Utcás in Adeli, Australia on December 10th, and László J.K. Mátyás on July 18, 2008. May God grant them His peace.

In talking with a friend recently, I heard about the funeral of a former csendőr who was buried in his csendőr uniform. I can see the love and respect of the family behind this jester, but it still saddens me. After WWII, the communist regime of Hungary sought to discredit the csendőrs and eliminate anything related to them. Families of csendőrs rid themselves of csendőr articles

for fear of reprisals if these items were to be discovered by the police, and those forced into exile could bring only a few items with them. The end result is that very little has survived. There are only about three relatively small csendőr collections in the world. As believers, we know that after passing the soul returns to God and articles placed into the coffin serve no use to the departed, while they are national treasures that need to be cherished and preserved for future generations. Please preserve these artifacts, photographs, documents, books in your possession. I would be glad to answer any related questions.

I appreciate the continued financial support to the work of the MKCsBK. I would like to acknowledge and thank our recent donors:

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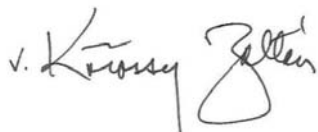
Again I ask you to please inform me of any news that would be of interest to our organization.

If you have not done so already, let me know if you wish to continue receiving the newsletters, for we are constantly updating our mailing list.

If you wish to receive these newsletters via emails and have not informed me of such, please send me your request and email address.

It is my sincere hope that you had a joyous Christmas and may God's grace and peace be with you throughout the New Year.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'v. Kőrössi Zoltán'.

Zoltán v. Kőrössi
MKCsBK Central director

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