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Dear Friends,

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I recently had the opportunity to read the Csendőr Day radio-presentation of Zoltán Pinczés, assistant to the commanding general of the csendőrs, delivered on February 14, 1941. I quote, "Who has not already encountered the steady gait, the silent demeanor of the sun-darkened csendőrs on patrol, as they quietly, authoritatively walk along side by side, perfectly in step, as if they had always patrolled together. They are an integral part of a superbly functioning machine, alert guards, so that others may sleep peacefully, nameless defenders of the welfare of others, of the welfare of the community" (Translated from Hungarian). Friends, this was the csendőrség! It had no equal, and it never will.

With a sad heart but at peace with God's will, I wish to inform you that our senior csendőr officer in rank and age, Endre v. barancsi Tamáska, csendőr captain, after a long illness, returned to the Lord on June 4, 2010. He was 97 years old. Dr. László André, csendőr captain, shares the following: "He was born in Nyírség, where he also received his high school diploma, and later a law degree from the Tisza István University. With prior service in the Honvéd artillery, he was accepted as a cadet into the Royal Hungarian Csendőrség. After completing his training at the Ludovika Military Academy and the Csendőr Officer School, he was commissioned 1939 as a second lieutenant. He served in various locations during the war, including at the Russian front. His last command was as a csendőr wing commander in Máramarossziget. As the Red Army was advancing, he and his men retreated to the south, where they were captured and sent to a Russian POW camp. After six years of inhumane deprivation as a prisoner, he returned to Hungary, but upon his arrival he was immediately sent to a Forced Labor Camp in Borsod County. They treated the csendőrs there the most severely, always giving them the hardest and most dangerous work, which almost took his life. After several years of harsh labor, he was released from the camp, only to be placed into prison with



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a life sentence. He was released in the Hungarian revolution of 1956, in which he took an active part. With the fall of the Revolution, he escaped to the West and eventually immigrated to the United States. He settled with his wife, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he formed and directed a csendőr veterans group. He earned his living as an accomplished artist and sculptor. With the death of his wife, he retired to Sarasota, Florida. After the fall of communism in 1989, the Hungarian Antal Government promoted him to an artillery colonel and gave him a full colonel's retirement pay. He eventually met and married Ilona Kuli, the lovely widow of Dr. Sándor Kuli, csendőr captain. They were happily married for eleven years, until his death. He served the csendőrség to the end, faithfully, honorably, bravely. May he rest in peace."

Bandi bácsi was the Central Director of our organization from 1974 to 1983. It was he who promoted me as the first honorary csendőr in the 70s. He was a very dear and highly respected friend. I, along with many others, will miss him very much.

MKCsBK has reached a major milestone this month. We now have the complete set of Laws and Regulations (Törvények és Rendeletek) governing the work of the csendőrs photocopied, and with God's help, the digitization will be completed shortly. With this 1 ½ year-long project completed, we are now the **only law enforcement organization in Hungary** that has all its governing laws and regulations on the internet, bringing further honor to the organization. It is an indispensable source for anyone, including historians, who are interested in the csendőrség, and a valuable resource for countering the lies and slanders perpetrated against the legacy of the csendőrs by the liberal and socialist establishments. The digitization is a team effort, and we thank each contributor for their excellent work. (Dr. József Parádi, president of the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság, directs with professional expertise; Mag. Nándor Simon searches out and photocopies or photographs the material; we organize, prepare, and post it on the internet; and our sons, Zoltán and László, provide the technical savvy and help needed at every step).

We have already launched the next major project, which is even greater than the first. We wish to compile as complete a bibliography of the csendőrség as possible. An exhaustive list is available on our website (<http://csendor.com/angol/bibliography.html>). Some books we only have knowledge of, not an actual copy, so the data is incomplete in parts. Furthermore, the search is still ongoing, so **if anyone is aware of a book on the csendőrség that is not on the list, please let us know**. We would like to thank Károly Bajcsi and Gábor Orbán, who already brought such material to our attention and even photocopied them for the website.

The project's next step is the digitization of the books available at the Hungarian Military History Institute and Museum in Budapest (about 80 books). They have given us permission for the photocopying work, and we will acknowledge their help and provide them with a copy of the digitized material in return. We gained not only their permission, but also their support, as Dr. József Holló, retired general and head of the Institute and Museum, stated, "The time has come to evaluate the csendőrség objectively, free of political agendas... One of the prerequisites of objectivity is to present all contemporary documents..." Currently, there are eight complete books on our website, along with four complete volumes of the *Csendőrségi Lapok*, which was the official newspaper of the csendőrség.

So far we have had over 37,000 visits to our csendőr website, and the interest in our website is visibly growing. What a blessing it is in helping to re-establish the csendőrség's good name!

We gratefully acknowledge and thank those who have contributed to the work of the MKCsBK.

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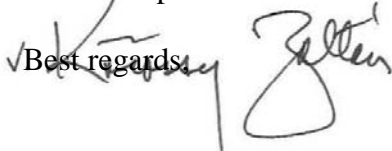
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Through the kind generosity of István Molnár csendőr captain and director of the Family Society of Hungarian Veteran Gendarmes, we have received 26 paperback copies of Dr. Béla Rector's seminal work on the history of the csendőrség (A Magyar Királyi Csendőrség oknyomozó története). Anyone wishing to purchase a copy at \$10 plus postage, please, contact me through our website or by phone.

As always, it is my sad duty to report our other recent losses: Árpád Doboly, csendőr second lieutenant on May 28, and István Ágoston in December of 2009. On behalf of the MKCsBK, I extend our deepest condolences to their families.

Please keep me informed of any events that would be of interest to our organization.

Best regards,


Zoltán v. Kőrössy
MKCsBK Central Director

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