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Dear Friends,

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Bihar Ferenc, former Minister of Defense, once wrote (translated), "However the responsibilities of the csendőrség were to change, their work was always difficult, therefore this military organization was only composed of noble-hearted select men, who, not only in time of war but also in time of peace, were prepared to give their lives if necessary for king, country and the protection of the lawful order of the community." For being a csendőr was not just a job, but a calling and a philosophy of life.

I am thrilled to inform you that the Hungarian Military History Museum in Budapest will host a csendőrség conference and exhibit on February 14, 2011. A number of well-noted authorities on the csendőrség will be speaking. It is my plan, Lord willing, to also attend the conference and to give a short presentation on our organization. The two-room exhibit of csendőr uniforms and artifacts will run through May of 2011. This recognition of the csendőrség and their exemplary service to Hungary has been long overdue. I commend the museum's willingness to host this conference and exhibit in a political milieu still hostile to the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie.

In spite of the still-active communist propaganda against the gendarmerie in the media, there are many Hungarians today who hold a deep respect for the csendőrség. This does not only include those who have cherished memories of the security they enjoyed through the hard work and sacrifice of the csendőrs, but also many who only know of them by reputation. Among these belong Bence Turda of Rétság in Nógrád County, and his friends Tamás Miklián and Dániel Oroszlán. They recently came upon an untended csendőr's grave. Although they did not know this csendőr, Ferenc Józsa, they cleared



Bence Turda, in his self-made gendarme uniform, with a friend, attending a fallen gendarme grave they restored.

away the weeds, restored the grave site and are maintaining it out of respect for this fallen hero. It is young people such as these that give us hope for the future of our homeland by their nurture and respect of our past.

The website has continued to grow since our last newsletter. We now have over 40 books on our site, including the *Szervezeti és Szolgálati Utasítás (Szut.)*, which was the primary reference for the service of the csendőrs. For the first time since 1945, the original writings are accessible to everyone to check the facts for themselves to counter the communist lies. One of these lies has been that the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie was collectively accused of being war criminals and disbanded because of their involvement in the Jewish deportations. Now anyone may go to our website and read the disbanding order (1.690/1945), along with all the other laws and regulations relating to the csendőrség, and they will find that not even a word in that disbanding order mentions the Jews. Rather, it clearly shows the communists' purely political reason for disbanding the gendarmerie: in order to gain full power. But the communist propaganda has engrained in the public's mind the more palatable accusation regarding the Jews so strongly that nobody questions it. Even a recent Wikipedia article stated it as fact and used the order as a reference. They were quite surprised when we pointed out to them that their own reference refuted their statement. This is only one of the examples of the many lies about the gendarmerie, but it shows clearly the importance of making the original material available.



Our efforts to save as much of the original csendőr material as possible is even being helped by people we never knew. We now regularly receive emails from individuals who have come across some csendőr documents, photos, articles, even books, and are kind enough to photograph them for the website in order to increase the world's knowledge of the gendarmerie. Through that knowledge they help restore the gendarmerie's rightful honor as the organization that provided safety and peace to the rural areas of their beloved country. We thank these friends for their kind contributions.

I am pleased to announce the availability of a good-quality new book dedicated to the uniforms and equipment of the csendőrség (1920-1945). I have had the opportunity to examine this book and highly recommend it as an excellent reference on the topic. Please, check out the details under the *News* heading on our website.

According to the counter on the website, we have passed the 41,000-visit mark. We can't help but feel that this is making a significant impact on the vindication of the csendőrség.

The MKCsBK website, available throughout the world, now contains enough material for a masters or doctoral dissertation on the csendőrség, if one would like to study it in pursuit of an advanced degree in some area of law enforcement. To have such a scholarly study in a

foreign language would greatly facilitate the moral rehabilitation of the gendarmerie. We know the MKCsBK website will contribute to that endeavor in the future.

We would like to ask those individuals receiving hard copies of our newsletters who have access to a computer to please permit us to send you these newsletters **via an email** attachment to help us contain our costs. Please email us if you can and are willing to make this transition. Thank you.

We are trying to assemble a complete series of our former newsletter, the Bajtársi Levél, as their collection, along with the rest of the Archives of the MKCsBK, were lost over the last few changes of central directorship. I am looking for copies from 1951 through 1964, and the first issue of 1983. If you would have copies of any of these issues and would like to donate them, please contact me. Any postage expense will be reimbursed. Thank you.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank again those, who have contributed to the work of the MKCsBK:

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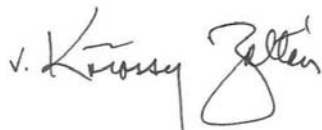
Supporter: Ilona Kostka

As always, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses: Lajos Sarudi, csendőr 1st Lt., September, in Szolnok, Hungary; John Tibai, csendőr, November 5, in Calgary, Canada; Kálmán Nagy, November, in Sarasota, Florida; and Robert Fekete. On behalf of the MKCsBK, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to their families.

I hope you had a blessed Christmas and wish you a prosperous and joyous New Year.

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

Best regards,



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MKCsBK Central Director



The csendőr's gravestone restored by the three young men in Rétság, Nógrád megye

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