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Dear Friends,

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Nemes Imre Suhay, retired brigadier general, once wrote: (translation) "The csendőr needed to be constantly aware that his every action, whether on duty or not, was always in the gaze of the public eye. The major characteristic of the csendőr was his morals, sober way of life, impartiality, love of truth, incorruptible respect of the law, watchfulness, courage, self-control, and a gentle but determined, unbreakable love of country. He did not know the meaning of fatigue or compromise toward his responsibility, and he was a role model of discipline." Such was the csendőr.

On Saturday, February 12 I was able to take part in a ceremonial laying of wreaths at the WWI and WWII csendőr memorial plaque in the courtyard of the Hungarian Military History Museum in Budapest with members of the Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület (MCsBE). I spoke briefly, as the central director of the MKCsBK, at their meeting which followed. I then went with Dr. Sándor Szakály, historian and renowned authority on the csendőrség, to Heves to attend a one-day csendőr exhibit and conference sponsored by my friend Benedek Veres. The exhibit was composed of Benedek's personal collection of csendőr artifacts. Dr. Szakály, the guest speaker, gave a very informative overview of the origin, makeup, function, and demise of the csendőrség. It was exciting to see the number of artifacts that had been preserved in this collection for future generations.

On Monday February 14, Csendőr Day, the Hungarian Military Museum held a one-day csendőr conference sponsored by the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság (SZBMRTT). At the same time, a one-room exhibit of csendőr uniforms and artifacts was opened to the public which will last through the month of May. The exhibited items are primarily from the collection of Dr. Csaba Loránt, who gave a detailed explanation of each aspect of the exhibit. I had the honor of being invited to speak at the conference. I spoke on our work, in collaboration with Dr. József Parádi, president of the SZBMRTT, of digitalizing and placing articles, regulations, books and csendőr newspapers onto our csendőr website. The conference lasted into the afternoon and was well attended. This is truly a milestone to be able to conduct a csendőr conference and three-month csendőr exhibit at the museum. It's a major step in the acknowledgment and the reestablishment of the dignity, respect, and honor of the csendőrség. To God be the glory.

During my trip to Hungary, I had the opportunity to visit three of our former csendőr veterans and one csendőr widow. Unfortunately, their health prevented them from attending the conference, but it did not prevent them from warmly welcoming me into their homes. I always leave with the hope I will see my friends once again.

Some months prior to my trip Gyurka Perjesy, csendőr first lieutenant, very graciously offered to entrust to my care his monumental of compilation of biographies on over 20,000 csendőrs. We are all very grateful to Gyurka Perjesy for his faithful service to the memory of the csendőrség. It is my intention to slowly digitalize this material and place it on our website under the newly created heading of biographies. This will add tremendously to the usefulness of our website. It is quite humbling, and I am honored by Gyurka bácsi's confidence in me.

I lost another good friend a few weeks ago. Dr. László André, csendőr captain, passed away after a short illness on March 12 in Canyon Lake, Texas, USA. I have very fond memories of this dear man, a hero of the siege of Budapest. He was always gracious in answering many of my questions, and we spent some good times together. I, for one, will miss him very much. He was 96 years old.

As I stated in my previous letter, we are trying to compile a complete set of the Bajtársi Levél. We are missing the issues from 1951 through 1964 for our archives. If you would have any of these issues could you please send me copies at my expense? It would be most appreciated.

Our website continues to grow. We now have over 70 books on the site and more than 46,000 hits. It has become the definitive location to learn about the csendőrség.

For many years, the MKCsBK has been a non-profit organization registered under the American Hungarian Friendship and International Care Association under the administration of Dr. Gábor Papp. Dr. Papp has for some time now not been able to administer the organization and therefore the organization, to the best of my knowledge, is no longer viable. I am now seeking from the Internal Revenue Service our own non-profit organization status. There are strict guidelines for this status, which I am hoping we will be able to meet. It is for this reason that I have not been sending out receipts for contributions until this issue is resolved.

We grateful acknowledge and thank those who have contributed to the work of the MKCsBK:

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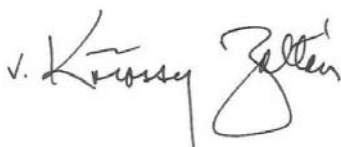


Please, if you would be willing to receive our newsletter via email, let us know. It would greatly help in containing the cost of our mailings.

As always, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses: Dr. Janos Birha, csendőr captain, February 1, in Budapest, Hungary; László Tárhányi, csendőr 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Hungary; Sándor Kálmán-Vadon, csendőr sergeant January 17, in Bundanoon, Australia; and Endre Takács, February 5. On behalf of the MKCsBK, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to their families.

I wish you all a blessed Easter. Please keep me informed of any events that would be of interest to our organization.

Best regards,

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

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MKCsBK Central Director

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