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Dear Friends,

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“The gendarme was unselfish, incorruptible, with a strong sense of camaraderie, duty, and impartial sense of justice. His personal life paralleled his professional behavior. If he expected others to respect the accepted standards of behavior and the law, then he, first of all, had to set the example in his own life. He had to use discernment in choosing his life partner, activities in which he was involved, and his choice of amusements. Anyone who could not abide by these standards could not be or could not remain a member. The Royal Hungarian Gendarmerie was without question a highly moral organization.” So wrote Gendarme Lt.Col. Szabolcs Mokcsai in 1963, in “Szittyakiürt”, a Hungarian newspaper. The gendarmes’ exemplary behavior was not only evident when they were on duty, but in their personal life, in combat, in prisoner of war camps, and in emigration as well. I have never heard of a former gendarme behaving unacceptably and thus bringing dishonor on himself or on the Gendarmerie.

Through our website, which by now has had over 54,000 visitors, individuals from various countries had brought to our attention books we did not know existed, or of which we were not aware of any copies existed. We thank the kind generosity of these friends of the gendarmes who were even willing to make copies of these books for the website to make these obscure books available worldwide. Our website contains the world’s most extensive Hungarian Gendarmerie bibliography, in which gendarme hat icons refer to the books posted on line. Here is a small section from the Bibliography:

34.	MIHÁLYFALVI István: <i>Csendőrségi Lexikon</i> . Budapest, 1910, s.n. 626 p.	OSZK 191.698
35.	<i>Nyomozati értesítő a Magyar Királyi Csendőrség számára</i> . Budapest, 1930, Magyar Királyi Csendőrség.	
36.	PINCZES Zoltán (Szerk.): <i>Csendőr lekszikon címszavakban. (A Csendőrségi lapokban 1924 június 15-től 1935 szeptember 1-ig megjelent szakközlemények, lekszikonválaszok és közérdekű szerkesztői üzenetek mutatója.)</i> Budapest, 1935, Stádium. 198 p.	OG  (OSZK)  45.156
37.	BENEDEK Mihály (Szerk.): <i>Csendőr-Lexikon. A Csendőrségi Lapok „Csendőr-lexikon” rovatából a SZUT-tal kapcsolatos kérdések és feleletek gyűjteménye</i> . Budapest, 1943, Stádium. /Csendőrségi Lapok Könyvtára 13./ 622 p.	
38.	<i>Rendőri Lapok</i> . 1894-1895. (A Csendőrségi Lapok elődje.)	
39.	Csendőrségi Zsebkönyvek Szerkesztő Bizottsága: <i>Vegyes közlemények a Csendőrségi Zsebkönyv 1887-1904 évfolyanaiból</i> . I-II kötet. Budapest, 1904-1905, Franklin Társulat.	I.  OG II:  HK 20.442.

The copying of the available gendarme books at the National Széchényi Library is now nearly complete. We will shortly receive that material and, hopefully, in the near future these books will be gradually added to the over 110 books currently on our website. We have also nearly completed the copying of the material previously missed in the Library of the Hungarian Military History Institute. With the continued support of the Szemere Bertalan Hungarian Law-Enforcement History Association, our partner in Hungary continues to seek out any further gendarme books possibly available in other Hungarian libraries.

After seeking professional advice, we decided to apply for tax-exempt status for our organization. It would eliminate paying property taxes (which would be higher than our average income, even though we have no property at all), and would eliminate taxes on our already limited funds, as well as on the generous contribution left to us in the will of Gendarme Captain Mihály Utczás from Australia. This also would make contributions to the MKCsBK tax deductible in the U.S.

After the acquittal of gendarme captain Dr. Sándor Képíró on July 18, 2011, and his ensuing death on September 3rd, Efraim Zuroff, the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center which brought the original accusations against Dr. Képíró, peppered the English internet media with degrading and malicious comments about Képíró and the Hungarian judicial system for dismissing their charges. To counter these accusations, Dr. Zolt Zétényi, the defense lawyer for Dr. Képíró, wrote a rebuttal explaining the legal process and the unjustified nature of Mr. Zuroff's claims and conduct. At Dr. Zétényi's request, we translated this very important document into English, and it is now posted on several web sites, including ours, in the *Articles Archives* of the *Library*, both in English and in Hungarian. (Dr. Zétényi is planning to expand it somewhat in the near future).

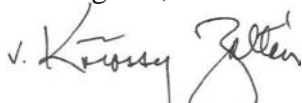
We recently received a letter from Hungary, from László Szőke, the son of gendarme captain Dr. József Szőke. He had found his father's violin, made in the 1860s by French masters, which is declared to be a concert quality instrument by noted experts. He desires to offer this precious instrument for use to an aspiring violinist who is a descendent of a former gendarme or Horthy era-officer, in order to thus spread the fame of the strong and lasting bond of camaraderie that characterized the gendarmes. If this is of interest to you, you may contact him at: bollon@t-online.hu.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank again those who have contributed to the work of the MKCsBK. *Advocate:* Kálmán Beöthy, Zoltán Körössy
Supporter: Ilona Kostka

As always, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses: gendarme sergeant István v. Bognár (October 20, at age of 92, in Keszthely, Hungary) and Ákos Farbaký (Hungary). On behalf of the MKCsBK, I extend our deepest condolences to their families.

Please keep us informed of any event or news that would be of interest to our members. We hope you had a joyous Christmas, and I wish you all a blessed, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Best regards,



Zoltán v. Körössy, MKCsBK Central Director

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