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*Dear Friends,*

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“The officers as well as the enlisted corps, through discipline, sacrificial tireless work and unmatched dedication to duty, earned the confidence and respect of a wide segment of the nation that is necessary for their difficult service,” wrote General Dezső Kolossváry, retired defense minister in 1929 in Lorand Preszly’s book on the history of the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie.

With sadness, we received word recently that György Perjési, former gendarme 1st Lt, a very dear friend, passed away on the fifth of March in Budapest. He was a very kind, compassionate and devoted gentlemen, who embodied all the qualities that made the gendarmerie such an outstanding organization. For over 50 years, he faithfully and tirelessly gathered and compiled the biographical tidbits of his fellow gendarmes. Historians and gendarme relatives often turned to him for information. He compiled a wealth of data that would have otherwise been lost forever, and was always willing to give this assistance when possible. He was a central figure in maintaining the ties between his fellow gendarmes who, after the fall of the communist regime in 1989, would often meet at his home. We are in the process of digitalizing his monumental work to be placed on the website for everyone’s access. He is a great loss to all of us in the community and will be very much missed by all. We extend our deep condolences to his faithful wife and his family. May God give His peace in this time of grief and sorrow.



**György Perjési gendarme 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.**

This year marks 70 years that the gendarmerie was disbanded and the purges began. In memory of this solemn occasion, we issued a memorial medal, the first ones of which were presented on our behalf on February 13 at the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság symposium in Budapest. The medal was presented foremost to former gendarmes, and gendarme widows and offspring, as well as those individuals who have

contributed significantly with time and effort in promoting the legacy of the Hungarian Gendarmerie. Two of the medals were presented posthumously to János Menkina and László Kristóf martyred by the communists. It was good to hear from a few of the recipients, who express their gratitude for the honor, and to comment on the beautiful design of the decoration as well as the fitting ceremony. God willing, we will be returning to Hungary for a visit this coming May, at which time we will be mailing out medals to those who live in Hungary and Europe but were not able to attend the conference. A few I will present personally. Upon our return to the U.S., we will mail out the remaining medals to those designated recipients living in the U.S. and around the world. We request that all those, who are eligible to receive the medal and still wish to receive it, submit your request and why you qualify by the end of April. After that date, we will not be able to honor any further requests. The presentation of this medal memorializing and remembering the tremendous sacrifice on the part of the gendarmerie has given us a great deal of satisfaction.

We have also received from the publisher the book on the [medals and decorations of the MKCsBK](#) since its formation in 1947 to the present day, with descriptions, illustrations, and their purposes. We will be placing copies of the book in the larger libraries and institutions dealing with medals in Hungary. Copies may also be purchased 25 US dollars, postage included.

We now have the CDs we mentioned in our last newsletter. Each CD contains all of the issues ever printed of the official gendarmerie newspaper, the [Csendőrségi Lapok](#) (with only a few pages missing). They are also available for 25.00 US dollars, postage included.

The final corrections are under way to the book containing a compilation of 16 scholarly published works on various aspects of the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie, edited by Dr. József Parádi, president of the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság. It will be jointly published with MKCsBK. These essays, free of political agenda and communist propaganda, have been presented in historical conferences and published in scientific journals.

We recently became acquainted with a newly forming organization called the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie Legacy Preservation Society (Magyar Királyi Csendőrség Hagyomány-örző Közössége – MKCSHK). They are seeking to preserve the traditions of the gendarmerie, and restore gendarmerie statues, locate and care for neglected gendarme burial plots, and perhaps establish a gendarmerie museum – these latter ones depend on finances available, which is very sparse in current Hungary. These should all be the responsibilities of the government, but after a quarter century nothing has been done, leaving the task to private efforts. It is headed up by István Préda. We encourage everyone to support them in any way they can. Their contact info: Tel. 36-56-491-166, email address [preda62@t-online.hu](mailto:preda62@t-online.hu), or via internet at [www.hagyomanyorzok.22web.org](http://www.hagyomanyorzok.22web.org). They remain apolitical. We have included their website on our list of links.

We reached a notable milestone this past February. There have now been over 60,000 visits to our website. Sixty-thousand times individuals have turned to our site to learn the truth about the Hungarian Gendarmerie. We cannot help but appreciate the magnitude and extent



this means in disseminating the truth and helping restore the legacy of the gendarmerie. We thank God for it.

We can also report that we now have over 2,300 photographs on our site. This is in large part to the many contributions of photographs by our members. We appreciate their help in this work of preservation.

Unfortunately even in these days, time and again destructive fallacies regarding the Hungarian Gendarmerie continue to be propagated. One of these lies, which does a great disservice to the integrity and loyalty of the gendarmerie, is the baseless story that in 1944, there was in the making a gendarmerie coup to force the abdication of Regent Adm. Miklós Horthy and his administration. There is absolutely no truth to this. The gendarmes were, by Adm. Horthy's own admission, the most trusted of his armed forces. They would never have even considered opposing the Admiral. They had sworn an oath of allegiance to the Admiral and would never have broken it. This contrived lie has surfaced a number of times and has been rebutted unquestionably. One of these detailed rebuttals of the coup fallacy, titled, "[Csendőr puccs vagy zászlószentelés](#)" written by noted gendarme historian István Ravasz, may be found on our website at [www.csendor.com](http://www.csendor.com) under the *Írások* section of the *Library*. Our [rebuttal](#) to this story can be found on our website under the *News*. It is difficult enough to try and present the truth of the gendarmerie in this post-communist environment; we do not need this slander even coming from "friendly" sources.

Corrections: We placed in the *News* section of our website the notification of a new book, *A Magyar Királyi Szombathelyi III Csendőr Kerület Igaz Története 1867-1945* by Tibor Kocsis. The phone number we quoted for ordering the book was unfortunately incorrect. The correct number is (36) 94-317-235. Also, a recent addition to our website Library was [Bela Lam](#)'s autobiography. Some of the *Newsletters* mistakenly wrote "*Emlékképek*" as the book's title. The correct title is, "*Emlékképek gyertyafényben*".

We continue to place gendarmerie biographies on our site sent by those individuals who have taken the time and effort to put in writing the life and memories of their gendarme relatives. We now have 45 such biographies posted. It is important that we preserve these varied histories as a record of their life and sacrifice for the homeland. We will make room for any gendarme biography, if the family is willing to send us the biographical data along with any copies of photos and documents. Each story is important. We need these documented so that the gendarmerie can be judged on documented histories, and not on the basis of 70 years of propaganda lies.

As always, it is my sad duty to report a recent loss: Dr. Ervin Honos, gendarme 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, last year in Montreal, Canada. We extend our deep condolences to the family in their loss.

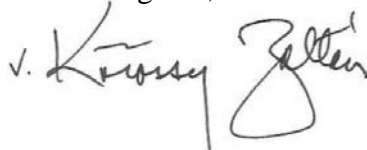
We thankfully acknowledge all those who have contributed to help in the work of the organization:

*Advocate:* Kálmán Beöthy, Roselyn Mandalik

*Patron:* Margit Radnóthy-Morris

*Supporter:* Robert Várkonyi

We wish you all a blessed Easter. With best regards,



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*Híven, becsülettel, vitézül*