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Dear Friends,

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Everyone has individuals, role models, heroes they look up to and admire, whether from the past or the present. My heroes are the csendors, both those who have gone before us and those few whom we are still fortunate enough to have among us. I had the opportunity in February to spend some time with some of my heroes as we met again for our annual Csendor Day Conference to remember and honor all those who faithfully served our homeland with an unwavering sense of duty and dedication.

By God's grace, we were able to celebrate the 128th anniversary of the csendőrség at the Petőfi Club's Hungarian House in Venice, Florida, on the 21st of February. More than twenty-five people attended the conference, among them three csendors: Endre v. Tamaska, csendor Captain; Karoly Dome, csendor Second Lieutenant; and Gyula Szabo, csendor Sergeant. We were also pleased to have with us Mrs. Ruth Kiss, widow of our former central director, Gabor v. Kiss.

Attending our conference were also three honorary csendors from Hungary: Dr. Otto Francsics, retired police colonel, Dr. Istvan Gulyas, board member of the Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület (MCSBE), and Laszlo Hajas, MCSBE member.

At the start of the conference, each attendee was presented with two pins to commemorate the conference. One was made by honorary csendor Peter Czink of Canada, and the second was sent to us by MCSBE president Pal Sagvari.

The first speaker was Endre v. Tamaska, who shared a wartime experience with the occupying German forces that nearly cost him his life.

Our guests from Hungary next conveyed the greeting of Pal Sagvari (MCSBE president). They presented a MCSBE commemorative medal to Gyula Szabo, and commendation certificates to Endre v. Tamaska, Karoly Dome, Gyula Szabo, Istvan Zsigmond, Imre Juhasz, and Gyula Szalay, as well as Jozsef Tar, Dr. Ervin Honos, and Geza v. Bankuti, who were not able to attend due to illness. Endre v. Tamaska presented me with a carved-wood csendor pipe entrusted to him by MKCSBK member Rudolph Laszlo.

Dr. Otto Francsics, our first guest speaker, talked about the MCSBE's efforts in Hungary to preserve and honor the memory of the csendors, as well as to established units of members

throughout Hungary in the pattern of the old csendőr-őrs. They have been working with the local police, when their offers to help were accepted, to help reduce the level of criminal activity, which has become a major problem in recent years.

Gyula Szabo spoke about his experiences during his recent visit to Hungary. He spoke about the moral degeneration, economic decay, and lack of public safety that he witnessed while at home. He ended his presentation with a very moving poem which he wrote expressing his love and longing for the homeland of his youth.

Gyula Szalay, honorary csendor, spoke on how well the csendors were organized and on their efficiency in preventing and solving crimes, which was and is unmatched throughout the world. This, he stated, resulted from their love of the country, high moral standards, strict obedience, and strong sense of responsibility.

I gave a PowerPoint presentation of our csendor website, which has had over 20,000 visits in the past two years. I guided the audience step-by-step through the site's various highlights. Most of those who attended do not have access to computers, so this was their first opportunity to view our site.

Comments, questions, and suggestions closed the morning session of the conference. During lunch, which was graciously prepared for us by some of the club members, we continuously projected on screen the pictures from the website. Some people enjoyed seeing them so much that they almost forget about their meals.

Dr. Istvan Gulyas opened the afternoon session speaking on the day to day activities of the csendors at the garrison and while on patrol, making his presentation all the more interesting with many colorful stories and personal insights.

Laszlo Hajas spoke on the history of the csendor/police museum established in the 1990s in Tarnamera, Hungary, primarily through Dr. Gulyas' efforts. The content of the former csendor museum of Toronto, Canada, was shipped to Hungary in the 1990s and for a time was a part of the Tarnamera museum. The Hungarian government took over the museum in 2002, turned it into a primarily international police exhibit, and placed most of the csendor items in storage. With the help of others, Dr. Gulyas has organized a successful traveling exhibit from the police and csendor artifacts that remained in his possession. Over 200,000 individuals have had the opportunity to view it so far.

We read letters from those who were not able to attend but were with us in spirit: Dr. Laszlo Andre, csendor Captain; Sandor Domokos, csendor First Lieutenant; Istvan Molnar, csendor Captain; Laszlo Tokay, honorary csendor; Dr. Gergely Toth, honorary csendor; and Jozsef Hertelendy, honorary csendor..

I closed the conference with the central director's report, focusing mainly on the work conducted jointly with the Szemere Bertalan Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság, a professional Hungarian law enforcement historical society. We are converting into a digitized format the Regulations, which were published yearly between 1924 to 1944 in the Csendőrségi Közlöny. The more than 1,000 pages then will be placed on the website, greatly enhancing its usefulness and expanding its material on the functioning of the csendors. In addition, it will provide facts to counter the slander the Hungarian liberal press still promotes. I also presented a 9½ minute film compiled by a then unknown person from pictures from our website—which now contains over 1,400 pictures—combined with a speech, also from our website, which my father, Dr. Zoltan v. Korossy, csendor Captain, gave on the Cleveland radio on Csendor Day in 1956.

The conference ended at 4:00 PM.

The traditional annual "csendor dinner" and dance with live music, organized by the Petőfi Club, closed the day's activities,. Before the dinner, Endre v. Tamaska gave a short

history of the csendőrség, and I thanked the Club for their hospitality and kindness in permitting us to hold our conference again in their facility, and

I want to thank all those whose contribution made the conference a memorable and successful event.

I would like to share a need regarding the website. We recently divided the picture category, titled "Individuals," into two new categories: "Known Csendors," that is csendors who are identified, and "Unknown Csendors," whose identity is not known. If you happen to be able to identify any of the "unknown" csendors, please notify us, so we may make the correction and place the picture into the proper category.

Some time ago, we exhausted our supply of MKCsBK lapel pins. I inquired at a few companies about ordering additional pins, but the costs were exorbitant. After some searching, Karoly Dome located a company that would manufacture pins at about half the cost of the others. We placed an order, and we now have them available to buy at \$3.50 each, plus shipping. If you are interested, please contact me.



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

Advocate: Sandor Tar, Laszlo Tokay, Beothy Kalman, Endre v. Tamaska, Dr. Ervin Honos, Zoltan v. Korossy, Gyula Szabo

Patron: Laszlo Temesy, Sandor Domokos, Mihaly Geczy, Ruth Kiss, Karoly Dome, Istvan Zsigmond, Clements Zahonyi

Supporter: Clara Horvath, Karoly Subosics, Imre Juhasz

(If you wish to send a donation, please make out the check in my name and write "MKCsBK" in the memo section. All donations are tax deductible, and we acknowledge them with a receipt).

With sadness we received the notification of the passing of yet another csendor, Gyorgy Mate, Captain (Budapest, February 23, 2004). We extend our deepest condolences to the family.

Please keep me informed of any events that would be of interest to others in the organization. I wish all of you a very blessed Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'v. Korossy Zoltan'.

Zoltan v. Korossy
MKCsBK Central Director

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