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Dear Friends,

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The communist regime persecuted the csendőrség, more than any other organization in post war Hungary. It was not primarily, as most are led to believe, because of their forced involvement in the gathering of Hungarian Jews for deportation. Rather, it was due to their unyielding standards by which they operated. What does this have to do with their persecution, you might ask? Only those men with exemplary prior military service, who exhibited the deepest sense of patriotism, loyalty and dedication to their homeland, to truth, justice and honor could serve in the csendőrség. Consequently the communists deemed them, as a whole, immune to their indoctrination and therefore a potential threat to their authority. So, they denigrated, slandered, imprisoned, tortured, and in many instances, killed the csendőrs. They revoked the pensions even of those who already had retired before the war, denied meaningful employment, marginalized and humiliated all members of the csendőrség. Thus the csendőrs became persons non grata, all because of their faithful service.

I would like to start my letter by acknowledging and congratulating the csendőrség's senior member, Endre vitéz baranchi Tamáska csendőr captain, retired Honvéd colonel, on the occasion of his 96th birthday on May 30th. Bandi bátyánk faithfully and gallantly served in WWII, was incarcerated in a Russian POW camp and in Hungary as a political prisoner after the war. After taking a part in the Hungarian Uprising of 1956, he immigrated to the United States where he took leadership roles in the Order of Vitéz, AMOSZ, MHBK and as the Central Director of our own organization for a number of years.



Endre v. baranchi Tamáska csendőrszázados with his wife at the Csendőrnap Conference in Florida, in February, 2009

He also served in a number of civilian as well as church leadership roles. He is the recipient of numerous battlefield, veterans, and non-military decorations and acknowledgements, and he is also an accomplished artist.

Bandi bátyánk has been one of the mainstays of the csendőr organization and Hungarian community and has contributed generously of his time and money over the years. In behalf of the MKCsBK, I wish to extend to him our sincere birthday wishes and thank him for all his contributions. May the Lord continue to bless him and keep him amongst us for a long time.

Lord willing, I will be visiting in Hungary for about two weeks this September. I plan to visit some of my csendőr friends in Budapest, and also to meet with Dr. József Parádi, president of the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság, to discuss the progress of our joint project, the photocopying of all the csendőrség-related Regulations (Körrendeletek). In addition, I also plan to meet with Pál Ságvári, president of the Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület, to discuss the MCSBE operations, plans and concerns.

The csendőrség's regulations (körrendeletek) were issued yearly from 1924-1945 in the *Csendőrségi Közlöny*, from 1912 to 1918 in the *Rendeleti Közlöny a Magyar Csendőrség Számára*, and between 1918 to 1923 in the annual *Csendőrségi és Rendőrségi Közlöny*. Although this material is available in only 2-3 libraries in Hungary with limited access, the photocopying of the 1924-1945 period is now completed. We are covering the cost of this time-consuming and meticulous labor and therefore would welcome anyone who would like to share in the financial burden of this important work. It is expected to take about six more months to complete the project. There will be no further expenses after that, because I personally will hand-carry the photocopies back to the US, where one of our sons will turn the photocopies into a digitized format, and another son of ours will then place them onto our MKCsBK website.

I have made an effort not to align our association, and link our website, with any active political organization to avoid any potential detrimental effect on our goal of presenting the csendőrség with the respect it deserves. Nevertheless, recently I accepted an interview for the newspaper of the *Jobbik* party, answering their questions regarding the csendőrség and our own MKCsBK organization. I was assured that my responses would be printed in full and without editing. Dr. Sándor Szakály, who also gave an interview to them, graciously reviewed my responses as well to ensure historical accuracy. Regardless of the Party's political position on various issues, I saw this interview as an opportunity to gain wide exposure to the clarification of some important misconceptions regarding the csendőrség.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank those who have contributed to the work of the MKCsBK in the past three months:

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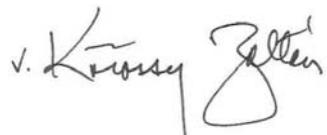
Supporter: Mathew Eszes, Róbert Várkonyi.

The most recent count on our web site is over 24,500 visits in the past nearly four years of its existence. Letters continue to arrive each week by email asking for information on the csendőrség or just to thank us for the website.

Again, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses: Dr. Lajos Katona, csendőr főhadnagy, Dr Balázs Kacshovics, Dr. Miklós Simonffy, and Árpád Székely. We extend our deepest condolences to their families.

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

Best regards,

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

Zoltan v. Korossy
MKCsBK Central Director



A decorative blue ribbon banner with a white scalloped edge, containing the handwritten text "Hiven, becsülettel, vitézül".