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Dear Friends,

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It is an interesting observation that the best often draws the most criticism. So it is with the csendőrség. Sixty-five years after its dissolution, the csendőrség still elicits vitriolic criticism in the form of books, articles, press, TV and radio. Lies, half-truths, fabrications, exaggerations, omissions, and extremely biased subjective opinions abound in publications and commentaries. Now, if the csendőrség would have been a mediocre, ineffective law enforcement agency, this would be a non-issue. But because it was so effective and served as the primary nemesis of the communist movement in Hungary between the wars, the bitterness on the part of the communists and liberal socialists is matched only by the hatred of Nazism by the Jews. The liberals just cannot tolerate the thought of someone speaking well of the csendőrség. So our struggle continues to clear the name of the csendőrség and to restore them to their rightful place in history as the premier law enforcement agency in the world. Truth is on our side. This is our mission. We need to persevere.

By God's grace, we were able to celebrate the 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the csendőrség in Venice, Florida, at the Petőfi Club's Hungarian house on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. They welcomed us with the use of their facilities, provision of equipment and the preparation of a lunch for all attendees.

Among the 20 people present were Endre v. barancsi Tamáska csendőr Captain, Károly Döme csendőr Second Lieutenant, and Gyula Szabó csendőr Sergeant. We were also pleased to have with us csendőr wives Ilona Tamáska, Ruth Kiss, and Tarnóy Éva.

Our senior csendőr Endre v. Tamáska opened our commemorative meeting with a short introduction to the csendőrség. After a prayer for our conference, we sang the Hungarian National Anthem (Himnusz), God Bless America, and the Csendőr Anthem, which was followed by presentation of a commemorative pin for the conference, made by honorary csendőr Péter Czink of Canada.



**The opening of our Csendőrday commemoration in Venice, Florida. (From left to right, Gyula Szabó, Károly Döme, Endre Tamáska and Zoltán Kőrössy)**

Gyula Szabó was the first to speak, discussing the consequences of the dismemberment of Hungary with the Treaty of Trianon at the end of WWI. Next, Gyula Szalay, honorary csendőr, spoke on the deplorable crime situation in Hungary and the importance of establishing a new law enforcement organization that would be best modeled after the csendőrség, but takes into consideration present-day circumstances.

István Zsigmond, honorary csendőr, followed, reading letters sent to us on the occasion from Sándor Domokos csendőr First Lieutenant; Dr. Gergely Tóth honorary csendőr; Pál Ságvári, president of the Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület; and Károly Borbás, president of the Magyar Harcosok Bajtársi Közössége. I then conveyed the greetings of Dr. László André csendőr Captain; István Molnár csendőr Captain; Dr. József Parádi, president of the Szemere Bertalan Rendvédelmi-történeti Tudományos Társaság; and József Hertelendy, honorary csendőr. Afterward I presented my annual report.

I spoke of my trip to Hungary and of those csendőrs, csendőr organization members, a csendőr widow, and csendőr historians I was able to meet. I mentioned the unpleasant situation regarding the Vagabund “csendőr” book, the desire to possibly someday purchase the former csendőr school building in Tata to convert it into a csendőr museum, and the growth of our website. My wife Kati then gave an in-depth overview of our website, focusing on the more recent changes and additions to it, such as the addition of Laws and Regulations and on-line books related to the csendőrség. She presented this material while projecting various portions of the site on an overhead screen. Most of these additional materials exist only in a few copies each, one to three perhaps, scattered across various libraries or in private hands, making it practically inaccessible to the average person. My wife reminded the audience of the importance of this material and its accessibility throughout the world as the only realistic way to discredit the lies about the csendőrség, by making the truth available for all to read.

At the conclusion of my report, I opened the floor for questions and answers, and asked the attendees’ opinion on continuing the Csendőr Day commemorative gatherings in the present format in Venice, Florida, considering the dwindling number of attendees and the expense on our part in making the trip from Maryland. After some discussion, it was decided that I would no longer attend the annual commemorative meeting in Florida, but encourage those csendőrs and honorary csendőrs living in the area to continue gathering for a commemorative meal to honor the csendőrs on Csendőr Day. The Petőfi Club would continue their traditional csendőr commemorative dinner; and they can play the rousing speech of my father, Dr. v. Zoltán Kőrössi csendőr Captain, that was aired on the Cleveland radio on Csendőr Day in 1956, accompanied by a slideshow taken from the website’s photos. This material can be downloaded from the website, so it is available to any other group desiring to likewise commemorate Csendőr Day.

At the conclusion of discussion, István Zsigmond read a short story from one of our website’s online book, Andor Dienes’ *Az Ismeretlen Front*. It portrays the sharp differences between the then-recently formed csendőrség and the previous pandures.

After we closed our meeting with prayer, the Petőfi Club treated all of us to a wonderful Hungarian lunch.

In the evening, we attended the Petőfi Club’s annual Csendőr Commemorative Dinner, which had about 150 to 200 guests. I thanked the president, the board, and the cultural directors of the Club for graciously allowing us to use their building again this year and for helping us hold another fine meeting. We then played the aforementioned radio speech of my father from 1956. The audience listened raptly, while we projected pictures of the csendőrség on an overhead screen.

Since our February Csendőr Day commemoration, it has become apparent that the Vagabund publishing company will not publish Dr. József Parádi’s book on the csendőrség,

because they clearly are not willing to publish an objective and academic quality book. They will rather print a second edition of the gravely anti-csendőr biased, lie-filled and propaganda book of Potó-Lévai. They will omit our pictures though, and will include a statement on the inside cover about our disagreement per our request. We hope that Dr. Parádi's book will eventually find an appropriate and more reputable publisher.

Apparently as a result of the additional material now available on our website, the number of visitors to our site has increased from around 50 to over 1000 per month. We have now expanded our site with 1000+ pages of the Laws and Regulations (Törvények és Rendeletek), five books in their entirety to download or read on-line, as well as three full years of the official csendőrség's newspaper, the Csendőrségi Lapok. We've gotten feedback that even historian researchers find our website useful. Our photo archive, now at over 1500 photos, also continues to grow on a regular basis. We are now working on adding additional books, reference materials, and csendőr newspapers. The Bibliography in our Library section lists the approximately 130 books and publications existing regarding the csendőrség. This is an almost exhaustive list of the books we know about. If you have a book not listed in that section, please, let us know about it. We would like to make the list as complete as possible.

I was pleased to see the appearance of a csendőr calendar by the editors of the Haditudósító magazine. The calendar is beautifully executed, with numerous photographs, excerpts, poems, and short essays. In addition, the Rubicon historical magazine dedicated a whole issue to the csendőrség (January 2010; <http://www.rubicon.hu/>) with numerous articles and photographs by well-known historians. Only one article, dealing with the Holocaust, still carried the typical emotional negative propaganda instead of the objective facts of the topic. We are thankful that such a publication could appear, and we thank its writers and guest editor Dr. Szakály Sándor.

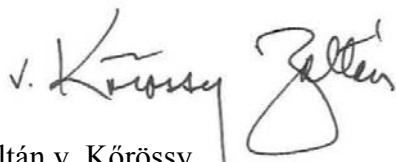
Our expenses have grown greatly to cover the costs of the digitization work done by our Hungarian friends, so we gratefully acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed financially to the important work of the MKCsBK. (Contributions are tax-deductible).

*Advocate (fővédnök):* Károly Döme, Charles Bartha, Bruce Kirkaldy, László Tokay, Gyula Szabó, István Zsigmond, Endre Tamáska, Imre Juhász, Éva Tarnóy, the Petőfi Club, Clementis Zahony, and Zoltán Kőrössy.

*Patron (védnök):* Ruth Kiss, Dr. László André, Béla Szilágyi and Mihály Géczy.

*Supporter (támogató):* Frank Szick, László Szilágyi and Károly Subosics.

Please keep me informed of any events that would be of interest to our organization.  
Best regards,



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*Hiven, becsülettel, vitézül!*