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Dear Friends,

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Count Pál Teleki, former Prime Minister once wrote, “The Hungarian Gendarmerie effectively represented the state’s authority and strength in the most difficult situations. Whether it be in peace or war, he consistently, honorably, always unwaveringly stood in service, with firm dedication, as the support of the nation’s ideas...His presence everywhere demanded respect and meant public safety. At any moment he would sacrifice his life for his homeland.” This type of commitment to duty seems to be gone today.

It grieves my soul to again have lost another dear gendarme friend. **István Molnár gendarme captain** passed away suddenly at age 95 on May 29, 2011, in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. I had the distinct honor to represent the MKCSBK and to eulogize Pista Bácsi at his memorial service on June 13. I placed a rooster-feathered csendőr hat beside his remains to represent the service he loved so much. He was a driving force for the gendarmes in the Hungarian community, leading the Cleveland-area MKCSBK chapter and organizing the annual “csendőr lunch” and New Year balls in the Cleveland area. All who knew him loved and respected him.

As always, it is my sad duty to report our further losses: Balázs Magyar, gendarme master sergeant, passed away in Püspökladány, Hungary; Pál Bugarin Horváth, gendarme 1st Lt., in Nyiregyháza, Hungary; and Lajos Sarudi, gendarme staff sergeant, in Szolnok, Hungary. On behalf of the MKCSBK, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families.

Our website often receives emails from various organizations seeking our involvement and support in their political goals, especially in



Gendarme captain István Molnár
(a drawing by Bill Csatári, also a gendarme’s son,
many of whose gendarme drawings and paintings are
in the website’s picture gallery)

the re-establishment of the gendarmerie. We have often discussed this in the past with our gendarmes, and now we have specifically solicited the opinion of six former gendarme officers and created an extensive position statement on this matter based on their responses. This **position statement** may now be found on our website.

The website continues to provide an ever-expanding library of gendarme books. We now have **100 books on the site**. This represents the largest collection of books that can be found in one place on the topic of the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie, and it is available to anyone, worldwide. Now all the blatant lies and half-truths perniciously fabricated by the socialists can be refuted with facts, which were unavailable to the public for half a century. In addition, those contacting the website seeking information on their gendarme relatives can now research our website's growing database themselves.

We have completed our digitalization of the gendarme books in the **Hungarian Military Institute and Museum** and now have permission from the **Széchenyi Library** to digitalize their gendarme material. We express our thanks to these libraries, and our co-workers in Hungary (Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság) for their invaluable, kind help. We also thank those **individuals**, who sacrificially scan the gendarme books they come across (some of which we were not even aware of). Special thanks for Gábor Orbán, who had already scanned 12 books for the website.

We have also made a number of changes to the website. First of all, we have changed the name from the *MKCsBK website* to the ***Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie's website***, created and maintained by the MKCsBK. We have also changed the menu of the site. It is now divided into news, museum, library, and links. The museum includes photographs, original documents, and multimedia, while the library contains the bibliography, legal archives, articles, biographies, memories, poems, and newsletters.

The **Biography section** is a new addition to the website in preparation for the vast biographical work presented to me by György Perjesy, csendőr 1st Lt. during my visit to Hungary in February. His many volumes of material will greatly expand the current 14 biographies on the site. In addition, we make it possible for gendarme relatives to create a brief biography with photographs of their relatives. As we have been working on the biographies of those who remained or returned to Hungary at the end of the war, a common thread is the maltreatment they received from the communist government. These biographies give the opportunity to tell the world of the persecution, loss of home and livelihood and brutal and barbaric treatment at the hand of AVO (secret police), that the gendarmes suffered for political reasons, even without any personal blame, just because they served their country as gendarmes. Without these records, and with the passing of the gendarmes and their immediate families, the historical account of the AVO's criminal acts would be lost forever.

Since the cherished dream of a gendarme museum in Hungary seems out of reach (the old building section in Tata would cost 60 million forint!), we are in the process of creating a **Virtual Museum on our site**. In addition to the over 1500 photographs in 30 categories, it soon will have pictures of gendarme artifacts, each with a short description, as well as a section on various gendarme class photos (tablók). In addition, gendarme collections and exhibits will also be posted here. The first of these will be the gendarme exhibit at the Hungarian Military History Museum in Budapest, which is currently open and will run until the end of August. I was privileged to be present at its opening on February 14, 2011. We are thankful to God for the changing attitude in Hungary, as the exhibit has been extended three months due to popular demand.

We are pleased to announce that the local government placed a commemorative **plaque dedicated to Oszkar Fery and his comrades** (János Meninka and Sándor Borhy, gendarme officers) on the building at 40 Kiss Janos altabornagy Street, on July 8. (The members of the 1918-1919 communist regime's notorious Cserni unit dragged them from their homes to this building, brutally killed them and then dumped their bodies into the Danube River under the cover of the night). The street bore Oszkár Fery's name until it was changed by the communists in 1945.

It is with gratitude to God that I can share with you that **one of our sons, László**, who is an honorary gendarme and the creator and technical advisor of our website, translated one of Hungary's literary gems, **the epic poem of Szigeti Veszedelem** into English. It will be available on the 27th of this month at amazon.com, and in Hungarian foreign language books stores, as well. It can also be ordered from the Catholic University Press at a 20% discount to our members with the use of the attached special code. This very important classical piece of Hungarian literature has been, until now, virtually unknown throughout the world, as it has never before been translated into other languages (with the exception of a few stanzas and an almost complete but never published translation into Croatian). Its numerous footnotes and Cambridge emeritus professor György Gömöri's detailed introduction will help the modern reader better understand the book written in 1661. We ask you to let your friends know about this book.

We are still seeking to attain **tax exempt status**, but with the poor economic situation of the country we do not put great hope in it being granted. It is for this reason that we are all the more grateful for those who continue to contribute to the considerable expenses of digitization and the newsletters. We gratefully acknowledge and thank those who have contributed since our last Newsletter.

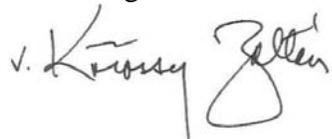
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I wish you all a pleasant summer. Please keep me informed of any news that would be of interest to our organization.

Best regards,



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