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Dear Friends,

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On the opening page of all volumes of the *Library of Csendőrségi Lapok* series, we can read the following poem from Kálmán Beöthy:

*"We never rest...  
We go forward day and night in pursuit of crime.  
We go before it – without ceasing  
The villages and the meadows see us,  
Even when light, noise, and prayers have ceased.  
Before us our flag of honor waves.  
Surrounded by the green of the laurel and the oak.  
And on the flag's snow-white silk field the rooster feather shines."*

Indeed, the gendarmes were always vigilant and never ceasing in their pursuit to provide a safe environment for the nation. This they did without equal. The nation was blessed by their service, and Hungary experienced its greatest national growth during the Gendarmes' 63 years of service, even in spite of the two world wars' destruction during that time.

Dr. József Parádi, historian and president of the Szemere Bertalan Hungarian History of Law Enforcement Academic Society (Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-Történeti Tudományos Társaság, SzBMRTTT) wrote a book on the history of the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie, some time ago. Only two previous books were written on the *whole* history of Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie, by Preszly in 1920 and Rektor in 1980 both are posted on our website. (Other published books only covered certain time periods or certain

aspects of the Gendarmerie). Although Parádi's all-encompassing book is a



**Gathering on Csendőr Day, 1981, Toronto, Canada.**  
**Behind Ághy Zoltán standing from left to right Pekáry István, Utzás Mihály, Tamáska Endre és dr. Balló István.**

scholarly work with extensive references, its vernacular makes it reader-friendly for all people, as he wrote it to provide high schools, after the fall of communism, with a reliable and objective supplement on the subject. Unfortunately, it was never published due to Hungary's political climate.

We approached Dr. Parádi with the idea of the MKCsBK funding the publication of his book, and we received his cooperation. As we had mentioned in one of our previous newsletters, we were the benefactors of a larger sum of money from the estate of Mihály Utzás Gendarme captain. As he obviously intended these funds to be used for the benefit of the Gendarmerie, we are certain that nothing would serve this purpose better than to bring to light the truth about his beloved corps, to counter the tremendous amount of misinformation and overt lies about the Gendarmerie. We feel that the publication of Dr. Paradi's book would achieve that intended desire. We also provided most of the photographs for the book, mainly from the pictures published in the Csendorsegi Lapok and posted on our website. God willing, the book will be available in bookstores by early December.

It is always a pleasure to give an update on our progress with the Gendarme website. Now that the photographing of the books at the Military History Library and the Széchényi Library is complete, we have only one major library to consider, the Library of the parliament. Dr. Parádi has written to the president of the Országház requesting permission for us to photograph their books published by the Gendarmerie. In that library there are about fifteen books of which we currently have no other copies. We are awaiting their response.

We recently put the first three years of the Bajtársi Levél, the Gendarmerie veterans' newsletter, onto the website. These were sent to me many years ago by Pál Jegenyés, who was the Gendarme sergeant instrumental in starting the MKCsBK in 1947. These issues are very likely the only surviving copies. What a blessing it is that he elected to send them to me before there was any consideration of my present involvement in the MKCsBK and our website. Because of his friendship, and kindness we can now share them with everyone else, who can gain their own insight into the beginning of our organization.

With the digitalization of all the available books on the Gendarmerie (170 of the known 300 books), we are now in the process of scanning the Gendarmerie's newspaper, the Csendőrségi Lapok, and their annual publication of handbooks (Csendőrségi Zsebkönyv). The copies only available in Hungarian libraries are now digitalized and posted on the website. We are now digitalizing the copies from my own library. With the sacrificial help of our faithful friend, Gábor Orbán, we are able to fill the gaps remaining in these publications, and all the handbooks and Csendőrségi Lapok, with the exception of the starting year of 1907, will soon be available online through our website and, hopefully, in time through the Hungarian Electronic Library (MEK) of the Széchényi Library and the War Museum's Library. Gábor also has scanned in over a dozen books for us that we would otherwise have had no access to. It is gratifying to find cohorts who have a sincere interest in the Gendarmerie and who unselfishly share their resources. Thank you again, Gábor.

After these major endeavors, we plan to digitalize the compilation work of Gyurka Perjesy, and the rest of our available Bajtársi Levél (1964-2006).

We would like to thank Dr. József Parádi for his newsletter of 14 July 2012, in which he wrote about our work on the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie's website and encouraged his own members of the SzBMRTTT to help us in locating the missing Bajtársi Levél issues of 1951 through October 1964, and gendarme books of which we have no known copies for

digitalization. We also extend our appreciation to Dr. Parádi for being our intercessor in Hungary and procuring access to the above libraries. Our success here is in very large part due to his unselfish and professional advice and opinions. He has become a true friend and kindred spirit in a unified effort to preserve and present to the world the true legacy of the Hungarian Gendarmes.

We recently had the good fortune to acquire a number of books, articles, computer files, correspondence, photographs, and VHS tapes from the estate of our former central director Gábor Kiss and his wife Ruth. This material reflects the efforts and passion of Gábor Kiss in behalf of the MKCsBK and is a great addition to our historical archives. We extend our appreciation to Frank Icenogle, son of Ruth Kiss, who facilitated the acquisition of these materials.

My son had moved the material of our site to another host location because of the tremendous growth we have experienced in the past few months, for which we praise God and thank our many helpers. We currently have 185 books (including 31 handbooks), 21 years of complete Csendőrségi Lapok, over 1800 photographs, etc., on the website. We have had 56,000 visits to our site since its inception, 2006.

There is an exhilaration when an occasional gendarme book shows up of which we had no prior knowledge, or when we can place another newly digitalized book on the website. We have a daunting task yet before us, but at the same time we are inspired to press on seeing what has been already accomplished. We are rewarded as we process and peruse these cherished works with the knowledge that we are making a difference as to how the world will remember these men of dedication and sacrifice.

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

Advocate: Kálmán Beöthy

Patron: --

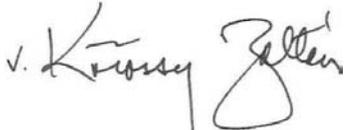
Supporter: Rudolf Panajott

As always, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses: Béla Lám, Gendarme 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. July 24, 2012, in Budapest, Hungary; Gusztáv Huszár Gendarme, Germany; and Edith Molnár, wife of István Molnár, Gendarme captain, on August 13, 2012, Chesterland, Ohio. I extend our deepest condolences to their families.

Please, continue to let me know of all information that might be of interest to the friends of the Gendarmerie.

May God's grace and peace be with you.

Best regards,



Zoltán v. Kőrössy  
MKCsBK Central Director

*Hiven, becsülettel, vitézül*