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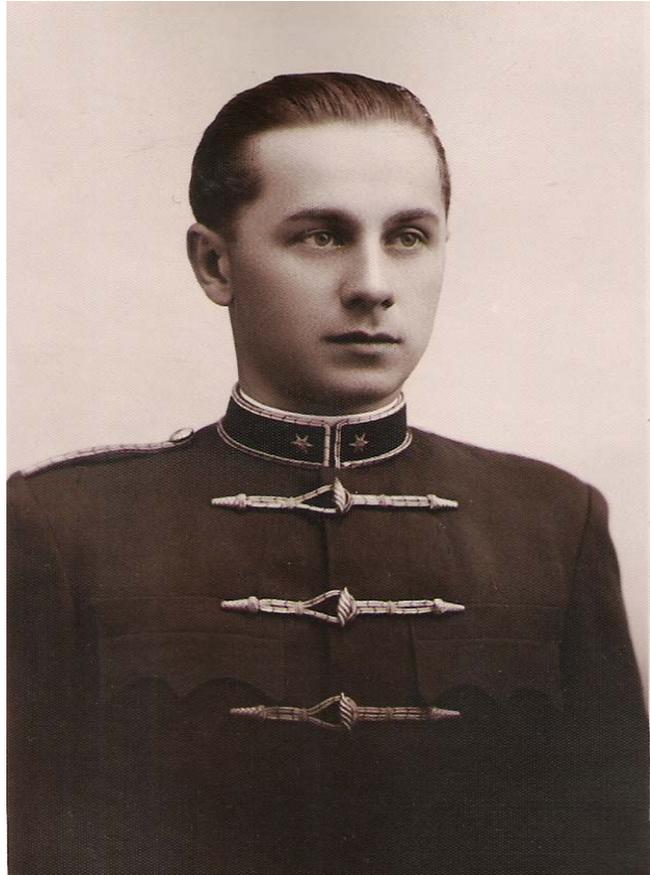
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Dear Friends,

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On February 13th of this year, a Hungarian Parliament member of the Jobbik Political Party read into the Parliament's record a speech in remembrance and honor of the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie. It is unfortunate that the speech was not an official government proclamation, but at the same time we are pleased that someone took the time and effort to commemorate the gendarmerie. He presented a short but accurate summary of the role of the gendarmes, and quoted at length a portion of a speech given on Gendarme Day, on February 14, 1940, by Dr. Zoltán Kőrössy, then gendarme 2nd Lt. The quotation follows. The full text may be found on the website.

“Fifty nine years ago today the first rooster-feathered gendarme started patrolling the village streets and unending countryside, and have continued to carry on with unbroken faithfulness and perseverance to this day. The wind proudly waves the gendarme hat plumage, and everywhere he appears he is valued and respected. There is no more comforting sight than a Hungarian gendarme as he arrives fully equipped. Like a child within his mother's protective arms, the villagers feel a sense of security if they know that the gendarme is watching over them, their lives, and property. He is a terror to the lawbreaker, a bulwark for the honorable man, and a safe haven for the persecuted... Among the gendarmes there is no first or last. They are uniformly heroes who with their blood have sealed their sacred honorable oath by which they live and die.”



Dr. Zoltán Kőrössy gendarme 2nd Lt. in 1939
(later gendarme Captain)

The legacy of the gendarmerie inspires us to continue in our efforts to restore their rightful place in history through making their books, writings, and personal accounts available to all.

To our great delight, we have found a source for the Gendarme Newsletter (*Bajtársi Levél*) issues that are missing from our archives. We have received permission and will start digitalizing these missing copies in the near future. We have also been very fortunate to locate the 1907 volume of the *Csendőrségi Lapok* in a library in Székesfehérvár. This will complete the collection of this most important publication of the Gendarmerie. I am thrilled that these will also become available on our site in the coming months.

My wife and I are planning a short visit to Hungary in the near future. I plan to meet with those gendarmes in the Budapest area who are still with us. These visits have always been the highlight of my trips. I will also be meeting with others who are involved with the vindication of the gendarmerie.

I want to thank the *Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület* for keeping the gendarme presence before the public at various events, and the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság for their many-fold help in our digitization efforts and for their professional historical research on the gendarmerie.

Our website offers a vast array of books, photographs, articles, personal accounts, etc. on the internet for the world to access. With the help of many dedicated individuals, we are making headway in restoring the honor rightfully due the gendarmerie. May God continue to bless our efforts!

I also want to again personally thank Gábor Orbán, who alone has copied about 30 books, many of which we were not even aware of. He selflessly took the time and effort out of his respect for the gendarmerie and a desire to restore their honor. Our website would be much poorer without his contributions. He is in stark contrast to those who have photographs or documents but would selfishly not share them, or watermark them so others could not make copies. It is not enough for them to have the original copy; they want to have the only copy.

We have all but completed the digitalization of the gendarmerie books at the Országgyűlési Könyvtár (Hungarian Library of Congress). We will then be digitizing György Perjésy's massive collection of biographical data on individual gendarmes, and finally the missing issues of the Gendarmerie Newsletters (*Csendőrségi lapok* and *Bajtársi levelek*), that are in my personal library. It is hard to believe we have come so far.

The newly published book, *A Magyar Királyi Csendőrség*, by Dr. József Parádi, is now available not only on the internet but also in numerous bookstores in Hungary. The truth is being spread.

We have had over 57,000 visits on our website.

We thankfully acknowledge all those who helped in this important work with their contributions: *Advocate*: Ferenc Beodray; Kálmán Beöthy

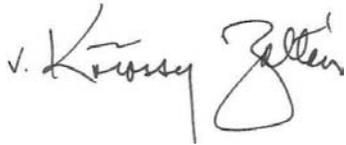
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As always, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses: Gyula Szabó gendarme sergeant, March 6, 2013, Miskolc, Hungary; Stephen Sisa (author of *The Spirit of Hungary*), November, 2012, USA. I extend our deepest condolences to their families.

Please keep us informed of any events that might be of interest to the friends of our gendarme community. I wish you all a blessed Easter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "v. Kőrössi Zoltán". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "Z".

Zoltán v. Kőrössi

MKCsBK Central Director

Híven, becsülettel, vitézül!