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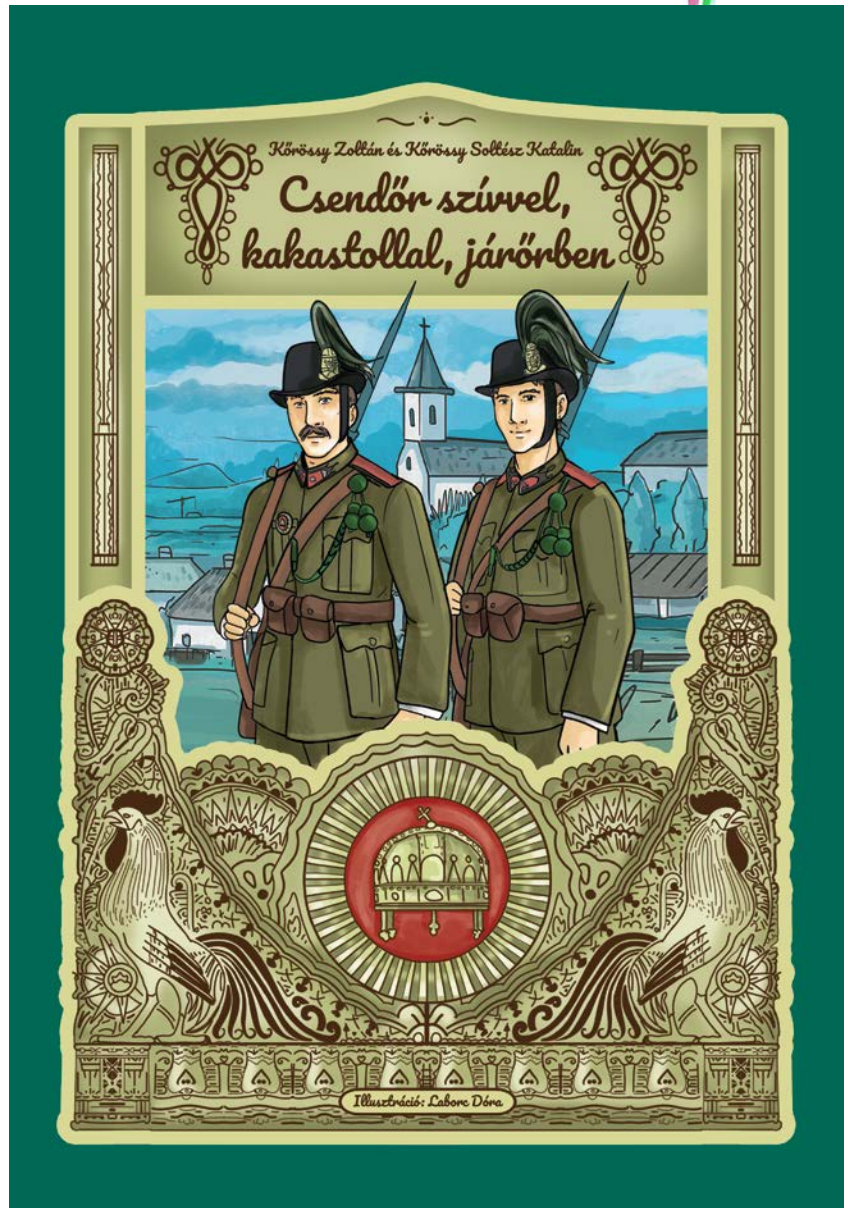


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Dear Friends,

MKCsBK Newsletter #53, January 2021.

“What was the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie? Was it truly the rigid, evil law enforcement organization that communist textbooks painted, or rather something diametrically different? This book, written in an enjoyable format which youths as well as adults can read, shows that the gendarmes, contrary to the communist slander, in fact represented just the opposite. The gendarmerie, prior to 1945, provided in the villages safety without parallel, with their care, respectable conduct, depth of knowledge, courage and strength. At the same time, they were very humane, and lived in harmony with the villagers. They had a mutual respect for each other, which stood to reason since the gendarmes themselves had been villagers at one time, and they had taken an oath that they would defend the villagers at all costs from criminals.” – so wrote Dr. Gergely Tóth, central director of the MHBK, for the cover of our newly published book, titled *Csendőrszívvel, Kakastollal, Járőrben (Patrolling with gendarme heart and roosterfeather)*.



The book is directed to 10-12-year-olds. The reader accompanies two gendarmes on a daily patrol to witness their work and view of life in a world that the communist regime and liberal factions even to this day strive to eliminate by all means possible, primarily through negative propaganda and distorting all vestiges of the truth. All of the episodes depicted in the book are based on actual occurrences, which are footnoted with the location where they can be found in expanded form on our website. Dr. József Parádi (SZBMRTT president) wrote the forward. Also, the book contains the gendarme oath, the gendarme “ten commandments,” the gendarmerie’s anthem, and a multi-page summary of the gendarmerie, which can be of help for the parents in responding to questions their children might ask, as in this day and age the parents themselves may have little or no knowledge of the true nature of the gendarmerie. Extensive footnotes may serve to satisfy further interest in the topic.

One year ago, the idea to write this book was born from our desire to provide our youth, as they are becoming acquainted with the world, a factual source of information on the gendarmerie, which they are not receiving in the schools or through the media.

With gratitude to God, the 45-page book is now published by the MKCsBK. Dóra Laborc created the eleven full-page color illustrations that accompany the story. Five hundred copies of the book were printed by Szathmáry Attila’s OOK-Press (Veszprém), who, with our gratitude, is also helping in the marketing of the book as well. Currently, the book is available at the Magyar Menedék book store in Budapest, but hopefully soon can also be ordered through the webstore of the Trianon Alapítvány.

The book is dedicated to Kálmán Beöthy, gendarme colonel, and his “beloved gendarmes.” He was the editor of the *Csendőrségi Lapok* (the official gendarmerie newspaper) that was published twice a month and played a huge role in the continuing education of the gendarmes. Each issue contained one or two cases of contemporary criminal investigations. They were submitted by the gendarmes themselves, and an officer’s commentary added. These were a part of the training by which these young gendarmes, who usually had only a few years of grammar school, developed into outstanding, world-renowned crime prevention and criminal investigation experts. From among these submitted cases, we selected a handful for our book. By dedicating the book to him, our desire was also to bring joy to Kálmán Beöthy’s son, since he and his family suffered so much under communism, like many other gendarme families, just because the father was a gendarme. We printed out the book and sent it to him in November, but he was not able to see the published book itself, because he died on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. His passing is a great loss for us because he was a faithful friend, an example of what it is to be a noble person, and a strong supporter of the MKCsBK. We extend our deep sympathy to his family, and pray that our Lord will extend His peace and blessing to them.

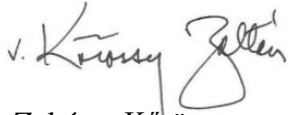
The product of my many years of my collecting Hungarian gendarmerie artifacts, military artifacts, documents, and books were shipped this past November with the help of the Hungarian Embassy to Veritas, in Budapest (Dr. Sándor Szakály, head director). We have signed an agreement with them that my books will go into their library, the documents will be placed into their archives, and the gendarmerie artifacts will be stored there until the much hoped-for gendarmerie museum will be built in the Ópusztaszer Historical Park. Some of the artifacts may, until such time, be displayed in temporary exhibits. The cataloging of the artifacts is ongoing at this time.

Seventeen years ago, Pál v. Ságvári, army Lt. Col., retired, with the help of Gábor v. Kiss, MKCsBK central director at the time, established the Magyar Csendőr Bajtársi Egyesület (MCsBE) in Hungary. Its main goal was to preserve and promote the legacy of the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie. Its members, now a few hundred in number, have represented the Hungarian Gendarmerie in the past two decades as they have taken part in various programs and funerals, dressed in gendarme uniforms made at their own expense. Pál Ságvári retired on July 30<sup>th</sup> of last year and remains an honorary lifetime director,

but handed over the directorship to Csaba v. Tóth, police Lt.Col., retired. I thank him for his many years of faithful service, and wish them both continued success in the service to our beloved Hungary.

We thankfully acknowledge the generous donation of our sister organization, MHBK (dr. Gergely Tóth, central director) for their contribution for our work and for the Ópusztaszer gendarme garrison building fund, and express our heartfelt thanks for the continued support by Péter Aradi Beöthy, Ilona Koska, Emese Kerkayné Maczky, and Éva Tarnóy.

Respectfully,



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MKCsBK central director

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