



# The Kingdom of Talossa New Citizen's Guide

**Congratulations** on becoming a citizen of the Kingdom of Talossa, an independent nation since 1979/I. This is an honor extended to few, and you should bear it with pride. But now that you're a citizen, what's there to do?

## Visit the Beautiful GTA

The **Greater Talossan Area** (GTA) is located on the East Side of the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We declared independence from the United States in 1979, and the Americans have yet to lodge any official protest. The Kingdom also possesses territory off of the coast of France, where our province of Cézembre is located. If you live nearby either area or plan on visiting, be sure to stop and check out the [sacred soil of your new country!](#)

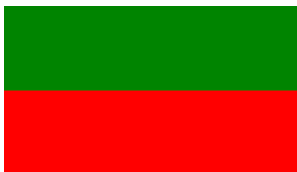
**Learn more:** [The Realm](#), [GTA](#), [Cézembre](#)

## Name and Arms

Many citizens **translate their name** to our national language of Talossan. And while it does help with privacy concerns, it's also a great way to figure out what it will mean to you to be a Talossan – and a great way to take a first step into the language! Stop in at the Talossans-only [Talossan Names board](#) for some advice!

Another common thing for Talossans is to **seek a grant of arms**. All Talossans are considered to be “noble,” and so they're entitled to petition the College of Arms to help them design one. For many of our citizens, it becomes a lifelong symbol. Stop by the [Royal College of Arms board](#) today to lodge your petition!

**Learn more:** [The Royal College of Arms](#)



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## Get Involved in Government

In Talossa, there are two levels of government: national and provincial. As a full-fledged citizen, you can get involved with either one – or both!

On the national level, we have a **parliamentary democracy**. The head of the Government is the Seneschal, and they are assisted by an array of ministers who take care of things like immigration, publicity, criminal justice, and so on. And all of these people need help! Don't worry if you're qualified: there's a wide array of tasks, large and small, and there's surely one that's right for you! You can join the **civil service** immediately, and get to know some prominent Talossans while contributing to your new nation. Jobs might involve posting to the Kingdom's social media or chatting with new citizens. There's definitely something that's right for you! Contact the Government by posting on the [Lobby board](#).

Alternatively, you might want to start with your **local province**. You can be assured of making an impact there, right from the start, since many provinces only have three or four citizens who are actively interested in provincial affairs. You can probably jump right in and help out in some way... or even take charge! Find the [special board for your province](#) and post about your interest.

**Learn more:** [Civil Service](#), [Seneschal](#), [Government](#), [Provinces](#)

## Politics

It's also possible that you find elections and campaigning interesting. If that's the case, you should consider getting involved in Talossan politics. You can join a **political party**, first of all. There are several of them, and they usually have different visions of the future for Talossa.

Alternatively, maybe you want to jump right into life as a legislator. There is **one senator for each province in the Senäts**, each typically serving eighteen to twenty-seven months (depending on election timing). If your senator is up for election soon, maybe you should throw your hat in the ring! Don't be shy, since one of the best things about Talossa is that it's small enough that you can be as big as you wish.

Or instead, after joining a political party you could ask about getting **assigned some seats in the Cosa**, a big body which divides up its 200 seats proportionally among parties. It's a serious responsibility, but every Cosa there's usually a few new immigrants who have decided to wade right in. Join them!

There are always serious debates going on. Right now, here are some of the hot-button issues in Talossan politics:

- [Derivatism](#) or [peculiarism](#) – just what kind of country *is* Talossa?
- [Monarchy](#) or [republic](#) – which is the path forward?
- How do we teach about Talossa's mythical [Berber](#) heritage?
- What should be the role of the [GTA](#) in everyday Talossan life?

**Learn more:** [Ziu](#), [Senäts](#), [Cosa](#), [Political Parties](#), [derivatism](#), [peculiarism](#), [monarchy](#), [republic](#), [Berber](#), [GTA](#)



## TalossaWiki

There's a ton of information to be found on [TalossaWiki](#). Whatever your question, you will be likely to find the answer there. It's definitely worth checking out, no matter what interests you about Talossa.

But even better: you can also help write and contribute! Once you [create an account](#), a Government official will approve you as a citizen and you'll be able to get started fixing mistakes or trying to fill in some [missing pages](#). New to wikis? That's okay, we have that covered with our [three-lesson seminar](#) on editing a wiki! Check it out!

Learn more: [TalossaWiki](#)

## Library

One page on TalossaWiki that might interest you is the [TalossaWiki Library](#), which has a huge range of works about Talossa or written in Talossan. Check out "[La Camina Q'esteva Non Preindada](#)," by Robert Frost, or the 2000/XXI article about Talossa that was published in *WIRED*, "[It's Good to Be King](#)."

Learn more: [TalossaWiki: Library](#)

## Language

Our language, Talossan (or "el glheb Talossan"), is considered one of the greatest national treasures. It has a vocabulary of more than 28,000 words, a rich heritage based on "whatever we thought was cool at the time," and a ton of written works. You can get started learning in a bunch of ways: visiting the [talossan.com website](#), the "Prüms Paçen" [online learning course on Memrise](#), or just by introducing yourself on the [language board of Wittenberg](#).

To get you started, here's the first two stanzas of Talossa's national anthem, *Chirluscha àl Glheb*, ("Hymn to the Language"), with English translation:

Sta là, zefença  
Tu vell glheb Talossan.  
Txamais praitença  
Da negarh tu drept þuman!

*Stand tall, Talossans  
the peninsula defend.  
No foe or villain  
can your love of country rend.*

Es ca'scu ziuua,  
Ár propreu glheb parlarh;  
Sovenenç' la tzara,  
Talossan c'e ben d'estarh!

*Raise high your banner,  
Your passion penned unto:  
"Loyal to our sov'-reign,  
Let our minds and hearts be true."*

Learn more: [Glheb \(Talossan\)](#)



## Law

Are you interested in the law at all? Whether or not you have any formal training, you might be perfect to join the ranks of our attorneys. Every so often, someone is accused of a crime by the Government or finds themselves unable to resolve a civil dispute. On those occasions, they might look for someone with a good head on their shoulders to represent them. That might be you! All you need to do is pass the bar exam, which can be done with a little study of the [Organic Law of 1997](#) (our constitution) and [el Lexhatx](#) (our statutes). Read up and then [petition the Cort](#) for admittance to the Royal Talossan Bar!

**Learn more:** [Organic Law](#), [El Lexhatx](#), [Royal Talossan Bar](#), [Cort Pü Inalt](#)

## Media

Are you interested in writing or podcasting? Then a career in Talossan media might be for you! There have been many newspapers and podcasts in the past, including such long-running luminaries as [Støtanneu](#), [Oraclâ](#), the [Talossan News Project](#), [Beric'ht Talossan](#). Maybe you're interested in joining one... or even starting a new one!

You can get started in a small way, simply by declaring that you're starting a new paper and posting your stories on the [main board of Wittenberg](#). If people read and chat about them, then you might create a website to host them on something like Blogger or Google Sites. Maybe someone else joins you. The sky's the limit!

**Learn more:** [Press](#), [Talossan Press Association](#)



Àl sinistra: cartă dals provinçuns del Regipäts Talossan  
Left: map of the provinces of the Kingdom of Talossa.

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