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McGarriton - 26 xii 2007: Talossan citizens Danihél Lauriér and Gödafriëu Válcadác'h today announced the formation of a new organization. Viens Talossa (One Talossa) is dedicated to the political as well as the societal reunification of the Republic of Talossa and the Kingdom of Talossa, from which the former split back on 1 June 2004 in the greatest mass-exodus Talossa has ever seen.

From the website is the organization's credo:

Viens Talossa is not an activist movement dedicated to bringing down the monarchy. It is also not a movement dedicated to the eradication of the secret ballot.

Viens Talossa is a community, a people dedicated to the political and societal reunification of the sundered Talossan peoples.

There is one great and urgent task for the two Talossas: become one family and one nation again.

As one, Talossa may yet see another 28 years.

As one, we can move mountains.

As one, we can change the world.

Join us.

The Viens Talossa website may be had at www.vienstalossa.com - Gödafriëu Válcadác'h reporting

Anglatzarâ comments on Independence Day

The Mitchell Building - 26 xii 2007: Today, via Witt X 31464, Republic President Ián Anglatzarâ had this to say on the Kingdom's independence holiday:

Friends, Talossans, countrymen: Rejoice!

On this day in December 1979, at seven o'clock in the evening, this nation was founded. A nation based on the idea that somewhere there must be a country where the reach of American politics does not reach, a country that can

shape itself. Talossa. Originally a Kingdom, Talossa was no better than its monarch, but today as a Democratic nation it is no better or no worse than its people. This means that we all, we the people, are responsible for its well-being.

But in 1979 this was all in the future. Even the notion of Talossa having a people was in the future. The first and only citizen is no longer a Talossan, but the country he founded lives on. On this Foundation Day, I raise my glass and propose a toast to Talossa: The best little country in the world. Long may she live!

Woolley issues Speech from the Throne

Abbavilla - 26 xii 2007: Today, John Woolley issued his first Speech from the Throne in which he praised the now-defunct Conservative Loyalist Party for its leadership role in keeping the Kingdom afloat in the face of Ben Madison's paranoia and continued vitriol in 2004-2005. He then went on to

The Medal of Cincinnatus

In the ancient Roman Republic, a dictator could be appointed to see the nation through times of crisis. Such a person was Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, who was appointed dictator twice (458 BC and 439 BC). A dictator, of course, had absolute power over the people and armies of Rome, and could have used that power to make an attempt, at least, of staying in power indefinitely.

A poor farmer, Cincinnatus was remarkable that he was appointed dictator twice, and chose to return power back to the Senate and people and retire each time. Recently passed into law as 37RZ8 - The Clipper Act, this act of the Kingdom's Cosâ establishes a new decoration, the Medal of Cincinnatus, "awarded by the King in recognition for acts of extraordinary Talossanicity in the face of opposition."".

This act commemorates the way in which the now-defunct Conservative Loyalist Party retired from Talossan politics, though, as implied by the "Whereas" portion of the act, the CLP could have

stayed in power indefinitely as the old Progressive Conservative Party did in days of yore.

For the first time, the King has exercised this right, awarding Medals of Cincinnatus to the CLP leadership: Fritz von Buchholtz, Ian von Metairia, Quedeir Castiglha, Greg Raxalâ, and Samuhel Tecladeir. Whether this has supplanted the traditional and revered *Për la Nazium* remains to be seen.

And now, the rest of the story

The King went on to challenge the people to keep up the good work (as he thought it to be) in immigration reform as well as to address the problems of citizen inactivity.

In a remarkable move, he actually and officially (as official as can be in a Speech from the Throne) publicly recognized the Republic of Talossa as an entity that really exists: "With a wave of goodwill to our friends over in the Talossan Republic..." in his last paragraph.

The Speech in full may be had at the end of this issue. - Gödafriëu Válcadác'h reporting

Kingdom election update

As of today at 4:58pm Central, the current Cosâ election result is as follows:

Total Votes Cast for Cosa:

CCCP	4
CRO	1
LRT	7
DPD	4
RUMP	29

Percentage of Votes Cast for Cosa (and yes, it's rounded, not entirely accurate, and no, it's not Official):

CCCP	9%
CRO	2%
LRT	16%
DPD	9%
RUMP	64%

Potential Seats won for the 38th Cosa (and yes, it's rounded, not entirely accurate, and no, it's not Official):

40 Votes Cast, 200 Seats Available. Each Vote = 5 seats

CCCP	20
CRO	5
LRT	35
DPD	20
RUMP	120

Results archived from

<http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thread=1197266657&page=1> on 26 xii 2007 at 10:51pm Central

Oraclâ projects that the RUMP will win another term as the absolute majority party in the Kingdom Cosâ, earning it, perhaps the future distinction of, in the fullness of time, going the way of Cincinnatus?

Oh my - A new issue!

Notes from the Editor

Azul! It's nice to be back in the Oraclâ saddle again, publishing new issues and helping to keep alive the course of Talossan progress. As this publication has a checkered history of fits and starts, I cannot say how long this spate of new Oraclâ issues will last, but hopefully, I will be able to put quite a few out before inactivity in this area of my Talossan life begins again, as it surely must.

As for my last issue, it was No. 63 and was published sometime in August 2005. Looking back at that issue, I can't believe it's been that long (two years!) since my last new Oraclâ, but it's true.

In the next year, you will see a lot going on: a new www.oracla.com free of password protection as well as the loong-delayed results of Oraclâ March Madness 2007 as well as the competitions coming up in 2008.

*- Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Founder and Editor-in-Chief*

Speech from the Throne
Independence Day / Feast of Saint Stephen Martyr
26 December XXVIII/2007

My dear fellow-citizens, and everyone of good will toward the Kingdom of Talossa throughout the world –

A very eventful (and in some ways very challenging) year has passed over our heads, and the Kingdom of Talossa has come out of it sound, thriving, and moving forward energetically – a happy situation for which I can only congratulate and thank the many citizens whose sacrifices and achievements have made all this possible. Rather than a lot of empty rhetoric – as welcome as that might be to the Talossan heart –, I plan to offer, in this my first Independence Day speech, a few thoughts and suggestions about some problems we face, and the directions in which I think we might look for some solutions.

But first, a point of unfinished business. The 37th Cosa, which just finished its term of office, passed The Clipper Act, inspired by the example of selfless service offered to the nation by the leadership of the (former) Conservative Loyalist Party, an Act which authorises and calls on the King to award the “**Medal of Cincinnatus**” to Talossan citizens “in recognition for acts of extraordinary Talossanicity in the face of opposition”. And so, it is my undiluted and vast pleasure to award the first five Medals of Cincinnatus to five great Talossans, who, when the work was accomplished for which their eminent Party had been formed, had the wisdom, grace, and sheer *class* to disband that Party and allow the reins of power to pass to what had been the Loyal Opposition. My dear countrymen, please join me in offering congratulations and accolades once again to the leadership of the CLP, the first recipients of the Medal of Cincinnatus, whose service to our beloved nation entitles them to be regarded without any exaggeration as the saviours of Talossa: Sir Fritz von Buchholtz, UrN, Cin.; Duke Ian von Metairia, Cin.; Baron Quedeir Castiglha, Cin.; Dr. Greg Rajala, Cin.; and Sir Samuhel Tecladeir, Cin. Three cheers, and many many thanks to these excellent gentlemen from their grateful fellow-citizens!

Now, a few words on some of the challenges we face on the **legislative** and **political** front.

The Kingdom of Talossa is currently engaged in a General Election, an endeavour which, in some countries, tends to bring out the worst in people. How gratifying to see with what civility this Election has hitherto been conducted, with what pleasant whimsy we have all conducted ourselves! What visitor, reading Wittenberg these last few weeks, would not have found himself impressed with our restraint, our courtesy, above all our sense of fair play and good humour? Who, seeing the kindness and deference with which we treat each other, would not want to become part of our little community? Self-congratulation is in order.

And yet, as has been pointed out, there is some measure of danger to the Kingdom in the over-politicisation of the immigration process. The Parties are themselves moving to correct this, and various legislative initiatives have been proposed. This is to the good, and (without endorsing any particular course) I heartily approve of the thought and care going into addressing the difficult questions involved. But may I offer a few words of caution? I would hate to see us make it impossible for newly-arrived citizens, assuming they were ready to do

so, to participate in our national politics. Elections are one of the more exciting things in the cycle of Talossan life, and we should take care not to stifle the enthusiasm of new citizens by entirely excluding them from politics. However we attempt to solve this group of problems, let us remember that Talossa exists largely in order for us, and those who will join with us, to have fun together.

Another area in which we face a brilliant opportunity is the vitalisation of Provincial politics. Only now, with our vastly increased population, have the Provinces – or some of them – reached a sufficient number of citizens that the drafting and adoption of Provincial constitutions and the establishment of organs of Provincial government may be a real possibility. I call on all interested citizens to use this time, these next couple of years, to make each of our seven Provinces into vital, quirky, and entertaining stages on which we can play out the drama of our national life, providing power-hungry and pompous politicians a place to plan and prance and puff. The generations to come will look back on these years as the foundation-years of the Provincial governments; let us build with zeal and creativity!

Furthermore, I call on the Ziu to take immediate action – one might almost call it *emergency* action –, to declare **Brawndo** the National Energy Drink of the Kingdom of Talossa. Turn your eyes to <http://www.brawndo.com/>, to <http://www.energyfiend.com/caffeine-content/brawndo>, to <http://calorielab.com/news/2007/12/14/taking-real-life-brawndo-for-a-test-drive/>, to http://www.pe.com/business/local/stories/PE_Biz_D_cocaine29.25e1582.html, and tell me that this isn't a Talossan drink! It's not beer, but ... dude. It's got electrolytes! Think green!

A serious national challenge

Finally, I would like to ask all the creative minds of the Kingdom of Talossa to try to find solutions (even partial solutions) for what is clearly a serious problem we face – the loss of interest and participation in the Kingdom by some of our citizens. I find particularly frustrating a pattern that we've seen, too many times to want to count – a prospective citizen who seems engaged and interested for a few weeks, long enough anyway to be granted citizenship, but who then simply disappears off the face of the planet. I suspect this is happening for different reasons in different cases, and some of them we probably can't do much about. (Besides which, it's perfectly OK for Talossans to take "time away" from Talossa; but it's very disappointing when their "time away" begins the day after their grant of citizenship and never seems to end.) I have a few suggestions for things we might try to do better, if we can figure out how; and I'd like other people to be thinking along these lines too, possibly suggesting legislation (if the Ziu decides we need it), possibly finding ways by private action to help the problem.

1. We might need a more careful screening process for new citizens, to weed out more of those who don't really intend to participate. I'm not sure at all how to do this; your thoughts are solicited.
2. We might want to implement some form of provisional citizenship, to make it possible to remove from the rolls new citizens who change their minds about Talossa, without having to wait through three election cycles.

3. I think it would be an excellent project for someone to undertake, to try to get in touch with as many as possible of these people and find out whether we made mistakes, at our end of the relationship, that might be correctable. If nothing else, it would be good to know *why* people are leaving us.

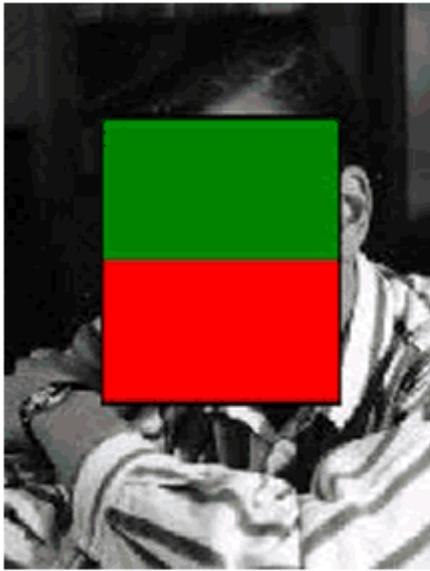
4. I think it would help quite a bit, if there were more personal contact between Talossans, off Wittenberg. Email, IM, faceBook, actual physical meetings – all those things will tend to knit the citizenry closer together, and bind us all more tightly to our nation.

5. A project near to my heart would be the establishment of a good national newspaper, to be sent by email (and snail-mail) to everyone. The newspaper wouldn't have to publish regularly, but it should show up often enough to establish a kind of continuity of contact. It could contain Talossans' IM handles, web page URLs, personal news, a "Best of Wittenberg" feature for those without time to wade through it all, occasional articles and editorials, press releases from the Parties and Ministries and private organisations, letters, photographs, and so on. I have ideas, and I'm sure all of you can add to them. Come on, someone – pick up this ball and run with it!

6. I think we need to do better at getting new citizens connected to groups and jobs within Talossa where their interests and abilities can be channeled, challenged, and used; in short, where they can have fun doing cool stuff for the Kingdom.

With a wave of goodwill to our friends over in the Talossan Republic, with a hearty "well-done" to the Government, with reiterated thanks to all of you who are the Kingdom of Talossa, I wish you all a most joyful Independence Day, a great year XXVIII, and prosperity in all your undertakings Talossan and otherwise.

– John R



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Where are they?

Long-time Talossan indicates his intention to not cast a vote in current Kingdom election

3 i 2008 - Gödafrieu Válcadác'h reporting: He was a combatant in the Cone Wars. He is the founder and author of the legendary Talossan National News as well as the author of the definitive exposé on the life and times of the infamous Davron, *Invasion of the Androids*, and has done Talossa for more than a quarter of a century. Ián Metáiriâ today expressed to this reporter his intention to not vote in the current Kingdom election. By way of email, he said, 'As you said, Jeff...."voting signifies (and it did with the old Kingdom) that you are *still interested in the whole thing.*' Thus, I am NOT voting precisely for that reason."

When asked about why he was no longer interested, he replied because of the lack of interest of Milwaukee Talossans in general. It is noted that of all the Milwaukee people, only Fritz Buchholtz has voted, though his son, Zach Buchholtz has not. Neither has Greg Raxhála. Neither has Danihél Lauriéir. Neither have any other Milwaukee-area Talossans.

If things go as they seem to be going (as of 9:00pm CST on 3 January), for the first time ever, a Talossan election will be held without the votes of a Metáiriâ or a Lauriéir being recorded.

What's going on?

Dan

He and I had a good phone chat before Christmas. It seems that he is entering a new period of Talossan inactivity. Nothing new, here: in his entire time as a Talossan, he has undergone periods of activity and inactivity and back to activity again, and so on.

Greg

As of this moment (9:05pm CST on 3 January), the last time Greg posted anything was on 13 November.

Fritz

He has had computer problems in the last year that have kept him off Wittenberg from time to time, but as I understand it, he is generally uninterested, anyway.

Ián

His last post was 20 December...of 2006.

And in the light of the end of the election for the 38th Cosâ, he has recorded his first strike.

Why did we leave in the first place?

A Founding Parent of the Republic speaks out

- an editorial by Gödafrieu Válcadác'h -

There are some, I believe, who think that we who left on 1 June 2004 could have done things differently in the Kingdom leading up to that time to make our voices heard: using the judiciary, campaigning for another election, etc.

It is time that I help to shed some light on why all that was moot and on why we who left the Regipäts on 1 June 2004 had no other choice but to do what we did.

Founder, family, friend, and guru

The genuine achievements of Ben Madison in Talossan life will never be equaled. How many of us have, in the wild imagination of our childhood, have fantasized and founded our own bedroom kingdoms, only to forget about them or to see the jaded cynicism of Real Life take over and put those dreams to pasture? Ben Madison was more than remarkable not only in founding the nation. That which he founded, combined with his personality and obsessiveness, was sufficiently appealing to other people to encourage them to join in on the fun. Thus, the make-believe kingdom lasted not just for a few months, but for decades.

To read about what Ben did to keep the Kingdom going through the years before the enterprise went online is to read about his winning life's lottery in a way that is richer in so many ways than those who win Powerball. He created a community. And without having children by normal means or adoption, he started a family.

The old Kingdom revolved around him in every way. He was the driving force culturally, socially, and politically. It was his sandbox in his backyard, and we all played with him. It was him and his Milwaukee cohorts. And we from around the world got to play along.

How could anyone think of Talossa without Ben Madison? And how could anyone think of Ben Madison without thinking of Talossa?

The offenses

In the spring of 2004 as a part of his vendetta against fellow Talossan Chris Gruber, Ben Madison, former King of Talossa, falsely accused him of domestic violence. In the process of gathering "evidence" for these accusations, Madison looked up Gruber's publicly-available United States court records.

Diligent research into the records by people other than Madison, as well as years of anecdotal evidence, showed these accusations to be utterly false, and Gruber was vindicated. But in the process, a horrible breach of trust in the institutions and government of Talossa was committed. Had any Talossan other than Ben pulled this stunt, he or she would have been expelled, and Ben would have been the one calling for that very punishment louder than anyone else. Should we hold Ben Madison to those same rules of human decency? Should he be held to the kinds of standards to which all other Talossans were and are held? Should he be punished, and if so, by what means?

And if he's not punished, then what kind of precedent would be set by letting him get away with this chicanery? A dangerous one, I say. It would be a precedent that would turn the Kingdom of Talossa from a democratic institution where basic civil rights were upheld into a

totalitarian dictatorial regime where anyone could be looked into if one fell afoul of the King and Queen - a banana republic where *El Presidente* rules.

Any legal mind who was not a Talossan at the time would have the objective view, I believe, that the proper means of legal recourse should be pursued: the judicial branch (as in Gruber suing the King in court), the executive branch (as in the Prime Minister and his cabinet doing something about it), and the legislative branch (the Ziu). If worse comes to worse, then the people as a whole could get involved and do something about it by pressuring all aspects of the government to do something. Why not sue? Why not pressure the government? Why not use the means that the law gives you?

The fact was that using those means would have done nothing more than delay the inevitable: secession or, much worse, a falling away forever of many of the nation's then-most-currently-active citizens with no hope ever of bringing back any of the Talossan diaspora from the past.

The influence of Ben Madison

So many things contributed to Ben having an overt influence on the direction of the nation. And it boils down to two things: 1. We trusted him as leader, founder, and guru-of-it-all. We still thought of Talossa as Ben's baby, even though we had a say in things through the ballot box, most of the country still looked to Ben as being the final arbiter of how things were going to go. 2. Unlike, Ben, the rest of us had real jobs and lives outside of Talossa. It was Ben and Ben alone who did Talossan 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Because of these things, the rest of us were not as interested in taking the time, energy, and money to canvass inactive voters for their support. Ben was very good about this, and was the chief vote-getter for the old Progressive Conservative Party back in the day when it held a continuous ten-year stranglehold on power.

More than a few of these inactive citizens did literally nothing in Talossa but vote for whomever Ben told them. And many of these citizens had known Ben for decades, and of these, a number

were family. One thing was clear to me: had we even tried to get their support, they would not have budged out of sincere affection and loyalty to Ben borne of years and years of non-Talossan relationships and experience.

This is why when he and Wes Erni revived the Black Hand Party, the Progressive Conservatives, already reeling from the departure of the Grey Congress people (on good terms they left), were decimated. Ben was the real source of power, and it was at that point that I realized just how immense his hold on Talossan politics really was.

But this same Ben Madison, who had done so, so, so much good, had also, in the spring of 2004, made a false accusation against another Talossan of domestic violence based on spurious conclusions fabricated from the said Talossan's public legal records.

6th Covenant: Under the principle that "A Man's Room is His Kingdom," the right of the people to privacy and security in their persons, homes, papers, correspondence, and property, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended. No person may be arrested or detained without a warrant issued by a judge, except in cases of *flagrante delicto*. No warrants shall be issued except on probable cause, and must particularly describe the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized. The right to privacy for public figures must be balanced by the public's right to know, in matters affecting politics, elections, campaigns, and governing. The intentional withholding of political information which reasonable voters might find helpful, profitable, or informative, violates the public's right to know.

- from the 1997 Organic Law as amended on 31 October 2003¹

The Covenants of Rights and Freedoms form (or are supposed to, anyway) a codification of the bedrock of Talossan society from 1997 onwards - standards of basic human decency and conduct that apply to all Talossans, even the King. Yet the

King expected to be exempt from what was clearly an illegal search and seizure.

A man's room is his castle.

But even more clearly than the Organic Law of the Kingdom, the words of a former Talossan citizen ring clear, as they always will:

What you said was bad Grubi, no doubt. But what Ben is doing about it is worse imo.....being yelled at is one thing, even when it brings up a loved one who has died, believe me I know. Were it only your vitriol to worry about I probably would have stayed, but honestly, Ben checking your background out as a means to dump you from Talossa, makes me sick. Ben evidently believes that two wrongs make a right, except that he is never wrong is he?

Grubi, you and I both know that had it not been you.....tho you kind of put yourself in that position ;p, Ben would have found someone else who didn't pass his muster and do everything he can to get them out of Talossa. Just like the Liberals just because they didn't bend down and kiss his ass. And the group before that, and the group before that. Ben likes enemies, he makes so many of them, according to him.

While I don't agree with the way you insulted Ben.....what Ben is doing as a result is scary. What's to keep him from doing it to any Talossan citizen who gets on the bad side of him. Like I said in another post, all I have is a traffic ticket issued in Kansas sometime in 82....maybe 83. But, that still doesn't mean I have to condone him looking into yours or any one elses personal records.

Even after all the time that's passed since I was on (and actually I've been reading posts for the last several months....putting off reappearing), I've had enough of Ben to last me for a good longv time. This was supposed to be fun.....at least that's what the website says, Ben has made it less fun for quite a few people.....and not just with you....I'm sorry, but I don't believe [Michaglh Pop] is a liar, and Ben saying he is has pissed me off.....same with M-P, same with [Gödafriëu Válcadác'h], and with your girl friend (sorry gf I can't remember the name...but it's old age ;p), who obviously knows more about it than Ben can

ever hope to....and is really good at posting :).

Gosh, I'm sorry, I didn't mean for this to be a book.....nor to discuss how I feel more than the post requesting my info be removed. But, I don't want this kind of Talossa, since it doesn't seem to be on it's way to changing, I am removing myself. Good luck Grubi and thanks :)

- the late Bill Cüféir's renunciation²
Wittenberg X 10068
12 April 2004

Had the founder and guru of Talossa become a millstone around the Kingdom's neck?

The seriousness of what Ben did

“what Ben is doing as a result is scary. What's to keep him from doing it to any Talossan citizen who gets on the bad side of him.”

- quoting from Cüf above

Without meaning to, Bill hits on the very aspect of what Ben and Amy did that was so repugnant for us. In the Talossa of old, community was based on more than just an internet message board. It was based on all the tangibles inherent in day-to-day in-person contact. One could see the other person, hear their voice, see their gestures (including the rude ones), and be receptive to all those signals and vibes that can only come through in-person contact.

When the Cybercit era began in the late 1990s, all that changed. For the first time, a group of Talossans would be no more than pixels on a computer screen. All the tangibles of personal contact were not available, and the things upon which we based our trust in one another changed utterly. The small-town aspect of Talossa was lost, and the wild-west world of people being nothing more than pixels (and ready access to whatever) that is the internet came into play.

And part of this wild-west world of the internet includes the easy availability of one's public legal records.

I'm not going to look through the public records of my friends at church or elsewhere. That information may be freely available, but while it may be freely accessible, it is none of anyone else's business, and it is certainly none of mine. The only exceptions for me would be if I thought someone was threatening me, as Ben may very well have sincerely thought of Chris Gruber.

And did Ben really believe Chris threatened him? We really don't know, and we will never know. But for the sake of argument, if for no other reason, let's give Ben the benefit of a doubt. After all, even with Gruber's vindication, Gruber's insult to Ben during the Halloween Crisis, in which he references Ben's mother's passing-away in 1979, proved he was no angel.

Yet, all Chris did was to make an insult. A vicious and nasty one, though, to be sure... And if nothing else had happened beyond that, Ben walks on the high road. But it is part of the genius of Ben Madison that he found a way to out-do even that vicious insult with something much worse: the attempted smearing of Gruber's reputation.

But again, let's give Ben the benefit of the doubt: Chris Gruber makes a death threat. What would you do? Let's take a logical step and look up his records and see if there is a history of violent behavior.

Before she met and married Ben Madison, Amy Durnford was a victim of genuine domestic violence in a previous relationship. Naturally, when the cosmetic appearance of Chris' records seemed to match those pertaining to Amy's troubles, Ben and Amy, already seething with hatred toward Gruber over a personality spat as much as anything else, took the next step and made their conclusions public - a potentially-libelous thing to do.

To me, at least, it was not the looking into Chris Gruber's records that was the problem. Had Amy and Ben kept their conclusions to themselves and done the appropriate thing (again, playing devil's advocate) and had a formal criminal background check done on Gruber, that would have been something different. But they instead went public

with their conclusions, and they were proven spurious.

In the light of Chris Gruber's vindication and continuing to give Ben and Amy the benefit of a doubt, what Cüf said in his renunciation was a clarion call to many of us. Here was Cüf, a quiet observer of what had been going on; an apolitical citizen much-loved by Ben (seemingly), the PC, and everyone else in Talossa; and who had did not have any animosity towards anyone and had no axe to grind, saying this. If Ben was apt to make these sorts of spurious conclusions about Chris Gruber, even if he felt he was genuinely correct, he could do this sort of thing to anyone.

Bill's words opened a lot of eyes, and they certainly did with me. In fact, his renunciation, as well as Art's a few hours later, was an unwitting direct inspiration (though not the only one by any means) for us to "dare something worthy". He later became a citizen of the Republic and passed away from cancer in December 2005.

Playing devil's advocate

In truth, however, we did not feel we could give Ben that benefit of a doubt. There was too much evidence that suggested that all this ruckus was just a petty personal vendetta based on a personality clash at TalossaFest 2003 in which Gruber and the Madisons met for the first time in-person, the sole purpose of which was to get Gruber out of Talossa by whatever means necessary.

And if Ben did this to Chris Gruber, he could do it to anyone he didn't like. And I say this again, if anyone else in Talossa had pulled this stunt, he or she would have been thrown out in short order with Ben screaming and yelling louder than anyone else for expulsion. Yet when he did something like this, we were supposed to just look the other way?

As Cybercits, especially those of us who have not spoken on the phone, know in-person, or have met other Talossans in-person, our trust in Talossa is based solely on that ephemeral trust in the internet and those who dwell therein - a precarious one at best for a lot of people online. We who are cybercits have nothing else to go on but the good nature and goodwill of pixels we have never laid

eyes on or know in any way, shape, or form. How great that leap of faith the trust among Cybercits truly is: the foundation that keeps trans-Milwaukee Talossa - and the real cultural impetus of the nation for the past eleven years - alive, well, and, as a result, the nation as a whole alive.

By airing Gruber's dirty laundry, opening him up to potential problems in employment-background-internet-check searches, Ben and Amy violated that trust in spades. Not to mention his reputation in Talossa...

Why, again, should we give Ben and Amy a free pass? The laws of Talossa, as well as the laws of basic human decency, applied to them, too.

An appropriate punishment

The Organic Law provided a number of ways Ben and Amy (who was as complicit as he in all this and had to have been the driving force behind it all) could have been punished, ranging from Ben's dethronement to their outright expulsion. Organic limitations on the political powers of a monarch made the prospect of dethronement unworkable. Free of the restrictions placed upon the monarchy, Ben would have been free to waltz into the Senate seat of Vuode province as well as the vacant seat on the Uppermost Cort with little difficulty. Even worse, he could have instead become Prime Minister. Additionally, he would be free, with his cadre of ghost voters to work the 200-seat Cosâ as he wished. The next monarch would have been the figurehead (Amy?) while Ben, working behind the scenes, would have wielded the real power.

Ben's influence as founder, family, guru, friend, and creative genius had to be removed. He and Amy both had to be truly punished, and the only real way in which to effect that was provided for in the Organic Law - but with a catch (boldfacing mine):

Art. XV: Sec. 12. The courts shall have power to enforce penalties against violators, commensurate with the severity of the crime. The Uppermost Cort may in certain extreme circumstances impose the penalty of expulsion from the country, **by a unanimous vote**. Sentences may only be overturned by Royal Pardon.¹

Does the 'sentence' take effect immediately upon the issuance of the Cort's decision, thereby stripping Ben of the power to issue a Royal Pardon on himself immediately? Of course, Madison could have issued a Royal Pardon in advance of the Cort's ruling. It's ironic that that Royal Pardon would come from none other than the subject of the lawsuit. Also, the composition of the Uppermost Cort did not lend itself whatsoever to there being any unanimity to any vote of expulsion that might come up, and anything less than outright expulsion would not have hurt Ben really at all. Yes, we would have gotten a favorable verdict, but the represented victory would have been meaningless.

Censure him in some way? Prohibit him from making new awards and honours? Whatever. He was rightfully stingy on such things, anyway. Prohibit him from making speeches from the throne? So what. This is Ben Madison we are dealing with - the guy who found the loophole revealing the readmission of Ián Anglatzarâ into Kingdom citizenship in 2003³ was a sentence of the Cort that could be commuted (and was) by the Monarch. He could have simply sidestepped the throne-speech issue with "Speeches from the Consulate".

What about the Cort as a punishment prohibiting him from nominating new Cort Justices? Well, without amending the Organic Law directly, that would most certainly run against the Organic Law in some fashion. And of course, his suit before the Cort would be in their hands immediately, thereby delaying any sort of punishment.

But in the light of the composition of the Uppermost Cort at that time, all this discussion is academic.

Senior Justice Ian Metáiriá

Of the two Justices serving in the Spring of 2004, he was the most outspoken against Ben's behavior, but would he, Ben's best friend, have voted to oust him from the Kingdom?

I don't think so, and neither did the rest of us who formed the Republic.

Justice Ken Velméir

Years of working with him and knowing him did not give us any assurance he would have seen things the right way. As it turns out, he renounced his own citizenship in 2005 in the wake of Ben and Amy leaving.

With a unanimous vote needed to throw Amy and Ben out of Talossa, the Uppermost Cort as a means of genuine legal recourse that would really benefit Talossa did not exist.

Art Verbotten

Yes, he was on the Uppermost Cort as well, but only until 13 April 2004 when he renounced his citizenship, thereby leaving the Cort. Additionally, it was not until this renunciation as well as Bill Cûf's a few hours before that the real impetus for the Republic began.

And even if Art had stayed, I am still not convinced even he could have pulled off the seemingly-impossible and gotten Velméir and Metáiriá to go along with expulsion.

The Cosâ and the Black Hand

What about the legislature?

The exact record of the election that ended on 14 June 2004 is not available at the present time. However, everyone knows the result: a convincing victory for the Black Hand, and the prospect of the Kingdom continuing to be a one-party state.

Yes, we in the PC-ZPT merged party voted in the election, but even the clout of our votes was not enough to defeat the MN in the election for the 200-seat Cosâ with provincial reapportionment.

And the Black Hand had Ben and his legion of pocket votes. Actually, aside from “Cantaloupe” and Q (who was better than the MN ever hoped to be), the Black Hand party *was* Ben and his pocket votes!

Ben’s party was in the position formerly taken by the Progressive Conservatives: being in a powerful position capable of wooing just enough new citizens with carrots of PMships and the like (yes, the PC did this, too) to keep itself in power perpetually.

Yes, the Cosâ would probably have issued some sort of resolution calling Ben’s actions nefarious or something else, but Talossan memories are short, and the resolution would have been forgotten, and because we would never have let the issue rest, we in the end would have come off as whiners.

The Government

Then-PM Quedier Castiglhâ was not about, I believe, to go along with any sort of expulsion for Ben and Amy when in fact, he was trying to get all sides to forgive one another and have done with it.

The People themselves

On 20 May 2004, I did a private assessment of the voting strength of our PC-ZPT bloc of people who were fed up with Ben compared to the numbers in the other factions of the Kingdom.

The majority of the Talossan people as well as majorities in a majority of the provinces were not on our side.



16 January 2005 at Napoleon’s gaming store in Shorewood, Wisconsin. Amy Durnford (left) votes in the Cosâ election while Fritz Buchholtz looks on.



Chên Velmeir ca. 1996

The numbers do not lie.

		All these people I have grouped together as being against Ben and Amy's expulsion				
	Anti-Ben/ pro-expulsion	Pro-Ben/ openly-hostile	Pro-Ben family/ close friends	<i>Pro-Ben pocket votes</i>	Anti-Ben/ anti-expulsion	<i>Neutral inactives/ pocket votes opinions not gaugable</i>
KA	1	1	1	<i>0</i>	2	5
CÉ	1	0	1	<i>0</i>	0	1
FL	2	1	0	<i>0</i>	2	1
MA	2	0	0	<i>1</i>	1	3
MM	3	0	0	<i>0</i>	2	1
MU	1	0	2	<i>0</i>	0	1
VD	2	2	3	<i>0</i>	1	1
Total	12	4	7	<i>1</i>	8	13

The numbers used here have been gleaned from information collected from the citizens list of the Talossan Database System on 20 January 2004 as well as from a private assessment of the leanings of individual citizens done that same day. This table takes into account the renunciations of Art Verbotten and Cüf as they are not included in the number above.

Anti-Ben/pro-expulsion

This group includes M-P Furxheir as well as the eleven Founding Parents of the Republic of Talossa. No-one who abhorred Ben's and Amy's actions and who wanted their expulsion from the Regipäts ended up staying in the Regipäts.

Pro-Ben/openly-hostile

That's right. Only four people were openly-hostile to the first group. Ben, Amy, M. Cantaloûr, and one other person were in the camp that actively campaigned against Chris Gruber or actively supported that campaign.

Pro-Ben family/close friends

These are people like Ben's father and sister as well as a long-time citizen who was an old teacher of Ben's.

Pro-Ben pocket votes

One Cybercit who is not an Old-Growther revealed to me by email in 2004 they supported Ben over us.

Anti-Ben/anti-expulsion

These are the people who sat on the fence.

Truly-neutral inactives/pocket votes opinions not gaugable

Self-explanatory

I have left out the actual names of the individuals I believe were in each group so as not to bring up truly needless dross from the past. The above table shows the distribution of voting-age Kingdom citizens into the various political clumps of the day. At this point, it was no longer about the ZPT, RCT, PC, or whatever. You were in one of a number of camps: those repulsed by “Be proud of that, it’s all you have”, those who chose to ignore it, and those who were torn between genuine affection for Ben and the horrid truth.

Again, I say: the numbers do not lie. Twelve people would have done the right thing and expelled Amy and Ben from the Kingdom, but such was Ben’s influence and all that four people, Ben included, worked actively to see that that did not happen.

Then there were those seven members of Ben’s family as well as his close friends of many years who we could never hope to sway. A rich trove of unwitting pawns for Ben...

Of course, the King was not the only person with pocket votes. Every political party in Talossa had them - the PC, the ZPT, etc. It’s just that the number of these voters Ben had at his disposal brought attention to him in that he, and therefore the MN, had more pocket votes than all other political parties combined. The one pocket voter not in Ben’s inner circle who overtly declared their support for Ben did so by way of an email to me in Spring 2004.

And then we come to the eight swing voters, the Anti-Ben/Anti-expulsion crowd who unwittingly did Ben and Amy’s work by not supporting their expulsion. No, none of them ever came out and said, “No” to that sort of punishment, but in so many words they did. Had they done differently, they would have been, I believe, the people who could have swung the tide to bring in enough support from the thirteen inactives whose opinions we could not gauge.

As it stood, however, we had twelve votes, and when you count up all the neutral voters, Ben effectively had twenty who would not have supported his expulsion, which was for him an effective victory. Assuming he could have swayed

half of the thirteen “Just don’t know” people, he would have effectively had twenty-six.

Even if Art and Bill were to be included in the list, neither one was willing/or able to wage a protracted war against Ben’s propaganda mill. They had more-pressing problems in their non-Talossan lives.

The provinces and the Senäts

My numbers show that while the long senate terms still had PC members in control of the Senäts, the general electorate was such that five of the seven Kingdom provinces were effectively in Ben’s hands, thereby assuring Cosâ victories, especially in Vuode. Yes, we who left held five of the seven Senate seats (all but Vuode and Atatürk unless the Database System shows something different) - a comfortable majority.

But rest assured, Ben would have made Senate race issues out of what went on, and I cannot imagine we would have been re-elected, for we would have never stopped trying to get Ben and Amy thrown out of Talossa - a penalty they richly deserved, and we would have made that our chief issue.

The last twelve whose inclinations we could not guess

Those in the “Just don’t know” column... Could we have persuaded all twelve of these far-flung individuals to take our side? The justified prestige of being the founder and the person who knew more about the country than anyone else ever could and the genuine respect and affection such a position engenders would have been a hard nut to crack indeed, and it was far too risky to attempt it lest we all become burned out on Talossa completely and just give up on the entire thing completely.

The Table of Abbavilla

This was then-PM Quedêir Castighlâ’s spring 2004 attempt at bringing the two sides of the issue to the figurative table in the hopes of working something out. The theory was that both sides would submit their takes on all that happened, and that things would go from there with Q as the

moderator. The idea was that if things were talked out, the situation would have come to a peaceful resolution.

Alas for Q, things were out of not just his control, but beyond the ability of anyone in Talossa to repair without someone being thrown out of the country or someone leaving on their own accord. Once Ben had taken things to the next level with the accusations against Gruber, Talossa was broken. And there was nothing Q or anyone else could have done about it.

It has been asked why I (and I think M-P Furxhéir) were the only ones to submit statements and materials to the Table. As it turns out, the reason why more of us did not submit things to the Table was that we were waiting for Ben do so something - *anything* - that would give us any indication he wanted a rapprochement, which was clearly Q's aim and a laudable one. I guess now that he thought his Wittenberg statements and Stötanneu articles would be enough, but to the Table of Abbavilla he submitted nothing. Nothing at all.

No other options

The executive and legislative branches were openly-hostile to us. In regard to expelling Ben and Amy from the Regipäts, the judicial branch was really not in our corner, either, though unlike the executive and legislative branches of Talossa's government, the justices would have been at least sympathetic.

We could have held on to control of the Senäts for a time, but we felt that Ben's influence was too powerful and pervasive in too many provinces for our continued senatorial tenures to last much longer. Besides, we did not relish the prospect of a long and protracted war with the King in which the Gruber issue would have become stale with time. Ben's propaganda machine was too good, and he only had to keep the rhetoric going long enough to burn out the neutral crowd on the evil Gruber crowd and finish us off.

The majority of the Cosâ electors as well as majorities in the majority of the provinces were not in the expel-Ben crowd, and doing anything in the Cosâ would have been a lost cause. Yes,

bringing up lawsuits, etc. and having them fail would have given us the opportunity to say, "We exhausted all legal remedies.", but we didn't want to bother. We had had enough, and the timing was right for us to make a clear and sudden break with the Kingdom. The creative genius of what Ben had put together for more than two decades meant that the thing was worth fighting for against the very thing that was destroying it: its creator.

1 June 2004. We had no choice.

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Many thanks to Miestrâ Schivâ for her proofreading and editorial work!

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TalossaWest 2007 pics



Mick: "I have a problem here...The last time they asked the Royal Household to stand for a photograph... they shot the Romanovs."

Last summer, John and Patrick Woolley, Hooligan, Olaf, and others got together for TalossaWest, a gathering of the Colorado-based Talossans. I remembered an online photo album from this event, but could not find the Witt posting. This week, Cresti made a post to that thread, bringing it back up to the top of Wittenberg and giving me a chance to tell you all where to find these photos:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/mr.mickster/TalossaWest>

Raves and Rants

This is a damn good issue. I encourage everyone to read it (and the past issues, when they are made available again).

- Alexander Davis
responding to Oraclá No. 64

archived from
<http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thread=1198733891> reply #1 on 27 xii 2007

Of course, it did help that your mug was prominently displayed in the cover graphic and that this particular issue was more Kingdom-centric than one might imagine it would

be. ;-) But seriously, thanks ever so much for your support and kind words. It's very good to have this thing going again. -- And past issues are already available. See the notes from the editor below. - GV

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I think in order to find out whether unification is possible at all, we need to put political issues totally aside for a while and spend some time getting to know and understand each other as individuals first. It's too early to talk about what provisions of the OrgLaw should be changed, etc. We need to be real friends first.

- C.M. Siervicül

archived from
<http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thread=1198733891> reply #4 on 29 xii 2007

Truer words were never spoken. - GV

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Zooks! It's really been two years since the last?

- QC

Yup, Q, it has. - GV

archived from
<http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thread=1198733891> reply #12 on 29 xii 2007

www.oracla.com

What's going on with it anyway?

Back in 2005 and with the generous sponsorship of www.cablan.net (which continues to this day), I began www.oracla.com to house not only my Oraclá past issues, but also the numerous publications of Oraclá Press. Given the nature of search engines and the plethora of original-language names in so many of my publications and the need for privacy and the need to keep search engines at bay, I made the site password-protected.

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As for the blog, it is on hiatus for the moment, though a special issue of Oraclâ (or issues, that is) will be used to archive these posts, they being a part of the Oraclâ record.

In the next year, I hope to bring about a complete makeover of oracla.com, including new editions of all Oraclâ publications (except official Republic and Kingdom archives which will be housed in a password-protected site elsewhere - yet to be determined) with Talossan-language names, making it possible for them to be available without having to go through the inconvenience of having to remember a username and password.

Happy New Year!

Gödafríen Válcadác'h
Editor-in-Chief and Founder



The return of Ieremiác'h

Ventrútx leaves Republic for Kingdom

Republic Founding Parent renounces Republic citizenship in a bid to return to the Kingdom

17 January 2008 - Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, reporting: He was the first to call for a "Republic of Talossa". In a shocking turn of events, Republic Founding Parent Ieremiác'h Ventrútx becomes the first citizen of the Republic of Talossa, founded on 1 June 2004, to renounce his Republic citizenship and make a bid for readmission to the Kingdom of Talossa.

In his renunciation statement on Wittenberg X, Ventrútx said, in part, "I do not see the Republic becoming a Talossa that will be remembered in history. I see a republic, crippled and twisted by their hate for the founder of Talossa. A hate that is misplaced on those that stayed behind with the Kingdom. A hate that permeates to the point of leeching the very breath out of the politics, and the very form from the government the Republic was founded upon." His full renunciation post, along with reaction from fellow Republic citizens and others may be had at the end of this issue.

The Republic reacts

Republic President Ián Anglatzarâ this morning replied via Witt X: "As far as we can. I do not blame your decision to leave, because you have not been very involved for the last years, but I can tell you that you are completely mistaken in your belief that we hate the citizens of the Kingdom, or let our feelings for King Ben cripple and twist us. We have our problems, but they are rather those of not putting enough energy into things - not those of hating or being crippled by hate. To be honest, I can't even see where you'd get that idea from.

"Fare thee well, and good luck in life! I've always treasured knowing you, to the extent that I have."

Ieremiác'h begins his return to the Regjöpäts

In his official asking for readmission, in the form of a "what Talossa means to me" essay, Ventrútx, has this to say, "Today, I stand before the very

Kingdom that I once so happily left to form the Republic. I stand, not with my hat not in hand, but with my arm raised in salute to overcoming and throwing out a tyrant. My pledge, to my King and my Kingdom, is that I will once again protect, love, and serve the great citizens of the Kingdom of Taslossa in any way I am required for my citizenship.

"The future is bright in the Kingdom of Talossa once again. There is Culture, there is a sense of Maturity, there is a Legacy, there is Nation Building once again. My plans in the Kingdom will be for change, to limit the power of the King, to develop and propose what I feel is an achievable way for the King to be removed from power in case of Tyranny, to assist the growth of the Kingdom online presence for Provinces, and other elements of Talossan Culture, to expand my political horizons and hold office in a Province and the government of Talossa, and to develop a lasting friendship and extended family within Talossa."

More on this breaking story as the day goes on...

38th Cosâ elected

RUMP scores another solid victory

Wednesday 16 January 2008 - Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, reporting:

As of this moment, I now declare that the voting for the General Election occurring 15 December - 14 January Closed.



Done in the name of King John and under his Royal Seal this 14th day of January in the year of salvation 2008, in the 1st year of the reign of our gracious sovereign King John, and of the independence of Talossa the 29th.

Mick Preston, Deputy Secretary of State

archived from
<http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?acton=display&board=general&thread=1197266657&page=5>
on 15 January 2008 by GV.

And with this, another electoral triumph for the Kingdom's RUMP party as it holds on, in the best

tradition of the old Progressive Conservatives, to power in Cosâ for another term.

The 38th Cosâ

The Partî pÛr la Restoraziun és Pirneçaziun dal Monarc'hâ (RUMP in English) has won another absolute Cosâ majority with 132 seats from 40 of 64 votes - the most ballots ever cast in any Talossan election, beating out the previous record of 51 in the 28th and 36th Cosâ elections as well as a Kingdom referendum in 2006. As of this writing, the Prime Minister for the next term has not yet been announced.

Provincial Assemblies

The last elections, seemingly, under the Ben-inspired scheme provincial assemblies' elections would be tied to those of the Cosâ, the RUMP won landslides in Atatürk and Florenciâ, but got only pluralities in Cézembre, Maricopa, Maritiimi-Maxhestic, and Vuode. The party lost out in Mussolini where the LRT won a small working majority.

The Senâts

Trotxâ Beteñeir won by a huge margin in Vuode while Bradley Holmes of Atatürk was unopposed. Both candidates are in the RUMP party and reflect the huge RUMP voting that went on in those two provinces.

OrgLaw amendments

All six Organic Law amendments passed in their respective referenda, a notable one .

The complete election results and election ballot, archived directly from original Kingdom copies may be had at the end of this issue.

Kingdom citizens no more

The list of people who have lost their Kingdom citizenships due to non-voting is long: Mark Franklin, Peter Onsgard, Joel Wood, Mark Zeitler, Dr. Javier Otto Jorge Gold Ferrari, Hans-Jürgen von Knappe, Dean Menezes, Jason Buchholtz,

Tric'hard Dieulofaçeva, Tom Onyango, Peter Kabachnik, and Yassine Khalifi.

Raves and Rants

Congratulations for the Oraclâ. Best number ever!

- Xhorxh Asmour via GoogleTalk on Oraclâ No. 65
on 16 January 2008

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A lot of reaction from the Kingdom Witt on Oraclâ No. 65 - all post archived from <http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thead=1200430392> on 16 January 2008:

From Mick Preston:

Re: Oraclâ No. 65: Tuesday 15 January 2008

« Reply #1 on Yesterday at 3:14pm »

This is a most excellent read! I have learned more from this retelling of history than can be described.

I recommend that anyone that came to the Kingdom after 2006 take the time to read, digest, and learn from this.

Thanks, GV!

From Dréu Gavárbic'h:

Re: Oraclâ No. 65: Tuesday 15 January 2008

« Reply #2 on Yesterday at 3:39pm »

Wonderful GV! I especially liked that bit about the old-growthers (N.B. Fritz and Dan did eventually vote, LRT I might add). Keep on truckin GV!

From Alexander Davis:

Re: Oraclâ No. 65: Tuesday 15 January 2008

« Reply #3 on Yesterday at 4:16pm »  

A stunning analysis, exemplifying perfectly the logical argument and causation for the departure of the Republicans, and perhaps an argument for further analysis and work on the OrgLaw to ensure this situation does not occur - even as unlikely as that is with our current monarch. There are few people who don't think the departure was justified, even if they might disagree with the method and following actions (as I do) or incline more towards the later course of actions that did drive out the King. Regardless of these last, this issue is excellent and steers a careful course through a rocky shoal, without

venturing into any sort of partisanship. Well done, as per usual, GV!

From Owen Edwards:

Re: Oraclá No. 65: Tuesday 15 January 2008

« Reply #4 on Yesterday at 4:36pm »

I actually found that quote an emotionally affecting read; it is certainly a poignant reflection on the decline in Old-Growth participation.

Long live Talossa, in all her incarnations and glory.

From C.M. Siervicül:

Re: Oraclá No. 65: Tuesday 15 January 2008

« Reply #5 on Yesterday at 6:17pm »

Wow. That does a great job of conveying the sense of desperation felt by the Republicans in the days leading up to the split. And is far more concise than *A Nation Sundered* (which I recommend to anyone who hasn't read it). 😊

A factual correction: At least three Wisconsinite citizens had voted prior to January 3 (Sir Fritz, Bleic'h Ianescu, and Vince Whitacre), and at least one more (Joe Clark) after that.

Many thanks to all of you!

- GV, Editor

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Oraclá March Madness 2008

It's coming!

And yes, the results from 2007 are as well. :-)

*Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Editor-in-Chief and Founder*

Benvenescù! Hêvelor! Fàilte!

Welcome to the Talossan Social Democratic Party!

The PSD is open to all Talossans who desire a strong, democratic Republic which builds on twenty-five years of Talossan history, where all points of view are welcome, and where all Talossans can participate in continuing to build our noble national culture.

Come join our **Popular Front** campaign for 2005!



A Republic political ad from 2005

*From left to right: Chris Gruber,
Miestrà Schivâ, and Rischâ Gruber*



*A Progressive Conservative Wittenberg Advert from late 2002. As PC members were referred to as Tories, using *Tori Spelling* as a campaign mascot was a natural choice. As the election results show, this strategy proved to be the right one -- in getting not too many votes, but a good ribbing from Gjermund instead.*



The official logo for the TalossaFest '98 website

This day in Republic History(#31647), posted by **Ieremiác'h Ventrútx**, [IP Hidden], January 17, 2008 - 02:08. Viewed **18** times.

User Info
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Ieremiác'h Ventrútx

A short time ago, I stood on the brink of a grand experiment, the Republic of Talossa. A wonderful tale: a large cross section of the Kingdom of Talossa, rising up against the tyranny of an all-too-powerful king to break away and establish a land free from such tyrants.

Today, I stand again on the brink of a great adventure. Today, I recognize publicly the faults of the Republic and the future that see just around the bend of history.

I do not see the Republic becoming a Talossa that will be remembered in history. I see a republic, crippled and twisted by their hate for the founder of Talossa. A hate that is misplaced on those that stayed behind with the Kingdom. A hate that permeates to the point of leeching the very breath out of the politics, and the very form from the government the Republic was founded upon.

Today I wish you well. I wish you Godspeed. I wish you peace.

Today, I Ieremiác'h Ventrútx renounce my citizenship in the Republic of Talossa.

Please honor my request, and remove my English name from the database, websites etc.

This day in Republic History
Ieremiác'h Ventrútx

January 17, 2008 - 02:08

- [RE: This day in Republic History](#)

President Anglatzarâ

January 17, 2008 - 03:36

Parent message
 [This day in Republic History](#)
Ieremiác'h Ventrútx

January 17, 2008 - 02:08

RE: This day in Republic History(#31650), posted by **President Anglatzarâ**, [IP Hidden], January 17, 2008 - 03:36. Viewed **3** times.

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Fare thee well, and good luck in life! I've always treasured knowing you, to the extent that I have.

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Servéu

- [RE: This day in Republic History](#)

Gödafríeu Válcadác'h

January 17, 2008 - 03:12

Parent message

[This day in Republic History](#)

Ieremiác'h Ventrútx

January 17, 2008 - 02:08

RE: This day in Republic History(#31649), posted by **Gödafríeu Válcadác'h**, [IP Hidden], January 17, 2008 - 03:12. Viewed **4** times.

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Gödafríeu Válcadác'h

I am very sorry to see you leave the Republic, because that would have you leave Talossa. And I would much rather have you make a return to the Kingdom than to leave Talossa altogether.

I, for one, am terribly sorry to see you go.

GV

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- [RE: This day in Republic History](#)

Ián Txaglh January 17, 2008 - 02:55

Parent message

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Ieremiác'h Ventrútx

January 17, 2008 - 02:08

RE: This day in Republic History(#31648), posted by **Ián Txaglh**, [IP Hidden], January 17, 2008 - 02:55. Viewed **5** times.

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Text

Ián Txaglh

I do not see the Republic becoming a Talossa that will be remembered in history. I see a republic, crippled and twisted by their hate for the founder of Talossa. A hate that is misplaced on those that stayed behind with the Kingdom. A hate that permeates to the point of leeching the very breath out of the politics, and the very form from the government the Republic was founded upon.

hate? no, i do not think we hate robert the one. and no, i do not think we hate anyone in kindgom (ok, i speak for me here, i do not hate anyone there). if you think, that someone is incompetent and ill-acting and you decide to fight against it (not him), it is not called hate (yes, i know, my english is fucking poor, welcome to the singapore, so i might just express myself in a wrong way). if you do not believe in and you do not support some idea (e.g. talossa reunification), it is not called hate. if you do not believe that someone says honestly truth and you choose not to listen (e.g. i do not believe that orglaw is democratic despite people in kingdom do say it is), it is not called hate. hate is a violent, blinding emotion. could you, please, specify in what particularly the hate is hidden in republic?

i respect your decision, but i do not understand it. anyway, you are one the very core citizen in talossa, while me is newcomer only (i am here one year, to be precise), so i am not here to have moral power nor right to say "pls, re-iterate yr decision". but, anyway, pls, do it.

Ián "Suórsch Grültcátsfiglheu" Txaglh
el ministreu del glhep és da cúlthurá

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Ieremiác'h Ventrútx

A Man w/o a Country

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Article XVIII, Section 11 of the Organic Law

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This was submitted to the Cort early this morning

I, Ieremiác'h Ventrútx, do by these presents hereby petition the Uppermost Cort of the Kingdom of Talossa, in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 11 of the Organic Law thereof, to restore my citizenship and that of my dandelion children for whom I speak. I pray most humbly that their Honours the Justices of the Cort do act upon this petition as expeditiously as their judicial wisdom and prudence will allow.

"Why Talossa Meant That Much To Me"

In 1994 I watched Talossa from afar; introduced by Freeburg and Muth to a grand adventure of politics and people that was Regipats Talossa. I was there, watching in the next two years as Talossa grew from more than just the small local group of people from Milwaukee, and expanded to include the next generation of Talossans, the Cybercitizens.

Since my introduction to Talossa, I have always had a love and hate relationship. From the very beginning Ben Madison fought against my citizenship to prevent "a horde of Young Republicans" from entering the Kingdom. Overcoming that obstacle, I immediately joined the Talossan left and the Defenders of Talossa. I registered Talossa.com and after offering it to Ben directly, he refused. I kept it for myself, until my inactivity took me too far away from my beloved Talossa.

After much battling with Ben and his personal attacks, I withdrew from Talossa for all but elections. My vote was for the first in the opposition to call. I had become the pocket vote that kept a tyrant in power.

With Ben's attacks on me having all but driven me out, Ben turned on Chris Gruber, once his ally... once his friend. I felt for Mr. Gruber. I felt for Talossa, and when the opportunity arose for a group of like minded people to step out, and stand up to the Tyrant, I leapt at it. To dare something worthy.

Today, I stand before the very Kingdom that I once so happily left to form the Republic. I stand, not with my hat not in hand, but with my arm raised in salute to overcoming and throwing out a tyrant. My pledge, to my King and my Kingdom, is that I will once again protect, love, and serve the great citizens of the Kingdom of Talossa in any way I am required.

The future is bright in the Kingdom of Talossa once again. There is Culture, there is a sense of Maturity, there is a Legacy, there is Nation Building once again. My plans in the Kingdom will be for change, to limit the power of the King, to develop and propose what I feel is an achievable way for the King to be removed from power in case of Tyranny, to assist the growth of the Kingdom online presence for Provinces, and other elements of Talossan Culture, to expand my political horizons and hold office in a Province and the government of Talossa, and to develop a lasting friendship and extended family within Talossa.

This is what Talossa means to me.

RESULTS OF THE DEC 07- JAN 08 ELECTION

Archived from <http://www.kingdomoftalossa.net/chancery/Dec-Jan%20General%20Election.doc>
by Gödafrieu Válcadác'h on Tuesday 15 January 2008

In keeping with the spirit of the secret ballot, the actual votes people cast have been removed.

1. Raw votes, by province

This table shows each eligible voter, along with his votes in the December 2007 - Jan 2008 election.

Eligible voters: 102 Ballots cast : 64 % of Ballots cast: 63

VOTER	PROVINCE	Party for Cosâ	Senate Candidate	Provincial Party	37RZ9	37RZ10	37RZ11	37RZ15	37RZ16	37RZ17
Nicolâ Damianâ Aseriâ	Atatürk									
Çađatay Çakýr	Atatürk									
Carrie Canda **	Atatürk									
Mark Franklin	Atatürk									
George Hargreves	Atatürk									
Melissa Hensley	Atatürk									
Brad Holmes	Atatürk									
Michael (Mike) Holmes	Atatürk									
Carrie Howell	Atatürk									
Matáiws Nanamavéu	Atatürk									
Maxfield (Max) Sklar	Atatürk									
Sherry Leah Stuart-McDonald	Atatürk									
Xhorxh Ūnamînd	Atatürk									
Koray Yücel	Atatürk									
Ián da Bitoúr	Cézembre									
X(horxh) Pól Brigâ	Cézembre									
Niclau del Cjár*	Cézembre									
Blandine Coriú*	Cézembre									
Frédéric Coriú*	Cézembre									
Ián Páir Danôis	Cézembre									
Owen Edwards	Cézembre									
Francesco Felici **	Cézembre									
Eugene Oh	Cézembre									
Peter B. (Pete) Onsgard	Cézembre									
Nikü (Nik) Spyropoulos	Cézembre									
Catrinâ Þestrâ	Cézembre									
Joseph Oliver Walkland	Cézembre									
Tony Weckström	Cézembre									
John R	Florenciâ									
Prince Patrick	Florenciâ									

Katy Anna Applehans	Florenciâ									
Cjarâ Brainerd	Florenciâ									
Olaf Brainerd	Florenciâ									
Evan Campbell	Florenciâ									
Barôn Quedêir Castighâ	Florenciâ									
Capitán Nicolâ (Nic) Casálmac'h	Florenciâ									
Sevastáin Casálmac'h	Florenciâ									
Jon Hanson **	Florenciâ									
Geoffrey (Geoff) Holdorf	Florenciâ									
Polly Maria Holdorf	Florenciâ									
Bruce Jones	Florenciâ									
Mà la Mhà, Barôn Tepistà	Florenciâ									
Mark McDonald	Florenciâ									
Danielle (Nellie) Moulton	Florenciâ									
Aspra Laira	Florenciâ									
Roibeard Laira	Florenciâ									
Sir Samuhél Tecladéir	Florenciâ									
Joel Wood	Florenciâ									
Mark Zeitler	Florenciâ									
Xhorxh Asmoûr	Maricopa									
Tomás Chirischtôval àl Bosc *	Maricopa									
Zack Buchholtz **	Maricopa									
Albrec'ht (Al) Cheléir	Maricopa									
Rev. Robert A. Crutchfield **	Maricopa									
Chirischtôval Daviescu	Maricopa									
Dr. Javier Otto Jorge Gold Ferrari	Maricopa									
Peter (Pete) Hottelet	Maricopa									
Hans-Jürgen von Knappe	Maricopa									
Dean Menezes	Maricopa									
Sir Cresti Siervicül *	Maricopa									
Victoria (Tora) Sossaman **	Maricopa									
S. Vincent (Vince) Whitacre	Maricopa									
Sir Fritz von Buchholtz *	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									

Jason Buchholtz	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
John (Nigel) Cornes **	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Leftenanteu Alexander Davis	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Don Deutschmann **	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Tric'hard Dïeulofaçeva	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Lauren Eserman	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Gary Hawkins *	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Conta Domnul Danihél Lauriéir	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Eric Lenz *	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Düc Ián A. von Metáiriâ	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Capitán Mark (Mick) Preston	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Gregory Rajala	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Allen (Al) Simmerman	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Brenéir Tzaracompradá	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Pelereu d'Ursum *	Maritiimi-Maxhestic									
Capitán Tímopi Asmourescu	Mussolini									
Joe Clark **	Mussolini									
Corrine De Winter	Mussolini									
Bleic'h Spenséir Iánescu	Mussolini									
Victor Idowu **	Mussolini									
Patti (Patsy) McCue **	Mussolini									
Flip Molinar	Mussolini									
Tom Onyango	Mussolini									
Kelly Reid *	Mussolini									
John Skvarek	Mussolini									
Enric (Enrí) Válbuérg	Mussolini									
Matáiwos Vürinalt	Mussolini									
Edward Wadas	Mussolini									
Sir Trotxâ Betiñéir	Vuode									
Franz Buchholtz *	Vuode									

Alexandreu (Dreu) Gavárbic'h	Vuode									
Paul Walter Healey **	Vuode									
(Muhammad) Hairil Iskandar Bin Rajis	Vuode									
Peter Kabachnik	Vuode									
Yassine Khalifi	Vuode									
John McGarry *	Vuode									
Maureen (Mo) O'Hara *	Vuode									
Don Pengra *	Vuode									
Viteu (V) Toctviac'htéir	Vuode									

** = Two Consecutive Strikes Recorded

* = One Consecutive Strike Recorded.

23 Voters were carrying one or more strikes at the beginning of this election. The final number was : 20

2. Cosâ results

PROVINCE	CCCP	CRO	DPD	LRT	RUMP	Present	Total	% of total votes cast	Total seats
Atatürk				2	10		12	19.67	
Cézembre	2	1	1	1	4		9	14.75	
Florenciâ					16	1	17	27.86	
Maricopa	2		1		3		6	7.81	
Maritiimi-Maxhestic				3	3		6	8.19	
Mussolini			2	3	2	2	9	14.75	
Vuode	1		1	1	2		5	7.81	
Total Votes	5	1	5	10	40	3	64	100	200

Seats per party for the 38th Cosâ

Total Votes Cast for Cosa:

CCCP	5	8.19 %
CRO	1	1.63 %
DPD	5	8.19 %
LRT	10	16.39 %
RUMP	40	65.57%

Each vote cast converts to 3.27 seats in the upcoming Cosâ:

61 Votes Cast, 200 Seats Available. (King John, S:reu Clark, S:reu Skvarek cast a vote as "Present", not designating a party).

CCCP	16
CRO	3

DPD	16
LRT	33
RUMP	132

4. Provincial assemblies

PROVINCE	CCCP	CRO	DPD	LRT	RUMP	Present	Total
Atatürk				2	10		12
Cézembre	2	1	1	1	4		9
Florenciâ		1			15	1	17
Maricopa	1	1	1		3		6
Maritiimi-Maxhestic				3	3		6
Mussolini			2	3	2	2	9
Vuode	1		1	1	2		5
Total Votes	4	3	5	10	39	3	64

Different votes for Provincial Assembly than for Cosâ were, so the results are not identical.

4. Voting for the SENÄTS

SENÄTS (Atatürk):

Bradley Holmes (RUMP)	10
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SENÄTS (Vuode):

Sir Trotxâ Beteñéir (RUMP)	5
Tony Weckström(DPD)	1

The RUMP candidate, Bradley Holmes, is elected Senator for Atatürk.

The RUMP candidate, Sir Trotxâ Beteñéir, is reelected Senator for Vuode.

5. Amendments

All Amendments passed, and will be sent to the King for his signature

AMENDMENTS	Üc	Non	Aus
37RZ9,Seat Security for Legislators Named Temporary Regents	54	5	1
37RZ10,The Finish the Finnish Act	55	2	1
37RZ11,The Standing on His Own Legs" Amendment	51	7	1
37RZ15,The Provincial Government Unshackling Act (Amendment)	54	4	2
37RZ16,The Tim Act (Home Improvement Part 1)(Amendment)	44	14	2
37RZ17,The AI Act (Home Improvement Act Part Two)(Amendment)	45	10	2

7. Strikes

The following citizens failed to vote in the past 3 elections, and will be removed from the Citizen Rolls:

Carrie Canda, Francesco Felici, Jon Hanson, Zack Buchholtz, Rev. Robert A. Crutchfield, Victoria Sossaman, John Cornes, Don Deutschmann, Victor Idowu, Patti McCue, Paul Walter Healey

The following citizens failed to vote in either 2007 election, and now have two strikes:

Franz Buchholtz, Tomás Chirischtôval àl Bosc, , Niclau del Cjâr, Blandine Corïu, Frédéric Corïu Gary Hawkins, Eric Lenz, Pelereu d'Ursum, Kelly Reid, Hans-Jürgen von Knappe, , Maureen O'Hara, Don Pengra

The following citizens voted in the election Dec 07- Jan 08, but not in this election, and now have one strike:

Mark Franklin, Peter Onsgard, Joel Wood, Mark Zeitler, Dr. Javier Otto Jorge Gold Ferrari, Hans-Jürgen von Knappe, Dean Menezes, Jason Buchholtz, Tric'hard Dieulofaçeva, Tom Onyango, Peter Kabachnik, Yassine Khalifi



*“...that broken
down distraction...”*

Topic: Stand - a speech from your PM - 1/1/2009 (Read 33 times) **Jeremiah'h Ventrutx**
Citizen since 3-1-1997
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Prime Minister/Seneschal ~ Senator of Florencia ~ Citizen of Talossa



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Stand - a speech from your PM - 1/1/2009

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My fellow Talossans I greet you on this day looking forward to what will soon be Talossa's 30th Anniversary year. It is with pride and love we hold our beloved Talossa, it is with joy and hope that we lift up Talossa with anticipation of great things.

Since 1979 Talossa has stood a shining star in the grand experience in nation building. From times of succession and times of war, from continued annoyance of bug nations to the relative peace in which Talossa now finds itself, we continue. Even after the escape from the madness of our founder, Talossa continues the long tradition of pressing on and building our nation.

In recent months great efforts have been made to build a better Talossa.

Great things with our language.

Great things with our culture.

Great things with our law.

Great things with our government.

Great things with and for our nation.

Today is a great day in Talossa, today Talossa needs to rally round, gird herself and do yet more great things. Today Talossa needs a surge of nationalism to sweep from the east across la Mar Talossan and grace its shores with the fair winds of patriotism and stiff breeze of surety to get the job done. This is a surge of nationalism that will continue to bring great things to Talossa.

Talossa is, and always will be, a thriving democratic monarchy with a bright and shining future full of great things. A Kingdom full of great active citizens. A Kingdom full of old and new Talossans building Talossa to a bigger and better place. Today, today Talossa needs your help.

Abraham Lincoln, a great statesman and nation builder once said, "Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

Despite having a larger house, despite having a growing household, despite being in the obvious path of Talossa in the midst of great things, Talossa has been distracted by the house of another. In the midst of wonderful things, today is a day Talossa needs to rise up from that broken down distraction and diligently press forward with great things.

As we stand on the brink of the 30th anniversary of our great Kingdom of Talossa, we need Talossa to stand for her finest moments for the world to see.

How do we stand? We stand together. Every day with all of her citizens, Talossa lives and breathes much farther than a discussion board on a web server but in real life. Phone calls and communications, meetings and emails, a knowing glance between friends, between Talossans across the nations and around the world. Talossa stands together to build on the great

things of the past and drive to the bright future that is Talossa.

The next question is, "How do I stand?" Each and every Talossan is unique in what he or she can bring to Talossa. For some it is a gift of writing, for some it is the amazing gift of language. For others it may be the gift of finances, and still many other gifts of time and efforts and great orations that can be made to help us all Stand Tall Talossans.

What will you do? Talossa is full of great people, great people ready to do great things... today, right now is the time we must build like never before, we must lift our nation up as a shining example that we are. Stand Tall Talossans, Stand Tall.

God save the King, God Save Talossa. Stand. Stetz.

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Jeremiach Ventrutx ~ Prime Minister / Seneschal ~ Senator of Florencia, Dandelion Spreader!

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 **Re: Stand - a speech from your PM - 1/1/2009**

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JP said: "Despite having a larger house, despite having a growing household, despite being in the obvious path of Talossa in the midst of great things, Talossa has been distracted by the house of another. In the midst of wonderful things, today is a day Talossa needs to rise up from that broken down distraction and diligently press forward with great things."

In other words, you are "distracted" by some of the greatest Talossans who have ever lived including Art Verbotten. That's right, folks, Art Verbotten is a distraction.

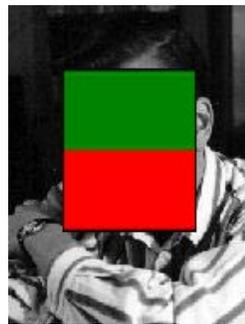
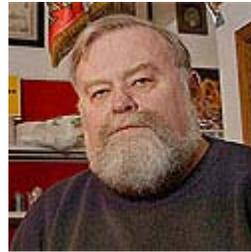
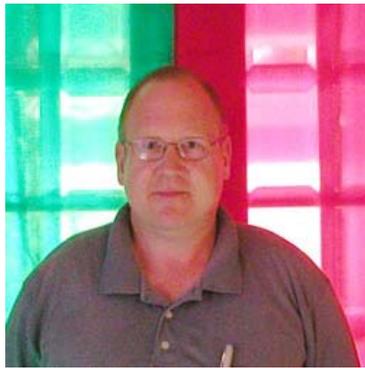
And you wonder why we don't come back to the Kingdom? Do you good people *still* not get it??

GV

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An apology to Ieremiac'h Ventrutx

- an editorial by Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Editor-in-Chief -

Azul, everyone! On New Year's Day of this year, Kingdom PM gave a speech to his people in which he said, in part, "Despite having a larger house, despite having a growing household, despite being in the obvious path of Talossa in the midst of great things, Talossa has been distracted by the house of another. In the midst of wonderful things, today is a day Talossa needs to rise up from that broken down distraction and diligently press forward with great things."

I had thought JP was, by using the term, "broken down distraction" referring to the Republic of Talossa. Well, since that Oraclâ, I've come to realize that in fact, the Kingdom Seneschál was referring to a micronation of the "bug nation" variety Ben Madison railed against so vehemently. Of course, Ben's mistake was to lump all non-Talossan entities into that category, but that's another story.

When I published Oraclâ No. 67, I was blissfully unaware of the Kingdom's difficulties with the Nation of Texas (or whatever it's called), and certainly if I had, I would hopefully have been cognizant enough to think twice before running my mouth off. Oh, well... [insert LOL emoticon]

I never thought I would be happy to print a retraction in Oraclâ, but, in keeping my promise to JP that I'd do so, I happily retract pretty much the whole of Oraclâ No. 67 and dismiss it into the dustbin that is the Talossan grand tradition of miscommunications and miscues that occupies so much of our rich and colorful history.

GV not running for...anything

McGarritan: 17 February 2009

With the end of the caretaker-PMship of Gödafrieu Válcadác'h of the Republic of Talossa comes not only an end of his term in office, but his journey of Talossan politics that began all the way back in 2002 when he assumed the Kingdom deputy PMship. Today, Oraclâ spoke to GV:

Oraclâ: GV, your PMship of the Kingdom was filled with excitement and vigour. Your Republic tenure as Seneschál was anything but. What was the difference this time 'round?

GV: Well, besides my rampant disorganization this time around, the fact that I was a figurehead was, sorry to say, part of the reason why I did not have more energy and pizzazz. I think, though, the country was only looking for me to be a caretaker to take over after Daviü R. had to resign. Yes, I issued a flurry of announcements and what-not at the end, but none of it was really of any consequence. My farewell speech of about two weeks ago was misconstrued as my immediate resignation, but I didn't mind. And I could see how that speech could have been taken for my going bye-bye right then and there. I was glad to put the office into better hands. And for the moment, those hands are Dieter's.

O: You knew going into your term, you would have no real political power, right? Then why the long face?

GV: I had to make many concessions having to do with not making any official overtures to the Kingdom, etc. for my having the job. But I really didn't mind in that those concessions were reflecting my newly-changed views on the Republic, Kingdom, and Talossa in-general.

O: In other words, you were handcuffed from the get-go?

GV: Yes, one could accurately say that. But I did still want the job. Unfortunately, Real Life caught up with me as it did with my potential Cabinet appointees and those who eventually made it into my Cabinet. To directly answer your question about the long face, I had hoped to help bring about some internal administrative aspects of our government, but those have been put on-hold for the time being. But all is well, anyway. The Republic still exists and is still functioning as it did the day we started it.

I am proud to have been PM of the Republic, and was quite happy at being the first to be PM for both the Kingdom and the Republic. That was pretty cool.

O: The end of your Chamber of Deputies time draws nigh and with it the end of the last vestige of the Blue Wave. Do you regret dissolving the party?

GV: Not at all. It was time that dead horse just die. The dream of the two Talossas coming together once more is still as viable as it was before. It's just that I cannot imagine it coming about in the foreseeable future. There are too many valid and invalid arguments on both sides, and through the Blue Wave, I did the best I could to foster and facilitate the sorts of dialogue that would entail friendships blossoming and there being real progress being made in reunification.

In the end, I realized I had no real influence one way or another in a political spectrum to do anything about it. Those people who block the way to reunification (on both sides of the Vuode Wall, mind you) know who they are and why they are about what they are about. And frankly, I can see both points of view to a certain extent.

O: And what is your point of view on Talossa?

GV: That neither the Kingdom of Talossa of today and the Republic of Talossa are, by themselves, the whole of Talossa. I could go on and on about this for hours, but the hour is late, and I simply won't.

O: The current Republic Chamber of Deputies election boasts two parties. One wishes to maintain the constitutional status-quo whilst the other party wishes for a new constitution complete with a constitutional convention and everything.

GV: I voted for the former, but I wonder more and more if I would like to see the latter come to pass. Neither would hurt us, I think. A new constitution might be a bit exciting, to be quite honest.

O: And what are your future plans in Talossa?

GV: Not to do politics for a good long time. Perhaps, I'm done with politics completely, but I've threatened to take breaks before. This time, though, I've been as earnest about it as I've ever been. Oraclá March Madness, however, will most-certainly take place -- get ready, folks!

O: What about the state of Talossa? Are you excited about the future?

GV: The Kingdom of Talossa is as healthy in so many ways as its ever been. If nothing else, it's bigger than it ever was while Ben was around driving people off. John Woolley has been exemplary, I think, in making new people welcome, which is something Ben was not always good at doing.

O: That's just it, then. If King John is such a great guy, why don't you all just come back to the Kingdom and have done with it?

GV: Perhaps John would profit by asking some of our people that question himself.

O: What about you?

GV: Because when and if I make a return to the Kingdom, I want to do so in the company of Kane, Art, Miestrâ, and so many others too many people in the Kingdom have dismissed as traitors, betrayers, and thieves.

O: Now come on... Only one person has said that, and he does not speak for the rest of the Kingdom, surely.

GV: True, but the rest of the Kingdom has not risen in protest in our hearing. That speaks volumes to us about what the Kingdom is saying about us around the water cooler when we're not looking. I think I can speak for everyone in the Republic on that with a good deal of safety.

I know the issues to which the individual is referring, but the irony is that the more he does that (and he hasn't in a good while, actually), the more he prolongs the issue being an issue. You can catch more flies with honey...

O: But yet you guys will never go back. Right?

GV: For my part, so long as the Kingdom fails to do more to reach out to us, then my answer will have to be a resounding "yes". And a very sad and regretful one at that. I count a good number of the post-2004 Talossans in the Kingdom as friends, and the saddest part about it is that they and us would have gotten along very well indeed in the old Talossa. What a pity John Woolley did not find us a year or two sooner. Had he done so, he would have brought in his family and friends like he would do anyway, and 1 June 2004 probably would not have happened. Woolley would have fit in so well with Art, Conâ, IM, and everyone else (including Amy, perhaps).

There is so much brightness, talent, and enthusiasm in Talossa: Gruber, Hooligan, Davis, Schivâ -- the list goes on and on. If our peoples could be as one, nothing in this world could stop us.

O: All-right then, what could John Woolley himself do to help things along?

GV: He could help things along by making a personal phone call to Art Verbotten. Or at least send him an email. Re-open that line of communication. Open that line of friendship. If he *really* wants to make a big stretch of it, he could even try to visit Milwaukee again (I think he did so in 2005). Art would certainly welcome him.

O: "Re-open"?

GV: Yes. There had been some back-and-forth between Woolley and the Republic folk way back when, but in true Talossan fashion, it fell through. Unfortunately, something like that happened when Alexander Davis tried to visit our forums. While I don't remember my part in it, I know I had something to do with it, and I regret it very much, and I hope he makes another attempt at it.

O: Maybe Woolley has already make these sorts of overtures and was rebuffed.

GV: Well, in that case, he needs to try again. :-) And again... And again... I've always had good dealings with the man, and I'm sure he can be reasoned with. He is no Ben Madison, thanks be to GOD!

O: You've said that Woolley is the person Ben Madison should have been.

GV: He's more of a monarch Ben ever was (at least in the latter years of Ben's second reign). And to give Ben all the credit he deserves, pre-Cybercit Talossa was driven in many instances solely by Ben's obsessive desire to keep it going. But for that, the whole thing would have died in its first six months. The miracle of Talossa is not in what it is or what it could be. The miracle of Talossa is that it still exists at all, and especially without the driving Force that started it: Ben created something that had enough of an appeal that others would want to take part and help keep the thing going even after he left. This is Ben Madison's monument and legacy to the world.

I compare Woolley and Ben because they physically resemble each other, are keen on history and religion, and would both be Orthodox Christians but for Ben's becoming Mormon. I could go on, but that's enough to start with, that's for sure.

O: Do you think there will ever be a single Talossan state again?

GV: A single Talossan state with Republic people and Kingdom people under one flag and one head of state? Yes...eventually. But it will take years upon years of friendship and trust re-building to make that happen. And both sides have to be willing.

The Blue Wave Party was keen on being a facilitator, as much as it could, of bone-fide negotiation and dialogue between the Kingdom and the Republic. I came to the conclusion that my direct tactics were helping, even if only in a small way, to keep the two states *apart*, if not making the situation worse. I decided that a more-pragmatic approach was necessary, the divisions and resentments on both sides of the Vuode Wall went far-deeper than I realized, and that the usefulness of the Blue Wave to Talossa had long since been used up. It was time to move on, and again I have no regrets.

O: When will you go to Milwaukee again?

GV: Not before summer, that's for sure. It's just too difficult to clear a week or even a few days to get away, I'm afraid. Finances, unfortunately, also have a part to play. I've wanted to make a return trip, believe me, but it's just been too crazy to do so in recent years. Heck, I'd love to make it to TalossaWest as well as any other Talossan gathering going on.

Ben Madison was the key to a lot of the old Milwaukee-Talossan friendship network, and when he went away, all that left with him for the most part. Because of this, Talossa is more 'virtual' than it has ever been and less-Milwaukee-centric.

I hate to say it, but the last big Talossa blow-out in Milwaukee was the 2003 TalossaFest. Heck, there was no TalossaFest in 2007 (shaaaaame, Kingdom leadership - shaaaaame :-)), and the 2008 one was sparsely-attended. One thing that should happen is that TalossaFest should be a non-Kingdom/non-Republic event hosted jointly by people from both sides. Whether Art V. would be keen on this, I don't know, but I think it would be a lovely idea and a great way for both sides to let the other "in" so to speak.



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Rants and Raves

Ieremiác'h Ventrútx

Joined: Dec 2007

Location: Florencia

Re: Oraclá No. 66: Thursday 17 January 2008 - 0315

« Reply #1 on Today at 9:06am »

Great issue ... to bad you couldn't interview the guy at 2:30am TST or anything... 😊

beb, beb...

GV, Editor

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Sir C.M. Siervicül

Re: Oraclá No. 66: Thursday 17 January 2008 - 0315

« Reply #2 on Today at 9:37am »  

Nice! I think you got your strikes mixed up when you listed the people who struck out, though. Everyone you listed appears to have 1 or 2 strikes, not 3.

You are absolutely right. It was way past my bedtime when I did that issue. I've gone back and made the appropriate correction to Oraclá No. 66.

- GV

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Dav Rôibeardét

El Teroûr da Florenciâ

Florenciâ non c'è sigür osprei l'auscür

Re: Oraclá No. 67: 1 January 2009

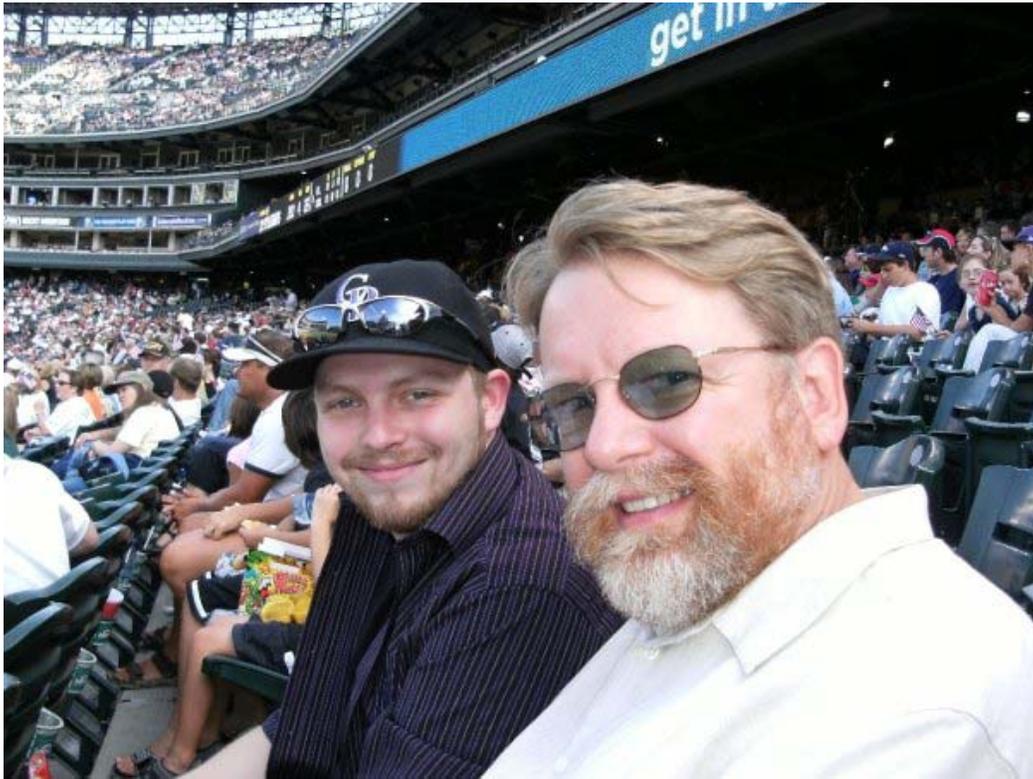
« Reply #1 on: January 01, 2009, 09:50:35 AM »

Interesting, not you're best effort but at least it's an effort. 😊

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Your Rants and Raves are always welcome. Email your spam, questions, or comments to jeffrags@gmail.com. Assume your poetry will not be published, and know that will be read, however.

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Pictured above: John and Patrick Woolley at a Colorado Rockies game ca. 2006

*Pictured below: John Woolley with another Talossan the name of
which escapes me at TalossaWest in 2006 or 2007.*

R. I. P. Jeanne Woolley

Oraclâ just this morning (the wee hours of 17 February) learned of the passing of King John Woolley's mother. Of course, Oraclâ extends its heartfelt sympathies and condolences to John and his family. Unfortunately, Oraclâ learned of this only after issue No. 68 was published. This issue No. 69 is dedicated to Mrs. Woolley.

It is curious to point out that she was not the first mother of Talossan royalty to pass away. Jean Matters (note the same first name, though with different spellings), Ben Madison's mother, passed away in 1979, though it was before Talossa's independence. Harry Madison, Ben's father passed away in about 2006, but that was after Ben abdicated and left Talossa. Jeanne Woolley is the first mother of a sitting Talossan monarch to pass away as her husband was the first father and first parent of a sitting monarch to do so.

The following is Prime Minister Ieremiac'h Ventrutx's Prime Dictate along with other Wittenberg XI reaction.

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Editor-in-Chief

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The Greater State Arms of the Kingdom of Talossa

Joined: Dec 2007

Gender: Male 

Posts: 313

Location: Florencia / Illinois



Resquiescat in Pacem, Jeanne Woolley

« Thread Started on 6th Feb, 2009 at 5:37pm »



quote

I, Ieremiac'h Ventrutx, Seneschal del Regipäts Talossan, with all duly vested authority and stuff, do hereby and forthwith proclaim that:

WHEREAS Jeanne Woolley, the mother of our liege sovereign John, passed peacefully from this life on 5 February 2009, and

WHEREAS the Kingdom of Talossa holds itself indebted to this woman for having raised and nurtured the cultural and political leader and knight who has by his people been placed on its throne, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Woolley was well-beloved by her son our King, her grandchildren, including our Prince and Princess, and by all, including the many Talossan citizens, who were privileged to know her, and

WHEREAS it is customary and proper for the First Minister of His Majesty's government to officially proclaim those solemn occasions when the populace is afflicted with grief, and

WHEREAS this nation rises as one in sympathy to join in the grief of its royal family at the passing of Mrs. Woolley, now

THEREFORE the people of the Kingdom of Talossa are by this proclamation called to remember the gentle soul of Jeanne Woolley, by spending the days henceforward until and including 10 February 2009, the day when this fine lady will be laid to her final rest, in the mourning of her loss. The citizenry of Talossa is encouraged by this proclamation to offer its support and condolences to the royal family.

Done under my hand this 6th day of February, 2009, in the 30th year of the independence of the Kingdom of Talossa, and the second of the reign of our Sovereign John.

Ieremiac'h Ventrutx
Seneschal del Regipäts Talossan

Hosea 13:14

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?"

[Ma Lord Hooligan](#)

Citizen since 7-12-2005
Baron since 11-20-2005
member is offline

PRIMA CAPIAM POCULA

Joined: Jul 2005
Gender: Male 
Posts: 2,409
Location: A Florencian in Colorado

 **Re: Resquiescat in Pacem, Jeanne Woolley**
« Reply #1 on 6th Feb, 2009 at 5:59pm »



It was with truly unspeakable sadness that I learned from His Majesty of the loss of his beloved mother. I was privileged to know this witty, intelligent, caring, and special woman in life, and I know that her soul is a treasure that now shines perpetually in the eternal Kingdom. I mourn with my great friend the King, and with all of his family. My own family and I share in their profound grief, but also in their sure knowledge that she rejoices today with her husband and with the others who love her and who have gone before her, and also with He whose own everlasting love had both gifted her to this world and provided her salvation from it, and which now embraces her to Him.

Hooligan

[T.M. Asmourescu](#)

Citizen since 12-22-2006
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M. Defence

Joined: Dec 2006
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Posts: 847
Location: Binghamton, NY

 **Re: Resquiescat in Pacem, Jeanne Woolley**
« Reply #2 on 6th Feb, 2009 at 8:26pm »



I too am saddened by the passing of King John's mother and wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to the royal family during this time.

[Sir Trotxâ Betiñéir](#)

Citizen since 10-17-2005; Knight since 11-5-2006
member is offline

Deo duce, ferro comitante

Joined: Oct 2005
Gender: Male 
Posts: 1,058
Location: Vuode/Colorado

 **Re: Resquiescat in Pacem, Jeanne Woolley**
« Reply #3 on 7th Feb, 2009 at 12:31am »



Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon her.

[Cody Ellsworth](#)

member is offline

Prospective Citizen

Joined: Jan 2009
Gender: Male 
Posts: 179
Location: Florida

 **Re: Resquiescat in Pacem, Jeanne Woolley**
« Reply #4 on 7th Feb, 2009 at 12:35am »



 <333 Queen Mother <333 
RIP. I bet she didn't realize she was going to raise a king.

[Sir C.M. Siervicül](#)

Citizen since 8-13-2005; Knight since 7-28-2007
member is offline

Nonnisi Deo serviendum

Joined: Aug 2005
Gender: Male 
Posts: 3,744
Location: California

 **Re: Resquiescat in Pacem, Jeanne Woolley**
« Reply #5 on 7th Feb, 2009 at 6:53pm »



I'm terribly sorry to hear of your loss, John. My most sincere condolences to you and your family. Although, like Lord Hooligan, I know your grief is tempered by the assurance that you will one day be reunited in a Kingdom immeasurably greater than this one.

[Gödafríeu Válcadác'h](#)

member is **online**

Guest

Joined: Dec 2005

Gender: Male 

Posts: 538

Location: Texas, USA



Re: Resquiescat in Pacem, Jeanne Woolley

« Reply #6 Today at 3:41am »



I am very sorry to hear of this. You have lost your parents in the span of less than a year. Unbelievable. 😞

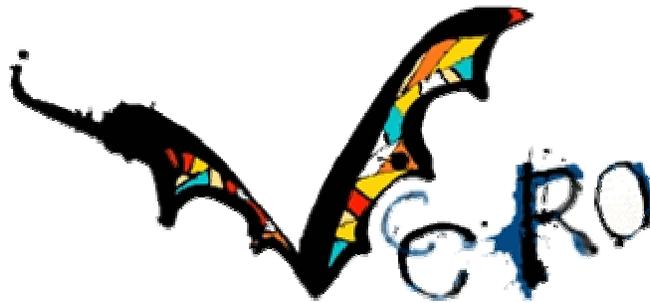
This sort of thing happened to our Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in Houston where I sing along with the other Gentiles in the professional choir. The sermon he gave on Yom Kippur that year (2000) was entitled "What do you see when you look up?". It was before my time there, but I am told it was a tear-jerker.

You have my greatest sympathies and those of the Republic.

GV



PC
Progressive
Conservative



Some things never change

an editorial by Gödafriën Válcadác'h

McGarrigan - 1 March 2009: Recently, Owen Edwards waxed over the recent spate of resignations from the Kingdom Cabinet as well as at least one Kingdom citizenship renunciation. Owen's remarks from <http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thread=4069&page=1> are from 22 Feb of this year.

I took a break for a time because of (continuing) anger issues with the personal behaviour of certain prominent Talossans. I have, however, come back to check what's happening due to an email from Philip Mungai, late of this nation.

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This has been a brief, embarrassing interlude. Some unpleasant damage has been done. Time for His Majesty's Government to clean up its act and get some jobs done.

The full extent of this Witt XI thread (as of this writing) may be had at the end of this issue. Suffice to say, while it's no business of mine as to the workings of the Kingdom government outside the realm of pan-Talossan relations, I have to laugh because the Kingdom Opposition of today mirrors in one way the Opposition of old Talossa: non-cohesion.

When I joined Talossa in 2000, the Progressive Conservative Party (PC) had won nearly every Cosâ election since the mid-'90s. It won these elections simply because if nothing else, the day-to-day workings of the Kingdom were intact and stayed that way. The PM of the day did his thing, the King did his thing, the SoS did his thing, and the Cosâ did its thing. Yes, King Bobboloony was driving away a bushel of people every few years, but for many, many years, the day-to-day activities of the Kingdom did not cease. Of course, when 2004 rolled around, things almost came to a crashing halt, but that's another story.

In August 2000, I became a citizen and joined the Raßemblamaintsch dels Citaxhiens Talossâes/Rally for the Citizens of Talossa (RCT) out of the motivation of so many who join a micronation: to make his/her mark, i.e. fancy title, new bill, become PM, etc. A motivation borne of a desire to have fun doing what other 'real' countries do, but in the end not a great reason to join a political party in a country that, with good tongue-in-cheek, took its politics seriously...

For about eight months or so, I fought the good fight against the Evil PC as I strove to build a real and alternative political force and voice for Talossa. Then sometime in early 2001 (or was it earlier?) on Wittenberg, Ben asked someone point-blank, "Why do you want this government [the PC government of Michagl Popp to fall?" I asked myself that question and realized I could not make a real and rational argument as to why the PC should not have yet another electoral victory. In a phone call to the RCT leader, Daviu Foctier, during TalossaFest 2001, I resigned officially from the RCT and became a PC supporter, though I did not become a party member until I got the Deputy PMship in March 2002.

The Opposition of today's Kingdom finds itself in the same situation. Not being able to agree on small matters and not being able to come up with a clear and convincing case to bring to the people, it like its predecessor of old finds itself rudderless and splintered into bickering factions. Like the PC of old, the RUMP finds itself in the enviable position of being able to effectively reach out to new citizens and offer them a viable way to do Talossa. Because of this, it is able to, if it has not done so already, to assimilate enough new blood to keep its infrastructure going while putting these new people to work in the government. Additionally, it has done a good job of reaching out across the aisle, putting

Opposition members into the Cabinet and creating a feasible coalition government, thereby helping to create a political machine made of a foundation of stability and the continuation of the day-to-day happenings of the Kingdom government which have gone as well as they have since Talossa of the late 1980s when Ián Meteria was Secretary of State.

Reading the Witt XI thread today that Owen started last week made me laugh because like the Raßemblamaintsch dels Citaxhiens Talossáes, the short-lived Talossan Communist Party, the Talossan Liberal Party, and the Zefençadeirs del Päts Talossán, if El Parti Progreßíu, El Parti Democraçù Rexhital, El Parti Coaliziunal dels Cüvercits es Cünmilvoc'hteurs, Viensità Ciumisa Cézembre, Parti d'Estetz Trei Gualieu es Agreßatíu, Lung Conspectul Talossaes, El Parti Democràtic dels Popuis, and El Parti Vandadoûr, Minoritár és Revoluziunár cannot come together in a common cause and bring forth a cause around which they can unite (and work out the sorts of seemingly-superficial differences that wreck coalitions), the RUMP looks to reign supreme for the next five-to-ten years.

A new place for the Grube

McGarritan - 28 February 2009: On Witt XII, Kane Gruber today announced his new website, www.order50.com as well as his new email, enumerated in the graphic on the next page. For now, the site contains his twitter activity, but knowing Kane, more is to come.



*Kane (then Chris) Gruber as Speaker of the Cosà
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Rants and Raves

There was no shortage of reaction to Oraclâ No. 68. Thanks as always for your thoughts!

[Ián Anglatzarâ](#)

President
Administrator
User

Ián Bêneditschsëfiglheu Anglatzarâ



[Re: Oraclâ No. 68: Tuesday 17 February 2009](#)

« **Reply #1 on:** February 17, 2009, 02:49:47 AM »



[Quote](#)

Thank you! An interesting read, as always. And I have some disagreements, as often. 🙄

D. N. Vercária

brandnew incoming Deputy
Administrator
User

 **Re: Oraclá No. 68: Tuesday 17 February 2009**
« **Reply #2 on:** February 17, 2009, 12:36:10 PM »

 [Quote](#)

While Talossan unity may still be a desirable goal, the road to unity is paved with many stumbling stones. One of these stumbling stones is only a word: *return*. As time is moving onwards in one direction, it is impossible to turn back time. We can't return to May 31, 2004, the day before the proclamation of the Republic of Talossa, and start all over again.

If we, the Talossans of all feathers, want unity, we can try to find unity. We can start to work for unity today. As everything is possible whenever creative minds congregate, we can achieve unity. But only a unity that is not a return to some moments in the past, because, alas or hurray, the past is gone for good and will never come back.

Kane dal Navâ

High Court Justice
User



I find your... faith disturbing.

 **Re: Oraclá No. 68: Tuesday 17 February 2009**
« **Reply #3 on:** February 23, 2009, 06:01:08 PM »

 [Quote](#)

I shall never return to the Kingdom. If they want, they can join the Republic. Now get the parade planned for our upcoming GLORIOUS FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

D. N. Vercária

brandnew incoming Deputy
Administrator
User

 **Re: Oraclá No. 68: Tuesday 17 February 2009**
« **Reply #4 on:** February 24, 2009, 02:25:57 AM »

 [Quote](#)

That's the spirit. 🙄



[Re: Oraclâ No. 68: Tuesday 17 February 2009](#)

« Reply #5 on: February 27, 2009, 09:32:41 AM »



[Quote](#)

"De' ni ar y ffordd i ryddid, de' ni am gyfiawnerd i'r wlad" - Ar Noson Fel Hon, from the musical Pump Diwrnod o Ryddid.

Notes

Cover: All old-Talossan political parties logos are from August 2000. The current Kingdom logos were archived on 1 March 2009 by GV. The boy-hat logo is that of the Talossan Liberal Party (the third such party in Talossan history to hold that name, though none of the three Liberal parties in Talossan history are related to one another as far as Oraclâ knows).



Milwaukee Bucks' Dan Gadzuric, right, dunks past Washington Wizards' Dominic McGuire, left, in the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Feb 28, 2009, in Milwaukee. (AP Photo/Darren Hauck)

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Topic: A Brief Address (Read 323 times)

Owen Edwards

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member is offline

Joined: Nov 2007

Gender: Male

Posts: 1,135

Location: England

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« Thread Started on 22nd Feb, 2009 at 9:34pm »

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---Immigration Minister---

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Viteu Toctviac'hteir

Citizen since 8-21-2006

member is offline

Citizen of Talossa

Joined: Jul 2006
Gender: Male
Posts: 943
Location: Brooklyn, NY

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #1 on 22nd Feb, 2009 at 9:38pm »

Here, Here!

((V))
Viteu@kingdomoftalossa.net
Just dance-- it'll be okay...

Once you realize that your belief may be founded upon fear, fear of nothing and of no purpose, then conflict ends, fear ends, belief ends and knowledge starts. ~Sinaclara (The Crown of Silence)

Ieremiac'h Ventrutx

Citizen since 3-1-1997
member is offline

Prime Minister/Seneschal ~ Senator of Florencia ~ Citizen of Talossa

Joined: Dec 2007
Gender: Male
Posts: 356
Location: Florencia / Illinois

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #2 on 23rd Feb, 2009 at 9:12am »

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Now it is sad to see some people take their marbles and leave.. Talossa will always continue on and new people with different marbles will take their place. Good people come and go, such is the nature of life. I am looking at the recent crop of new citizens and I trust that they will find their marble fit perfectly in to this great Kingdom.

As for "conspiracies" ... well we should be back to Nation Building!



Ieremiac'h Ventrutx ~ Prime Minister / Seneschal ~ Senator of Florencia, Dandelion Spreader!

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« Reply #4 on 23rd Feb, 2009 at 12:42pm »

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Turmoil because one party and a disgruntled RUMPer that were in open cooperation with the Government decided suddenly that they were not going to be a part of the government anymore??? The CCCP positions would have been filled by RUMP but they were doing an arguably satisfactory job! As for Tim, I hope he reconsiders his choices and sticks it out with Talossa.

I would differ with you that the government is not in turmoil, it was in shock. It is not turmoil, it is transition. The Government is actively filling the positions that were formally filled by active citizens.

While much of the rest of my post may apply to the general state of the Kingdom it still stinks of a conspiracy 😊

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After not hitting "Post Reply" and rereading....

Potato vs Potato ... perhaps 😊

Jeremiac'h Ventrutx ~ Prime Minister / Seneschal ~ Senator of Florencia, Dandelion Spreader!

Capt. T.M. Asmourescu

Citizen since 12-22-2006
member is offline

Joined: Dec 2006
Gender: Male 
Posts: 876
Location: Benito



Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #5 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 10:31am »

23rd Feb, 2009 at 9:12am, Jeremiac'h Ventrutx wrote:

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Talossa is so much more than a message board. I agree with the RUMP on this point especially. However, this particular message board, while perhaps a small component in the grand scheme of things, is the primary method of communication for Talossans.

I remember a rather sunny September morning back in 2001. I heard from a friend that a plane had hit the side of the World Trade Center. I, assuming it was a small personal aircraft that likely didn't cause much damage, went about my day.

I know you all remember that day, as we likely will for the remainder of our lives, so I won't go into too much detail.

The point is, had the President stood up and said "But New York City is just a small part of America, America is so much more than NYC!" there would likely have been a revolution.

Don't look too far into the analogy, my point simply is that Witt is sick. And while Talossa is significantly more than Witt, it being ill is a very serious problem which our government likes to ignore. While Witt being sick does not impede our communications outside of Witt, it in many ways, is a nerve center. This is where new citizens come to interact.

This is where we conduct legislative business. This is where we chat, share and discuss. When there is a problem with Witt, there is a problem throughout Talossa because that problem has a ripple effect.

Witt for many cyber-cits, is THE way they can experience Talossa. Unfortunately, there has descended upon certain members of our majority party that Witt can descend into chaos and that's OK because Talossa extends beyond Witt.

For you, who live in Talossa, this is true. For the RUMP, who maintains its own forum outside of Witt, this is true. But for every other cyber-cit who uses Witt as a gathering place, a sick Witt is going to create a sick Talossa.

So please, say that the disgruntled party member left because he was tired of his fellow party members tolerating or even advocating the descent of Witt into a sewer. But do not claim that the government is functioning properly simply because the RUMP Yahoo group has more active posts. That is a symptom, not something to brag about.

T.M. Asmourescu

Capitan in the Royal Talossan Navy
Maestro of Benito

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #6 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 11:03am »

I have to concur with Tim. If there are problems with Witt's culture - and I would say there are - that's the heartbeat of modern Talossa falling ill.

---Acting Leader, Progressive Party---
---Immigration Minister---
---Senéchal da Provinçù Cézembre---

Danihél A. Forestál

Citizen since 7-2-2008

member is offline

Contrarian, Cynic, Cyclist, and Jackass. But you can just call me danielo.



Joined: Jun 2008

Gender: Male 🇺🇸

Posts: 432

Location: Boise, Idaho, USA (Atatürk)

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #7 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 11:41am »

This is a personal perspective, and I don't know if it's shared by other Talossans or not. I suspect it might be, given that, as Tim has pointed out, many, if not most, citizens participate in Talossan affairs almost exclusively via Witt.

For me, it's at best meaningless, and at worst dangerous, to use the argument that "Talossa exists outside of Witt" as a deflection of the problems existing here. I understand that Witt is not Talossa. But -- and it's a bit "but" -- Witt is, by necessity, the practical embodiment of Talossa for me. *Technically*, Witt is not Talossa, but in a *practical* sense, it **IS**. If I were in a coma, my "Americanism" would seem practically stunted -- I would be a lifeless body occupying space in American territory. Similarly, without Witt, I'm merely a name on a roster.

When I hear the statement above, it leaves me empty. The Talossa outside of its online presence is unavailable to me. There are forums external to Witt, including my own party's forum, but those are merely extensions of the same online presence that defines my Talossan life.

And so I plead: while it is unarguably imperative that Talossa not become identified as a web forum, please don't forget that this web forum is the practical lifeblood of the nation as it relates to a large part of its geographically-spread citizens.

39th Cosa MC ~ PP Deputy Leader ~ PP Rep, Atatürk ~ Royal Archivist ~ Consul General to US Embassy

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #8 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 12:04pm »

I forgot to add:

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #9 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 4:21pm »

I'm afraid that the government just doesn't see how important Witt really is, and how affected citizens residing outside the borders of Talossa are being affect by these problems.

Until the government can begin to see the light, I will continue to vote NON, and I encourage my colleagues who share my viewpoint to do the same.

A vote of UC on the VOC would imply that we felt the government was functioning well. Our noble PM's statements in this very thread, however, prove that our government is tainted with an attitude that Witt is expendable, and that, is not something I'll put my vote to.

T.M. Asmourescu

Capitan in the Royal Talossan Navy
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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #10 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 5:00pm »

I agree with our PM's assertion that "Talossa is so much more than a message board," it's just that Witt is, for me, also "so much more than a message board." As such, the unstated (but assumed) connotation that "Talossa is so much more than Witt" is rather more troublesome. I'm on the fence about voting NON on the VOC, if only because I don't know that I'm in disagreement about overall principles, but rather only semantics.

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #11 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 5:52pm »

BTW -- an open question related to this thread: what exactly is a "bug" nation, as the term is understood within the Kingdom?

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Gender: Male

Posts: 356

Location: Florencia / Illinois

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #12 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 6:50pm »

Okay now just a minute here let me try and understand your argument here.

23rd Feb, 2009 at 9:12am, Ieremiac'h Ventrutx wrote:

I would suggest that people in doubt need to realize in general that Talossa is SO MUCH MORE than a message board!

25th Feb, 2009 at 10:31am, Capt. T.M. Asmourescu wrote:

Talossa is so much more than a message board. I agree with the RUMP on this point especially. However, this particular message board, while perhaps a small component in the grand scheme of things, is the primary method of communication for Talossans.

25th Feb, 2009 at 4:21pm, Capt. T.M. Asmourescu wrote:

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So on one hand you understand what I am saying and the other hand you don't ... and now I am evil? **At what point did I say Witt is Expendable?**

You are suggesting with your reasoning, that the VOC being NO is that the government has everything to do with Witt? Other than some legislation the government has little to do with Witt! As a matter of fact it is private and kept out of government control.

I am missing your logic with this argument...

So am I to assume American's will vote out Obama because their beloved Facebook doesn't work the way they feel it should? Will they kick out the US Congress because their AT&T dialtone isn't clear enough to their liking? Will the US Senate be removed because Taco Bell screwed up yet another drive through order?

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I will issue soon issue a PD creating a commission to investigate the state of Witt and make suggestions as to improve it's future. Now do I have any volunteers for this Commission and what kind of time frame do you feel would be needed to produce positive results? Tim, yes I see your hand, you can be in charge of presenting the final report and suggestions to the nation.

Time to work together, time to work for change.

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #13 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 7:00pm »

25th Feb, 2009 at 5:52pm, Danihél A. Forestál wrote:

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Funny you should ask ... Personally the term "Bug Nation" is pretty broad in scope but in general it covers all these micro-nations that continue to pester and bother the Kingdom.

Personally twice this week I have been sent emails asking for "relations" with the Kingdom of Talossa ... if we were to want to waste our time with all these "Bug Nations" out there we wouldn't get much else done.

Historically "Mad King Ben" named them Bugs to further infuriate some that were very persistent. It worked and they finally left us alone... or they just fade away as most of these micro-nations are prone to do. (If I am wrong on my history someone point it out to me please)

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #14 on 25th Feb, 2009 at 8:27pm »

So long as government business is primarily administered via the (albeit privately owned) Witt - so long as it is the official (subcontracted) outlet of the Regipats - you can't divorce the heart of Talossa from Witt.

---Acting Leader, Progressive Party---

---Immigration Minister---

---Senéchal da Provinçù Cézembre---

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Topic: A Brief Address (Read 324 times)

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Location: Brooklyn, NY



Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #15 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 9:03am »



25th Feb, 2009 at 6:50pm, Ieremiac'h Ventrutx wrote:

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JP,

I'm perplexed by your analogy. Government functions for the USA do not happen on facebook, government functions (voting in our legislature, posting of cort cases, etc...) occur on Witt. Now, if the people of the US were completely cut off from their government and had no means of participating in American affairs, I promise you new governments would be set up, as chaos and anarchy would set in.

If Witt is silent and no one is posting, because of the sheer number of cybercits, Talossa is not functioning.

Talossa is something MORE than Witt yes, anyone will concede that point. Just as there is more to the human body than the

heart. If we wish to go with this analogy, the people are the brain of Talossa and Witt is the heart. Our body cannot function without its heart; Talossa, in its current manifestation, cannot function without Witt.

What I am trying to say to anyone who uses this argument that Talossa is more than Witt, it's tired. Get a new one. It simply does not work. It's also a cop-out, IMO. Not that I'm accusing the PM of this, I'm accusing anyone who has ever used it as an excuse.

To the RUMP--

Whether or not it is fair, you are held responsible for the state of Talossa. You are the party with a solid majority in the government. If people bring their concerns to you, (pardon the phrase) but as my fellow Brooklynites like to say, MAN-UP! Do not find some excuse like "Talossa is more than Witt," hear what they have to say, ask them how they want it to be fixed, work with them.

To the Anti-RUMPers --

The RUMP is not the enemy. Granted, I'm not a fan of a system dominated by one party. We cannot hold the RUMP accountable for being able to get votes. We have to hold ourselves accountable for not getting our message out. Perhaps we need to take some time to evaluate ourselves and see if we can come out on top and try working within the system rather than throwing fits on Witt.

</soapbox>

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Citizen since 8-21-2006

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Citizen of Talossa

Joined: Jul 2006

Gender: Male 

Posts: 943

Location: Brooklyn, NY

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #16 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 9:11am »

Oh, if it seems like I was coming down on JP. I wasn't. I consider JP a friend and do not have a problem with him or the job he has done. I have no experienced the problems others say they have had. Like I said, this is not about being Anti-RUMP, this is about being Anti-Single Party.

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Guest from the Republic

Joined: Dec 2005

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Location: Cézeembre, naturellement

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #17 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 9:23am »

I think the best analogy is that Wittenberg is the telephone, tv, Internet, radio, and printed news network, combined into one. Talossa without Witt works as fine as the US would without tv, telephones, Internet etc.

Xhorxh Asmour

Citizen since 2-21-2003

member is offline

CCCP & CÚG President

Joined: Oct 2004

Gender: Male

Posts: 1,045

Location: Recife, Brazil

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #18 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 9:25am »

Comments on Viteu's words:

"Talossa is something MORE than Witt yes, anyone will concede that point. Just as there is more to the human body than the heart. If we wish to go with this analogy, the people are the brain of Talossa and Witt is the heart. Our body cannot function without its heart; Talossa, in its current manifestation, cannot function without Witt. "

Witt centralizes our communication process and plays a fundamental role in our nation's life. I even dare say that people should express themselves more often and openly on Witt instead of plotting conspiracies by PM or email.

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The RUMP has never been very good at listening to people's comments and suggestions.

"The RUMP is not the enemy. Granted, I'm not a fan of a system dominated by one party. We cannot hold the RUMP accountable for being able to get votes. We have to hold ourselves accountable for not getting our message out. Perhaps we need to take some time to evaluate ourselves and see if we can come out on top and try working within the system rather than throwing fits on Witt."

In a way, the RUMP IS the enemy. This is nothing personal against any of the RUMP's members, but that party has been dominating the system too long and they know very well that it can no more bring about the changes we need so badly.

« Last Edit: 26th Feb, 2009 at 9:41am by [Xhorxh Asmour](#) »

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #19 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 9:40am »

The end result is Witt is not Talossa, but it is an integral part of the over all Kingdom.

To borrow from your analogy, I don't go to the Doctor to tell them I have a cancer in my body, I go in just feeling sick and then they diagnose and run tests to determine what the cause of my symptoms are then they come back with a course of treatment.

That is the direction I suggest. So ... is there a Doctor in the house?

NOTE: V, I do NOT take it personally, guess I will have to keep a tighter reign on you.!

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #20 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 9:45am »

26th Feb, 2009 at 9:25am, Xhorxh Asmour wrote:

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I laughed so hard I just shot corn flakes out my nose!



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Viteu Toctviac'hteir

Citizen since 8-21-2006

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Gender: Male 

Posts: 943

Location: Brooklyn, NY

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #21 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 10:08am »

26th Feb, 2009 at 9:40am, Jeremiac'h Ventrutx wrote:

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Just as the heart is not the body, just an integral part. I go to my doctor because I'm not feeling well, he tells me I have appendicitis. He doesn't then tell me to "deal with it, your body is not your appendix. It is so much more." As you stated, he comes back with a course of treatment, in this case the removing of the appendix.

And this goes all around. I am not one to point out a problem without trying to be part of thinking of the solution. Albeit, my solutions at times are completely radical. JP, I look forward to working with you to fix the problem.

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #22 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 10:22am »

I fear sometimes the legitamate statement that some Talossans operate mostly outside of Witt becomes (accidentally, perhaps) a sort of catch-all excuse for why certain key figures - I mean legislators and justices and so forth - are allowed to be lazy.

And Jorge, the last "conspiracy" (to use your word) as best as I can tell was the Republic, we're so over that...lol

---Acting Leader, Progressive Party---
---Immigration Minister---
---Senéchal da Provinçù Cézembre---

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Location: Benito Province, Talossa

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #23 on 26th Feb, 2009 at 4:08pm »

26th Feb, 2009 at 10:22am, Owen Edwards wrote:

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Thank you...

Alexander Davis

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Joined: May 2006

Gender: Male 

Posts: 1,917

Location: Web of Corruption

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #24 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 3:42am »

26th Feb, 2009 at 9:25am, Xhorxh Asmour wrote:

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In a way, the RUMP IS the enemy. This is nothing personal against any of the RUMP's members, but that party has been dominating the system too long and they know very well that it can no more bring about the changes we need so badly.

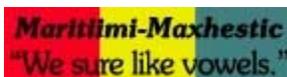
Your words, MC Asmour, are not just rude but also needlessly polarizing. This government has been a *coalition* government from the start of the term, as you recall, with party members from a half-dozen parties. You, the leader of the CCCP, were the Finance Minister until just this week.

I understand it's been a whole several days, but do you really think it's fair to already start accusing us of dominating the system? We may have won the election several times running, but I would suggest that you have only the voters to blame for that. The RUMP, on the other hand, did everything we could to bring in other viewpoints and make everyone a part of the government and in a position to make a difference.

Damn voters, dominating the system.

Alexander Davis

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Senator per provinçh da Maritiimi-Maxhestic
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Betrayed. Stolen. Kept.

Owen Edwards

Citizen since 12-8-2007
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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #25 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 8:18am »

Alexander, we should be clear that a member of a party being in the government does not mean that party is in coalition with the RUMP. The PP is certainly not in a coalition with the RUMP.

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Citizen of Talossa

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #26 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 8:25am »

Owen,

Actually, as much as I hate to do this, S:reu Davis is correct. Being as members of different parties sat in the Cabinet, it has been a coalition government.

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Location: England

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #27 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 8:31am »

No, because the party has not undertaken to support the government, only the individual member.

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #28 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 8:58am »

That is not true.

"A coalition government is a cabinet of a parliamentary government in which several parties cooperate."

~http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coalition_government

That's right, i'm referencing wikipedia.

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Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #29 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 11:38am »

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Location: Web of Corruption

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #30 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 12:02pm »

"Cooperative," then, perhaps?

Alexander Davis

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Gender: Male

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Location: Brooklyn, NY

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #31 on 27th Feb, 2009 at 12:13pm »

27th Feb, 2009 at 11:38am, Owen Edwards wrote:

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I think you're conveniently disregarding wiki because it goes against your argument. Oh look (<http://www.nationmaster.com/encyclopedia/Coalition-government>) another website supports the cabinet definition. Who knew?

Both are coalition governments. nobody is saying that your definition is wrong, but so is the idea of the cabinet being made up by different parties.

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Citizen since 2-20-2008

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Joined: Feb 2008

Gender: Male

Posts: 473

Location: Maritiimi-Maxhestic

Re: A Brief Address

« Reply #32 Yesterday at 2:43am »

The point is that the RUMP has included opposition parties in the cabinet and co-operation has occurred. Let's not get all angry because of semantics.

Suspiciendum suspiciens,

*Danihel Lupulet
RUMP member since 2008
Member of the 39th Cosa*



What Talossa Means to Me Now



In my Neo-Berber beginnings, Talossa meant a fantasy political world in which I could take an active part. It was role-playing, but as time went on, it became more than that.

One of the highlights of my life will always be the moment I got off the plane at Mitchell Field for my first visit to Milwaukee in June 2002. As I walked through the airport to a waiting Ben and Art Verbotten, I felt as though this City of Milwaukee, to which I had never come within five-hundred miles, was *mine*. The connections I made there were such that when I visited in-person for the first time, I felt myself already to be a part of Milwaukee's history. I felt right-at-home.

But it was not really until the Great Change that swept over Talossa in 2003-2004 that I was able to get out of the role-playing-fantasy funk and take a more-mature look at what this was all about and what it should be all about. In real-life as well as a make-believe country and in the absence of a deity-figure (if you are so-inclined), basic and objective human decency as a guide to living one's life and fostering genuine civilized community must be one's true king. Amy and Ben Madison lost sight of this to the extent they were willing to ditch friendships of many years and break a country apart to get their way. As abrasive and obnoxious as then-Chris Gruber may have been at TalossaFest 2003, there was and is no excuse for what the Madisons did to him.

Talossa came to me in a dark time in my life, and helped me to get a better grasp on the world, what it was all about, and what it should be all about. Doing Talossa has helped me to be a better writer, a better friend, a better Christian (if you will) and human being, a better student of politics, and more-tolerant. Doing Talossa gave me a window into the wider realm of life in a time when I needed to have opened for me those little doors and windows and let some light back in.

Even with vindictiveness of such strength to break a country in-two, I will be forever grateful to Ben Madison. For without the best parts of the tenacity he showed in keeping Talossa together for decades, there would have been no Kingdom of Talossa for me to find all those years ago, thereby making my life all-the-poorer.

Talossa - Republic, Kingdom, and expatriates - is a community and creative expression worth keeping alive and worth making stronger and stronger. This is why even after spring 2004 I stuck around, and while I have to admit it was actually Miestrà Schivâ's invite to her political party that was the spark that brought me back from hiatus-of-more-than-a-year rather than a more-noble cause, the fact of Talossa's being something worth fighting for is what prompts me to stick around.

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Saturday 19 November 2011



¿Dove noi ischent?

Hey Internet

Send us your intelligent, your geeks,
your religious fanatics longing to explain themselves.

Send us your language nazis in need of Reich.

Send us your huddled opinionated masses, too intelligent for
Jerry Springer, but who long to have strenuous,
and occassionally vitriolic, contact.

Come To Us.

Swarm, like the hungry mosquitoes you are,
around the porch light that is Talossa.

- Ián Carlüs Valadéir, aka Art Verbotten
Wittenberg VIII, 4 Listopäts 2002





A Joint Statement from His Majesty John I of the Kingdom of Talossa and Miestrâ P-figlhâ Schivâ, President of the Talossan Republic

Seven and a half years ago, the Kingdom of Talossa suffered the loss of a number of valuable citizens, who (provoked by the misbehaviour of the King of Talossa) left the Kingdom to form the Talossan Republic. Since that time, many newcomers to Talossa have joined the Republic and have lived and flourished there, together with the original "rebels", proudly identifying themselves as Talossans even though they were never citizens of the Kingdom. This division in our nation, however necessary it was, has always been a matter of regret and sorrow to patriotic Talossans in both groups.

On this 32nd anniversary of the establishment of the Kingdom of Talossa, we the undersigned, the King of Talossa and the President of the Talossan Republic, are very pleased to reveal publicly that last month, at the initiative of leading citizens of the Republic — an initiative which was immediately and warmly welcomed by the leaders of the Kingdom —, informal talks began, with the aim of finding ways to facilitate the unification of the Talossan people in a single state by the admission of the Republic's citizenry to citizenship in the Kingdom. The talks, thanks to great goodwill on both sides, have gone very well. We are happy to announce that, pending the successful conclusion of these discussions, the Talossan Republic will be formally dissolved, and every one of its citizens who desires it welcomed into full citizenship in the Kingdom of Talossa. Some of the details have yet to be worked out, and some enabling legislation passed by the Ziu and by the General Assembly of the Republic, but both Governments are enthusiastically behind the plan. Our aim and intention is clear — one Talossan people, and one Talossan state.

Each of the former Republicans will be admitted as a citizen of the Province of his or her own choice; but it is our mutual intention that those who desire to maintain something of their "rebel culture" within the Kingdom will organize an eighth Province, which will serve them as a sort of local center of their Talossan activity. Regardless of Provincial citizenship, they will all be full citizens of the Kingdom, living under the King and the Organic Law, and participating fully in all aspects of our joint national life — cultural, political, and social.

This rapprochement is not to be regarded as some kind of conquest or surrender or Borg-like assimilation, but rather as the reception into the Kingdom of a group of good Talossans who have been, up until now, politically separated from the larger group of their co-nationalists. We fervently hope, and we firmly believe, that the "reunision" of the Kingdom and the Republic will usher in a new era in the history of our beloved nation, and allow us to reach unprecedented heights in our pursuit and enjoyment of our shared Talossanity.

(signed) John Regeu and Miestrâ Schivâ

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Via that same Wittenberg XII thread, and in that same post, Miestrâ added the following: "I would only like to add to this that I will be introducing a bill to the General Assembly immediately. endorsing the principle of imminent Talossan "reunision" (pending consensus on several outstanding issues), the negotiations which have led to the issuing of this joint statement, and my executive decisions as to the negotiation team."

King-in-Abbavilla issues annual Independence Day Speech from the Throne

My dear friends, citizens of the Kingdom of Talossa and citizens of the Talossan Republic

What a joy and privilege it is for me to be permitted once again to make the Speech from the Throne on the occasion of the anniversary of the independence of our great Nation! I am, as always, grateful to all of you who have made this last year, our 32nd, such a good one in Talossa; and today, 26 December 2011, we have more to celebrate together as Talossans than on any other Independence Day in our history — for which I am doubly and trebly grateful.

As you may already have read or known, but we are now able to reveal publicly for the first time, the President and other leading citizens (including the heads of the elected government) of the Talossan Republic recently approached me and the Government of the Kingdom with a bold plan for what Lord Hooligan (possibly in a mere typo, possibly under the influence of the national currency) dubbed the "reunision" of Talossa. I cannot possibly convey what we felt on being approached with such a plan; but I imagine many of you, hearing and reading of this for the first time, are experiencing something of the same thrill and joy that we did. Prime Minister Litz Cjantscheir, Distain Lord Hooligan, and I were simply giddy with gladness at the realization that now, after over seven years of (sometimes very bitter) estrangement, the Kingdom would soon be graced and invigorated with the arrival, as citizens, of a group of eminent Talossans whose participation in our national affairs and cultural life are (at least in some cases) nothing short of legendary.

As President Schivâ and I, in our joint Announcement earlier today, made clear, there are still details of the "reunision" to be worked out and finalized, but all Talossans may be assured that from the Kingdom's point of view these are **only** details, and that we have every expectation of being able to welcome our fellow Talossans (now of the Republic) to full citizenship in the Kingdom without any undue delay.

I call on all current citizens of the Kingdom to welcome the (former) Republicans, as they join us, with open arms. Among them are former Prime Ministers of the Kingdom, Ladintschen well versed in our beautiful national language, "old-growth" Talossans whose knowledge and experience of the country goes back to the 1990s and even before, and relative new-comers whose dedication to our national identity is no less fervent than that of any of us. If we have any "issues" with the Republic or the Republicans, we can be assured of being able to work them out as between fellow-citizens, with all the goodwill

that our shared nationality and shared citizenship iconify. I call, also, on the current citizens of the Republic, to be assured of the eager readiness of the Kingdom to welcome you, and not to let any glitches or frictions between personalities that might arise to eclipse the central fact, that we are **very** glad to have you with us.

After this magnificent news, anything else I could say in the Speech from the Throne is going to pale into insignificance; but a few things simply have to be mentioned. I was personally gratified by the smooth and friendly conduct of two general elections. (But what the heck? It's RUMP, RUMP, RUMP, everything RUMP. Can't we get a viable opposition going?) Among the blessings of the past year, I of course am particularly cognizant of my own recovery from a serious illness; in connection with which, I thank all of you who, I know, prayed for me, and whose continually expressed good wishes and friendship were such a joy. It has been, too, a great pleasure to admit over two dozen new citizens; to meet (and drink with) various travelling Talossans — in particular Marti Prevuost and his wife, Aladna and Amaval Coca, and Viteu Toctviac'hteir —; to participate, alas! at too great a distance, in such happy events as the marriage of Danihel Adam Zefareu Forestal with the beautiful Sarac'h Çamberleir, and the births of wonderful dandelions to Brad and Carrie Holmes and to Pol and Audradâ d'Auribuerg (gosh, I hope I'm not forgetting any); and to work with a fine new Prime Minister (whose advice has been **very** valuable to me on more than one occasion), with my dearest of friends Lord Hooligan, with my Talossan son the heir presumptive Prince Patrick Duke of Florencia, with two spectacularly good Secretaries of State, and with all the rest of you.

Most simply put, I am more proud and pleased than I can find words to express, to be the King of such a wonderful country, and such an excellent group of citizens.

God bless you all, and God bless Talossa and grant us a New Year of happiness, prosperity, friendship, kindness, and grace.

John Regeu

Issued via Wittenberg XI Thread 5972

Speech to the Talossan Nation regarding John and Miestrâ's Joint Statement of 26 XII 2011 and a heartfelt and long-overdue apology to Quedêir Castiglhâ

Azul once again,

When I issued my previous 'Address' on about 6 December of this year, I made it out to the 'Talossan Nations'. The use of the plural was a gross oversight on my part: we are all *one* nation and always have been. Forces beyond our control dictated that for a period of years our beautiful Talossa would be broken. If all goes as-planned 2012 will see the two halves put back together and this piece of old business taken care of: nothing less than the thrusting of the Great Pumpkin through the Door of Night.

The history of Talossa is one of epochs and earth-shaking events, both good and bad. The Founding of Talossa was the greatest of all of these. The Cone Wars of late 1980 proved the viability of Ben's personality and creative output as being one that could appeal to more people than just Ben. The making of Danihél Lauriéir into Talossa's second citizen soon thereafter brought the first person other than Ben into the country, and the advent of permanent democracy in 1985 heralded a golden age of creative output and political machination that would continue for five years.

1989-1990 saw the end of the old Talossan political order with the demise of the Talossan National Party and the life-changes in the personal state of a prominent Talossan (not Ben) that would have direct political consequences for the Kingdom that resonate to this day: the advent of the unprecedented decade-plus of political dominance of the Progressive Conservative Party.

The rise of the internet in the general public consciousness during the mid-1990s signalled an end to the exclusively-home-grown nature of the Regipäts. With a little help from Netscape in late 1995, Talossa was introduced to the world. Among the benefits of said event was a steady stream of immigration that really did not stop until early 2001. Among the casualties was the end of the tradition of constant Talossan print media publications. Wittenberg disco-forums saw to that: news was now immediate and offered in real-time.

The mass-exoduses of 1998 and 2001 were inspired directly by Ben's abrasiveness and inability to really see Talossa as a global nation and his inability or outright refusal to see that people of various political persuasions could all still be people of great virtue. As important as they were to their participants, for the Kingdom they were but a foreshadowing of Halloween and the mass-exodus to come.

People could say 1 June 2004 was another epoch-shaping event. It was not. Our mass-leaving was but the logical conclusion to the events began three months earlier when then-King-Ben began his rash of false accusations against Kane Gruber of domestic

violence. These accusations were never refuted, and Ben did nothing to try and make things right.

Enter Quedéir Castighâ and his noble and well-intentioned attempt at bringing a real reconciliation: the Table of Abbavilla. It takes a certain kind of courage and graciousness to stand between the Wrath of Ben and the Temper of Gruber and say, 'Wait a second, guys.'. While some of us came immediately and more-than-willingly to the Table, the rest of Talossa waited with bated breath for Ben to come to the Table and take his seat.

But Ben did no such thing. And with that, he took those fateful steps across the Rubicon, from which there was no turning back. On that day, Ben Madison broke Talossa. And what is now known as 'Old Talossa' was no more.

And what happened next was the only way it could turn out. On Black Tuesday (13 April 2004), the full venom of Ben's madness was revealed to all: Lisagate. And realizing there was no way for us to free Talossa from Ben's clutches, but realizing we still loved Talossa, we had no choice but to leave. And on 1 June 2004, that's what we did. But the real end for the old order and the ushering-in of the next era in Talossan history came at the Table of Abbavilla.

With Gruber and the other malcontents out-of-the-way, Talossa was Ben's sandbox once more. But he shot himself in the foot. As with obsessives like him, he would not let the matter of Gruber et al rest, and the people of the Kingdom came to see him for the idiot he was. All the good things Ben has ever done in life have been marred by his flawed nature. In 2003-2004, that nature was on full-display.

Chief among his new detractors were John Woolley and Fritz Buchholtz. But it was Tomás Garicier's refusal to back down from Ben's insistence the Talossan language be withheld from the world (and therefore Kane Gruber and the rest of us) that made Ben do what he should have done long ago - or should have been done for him by way of the expulsion he so richly-deserved: he packed up his toys and left.

The Abdication of Robert I and his and Amy's renunciations on 14-15 August 2005 were the parting of the clouds. Talossa was free from its founder who had passed from being its greatest asset to its sole and malignant cancer. Another era for Talossa had begun.

Debate will rage for years why we in the Republic did not come back immediately. As far as I'm concerned, it has to be water under the bridge. And while the defensive and wounded posture far-too many in the Kingdom took in reaction to our founding of the Republic was stunning and played right into Ben's hands, that, too, I think should be water under the bridge. Otherwise, we might as well abandon Talossa right now and have done with it.

Which brings me to Quedéir Castiglhá...

In our leaving the Kingdom, we had two regrets. We were and still are wracked with sorrow that Ben could not find it in himself to be the king he should have been. And we waxed great with regret that Quedéir had to be thrown under the bus. It was on his watch as Prime Minister that we left, and he, I believe, has always considered it to be a personal failure on his part that he could not have kept us in the Kingdom.

The truth of the matter is that once Ben and Amy went on their witch-hunt to get Gruber out of Talossa by any means necessary, even Verbotten, Dan L., and JJ together, with any of those three as PM, could not and would not have stopped him. Queen Amy was, we believe, the driving force in a lot of what went on behind-the-scenes, and if you know Amy at all, once that Death Star juggerlocomotive pulls out of the station, the best thing to do is to just run for cover lest it mow you down.

Quedéir, if you are still blaming yourself for what happened, don't. It was not your fault, and I think I speak for all of us who left in apologizing for making you our roadkill. Today, I re-read your resignation posts on Witt from June 2004 from the Prime Ministry, and it pains me to know once again how hurt you were by all of this.

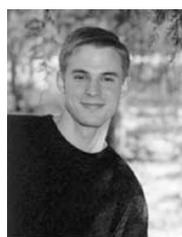
You deserved better from all of us, the then-King most of all, but unfortunately as things had gone with Ben and Amy, if it was to do all over again, I think that, all-thing-being-unchanged, I can safely speak for all of us Founding Parents of the Republic in that we would have had no choice but to do it all the exact same way.

The Madisons gave us no other option.

I hope the Talossa to come has you as a part of it. But if that is not to be the case, let your statesmanship, poise, leadership, and courage via the Table of Abbavilla be your 'monument'.

Gödefrieu Válcadác'h
26th and 29th Prime Ministers of the Kingdom of Talossa
8th Prime Minister of the Republic of Talossa

2012



Talossa's year of destiny

(Re-)Unification and why you, a newbie, should care

by Gödefrieu Válcadác'h

If you were in Talossa prior to 1 June 2004, this is not for you. If, however, you are in the gigantic bunch of people in both the Kingdom and Republic who came after 'the Split', you are among those to whom I preach.

When you came to Talossa, Kingdom or Republic, you came to a broken people and a broken nation. A broken and imperfect Talossa...

If you have not read my provocative and profound *A Nation Sundered*, you should do so right away because it will give you the low-down on the vendetta against another Talossan citizen prosecuted by the former King Robert I and his consort, the former Queen Amy that turned the old Kingdom of Talossa into the repressive dictatorship which led directly to the mass-exodus of 1 June 2004.

The just-announced informal talks between the Kingdom of Talossa and the Republic of Talossa are intended to heal that breach and give to the world a single Talossa state to go along with the single Talossan people that has always existed since Talossa's founding thirty-three years ago. In 2004, the Talossan people were split into two distinct social continuities. In 2012 (we hope), and may it please God to bring this about, those two distinct social continuities will become one community once more.

You don't know or care anything at all about this 'Republic' or that 'Kingdom'. You should. Here's why:



Second only to Tomás Gariçier, Republic citizen **Miestrâ Schivâ** (pictured at left) is the foremost speaker of the Talossan language in Talossa today. Hailing from New Zealand and possessing the boundless energy that is the fuel that helps keep Talossa going, Miestrâ is a scholar of the Talossan language, Talossan history, and is a fierce debater.

A thorn in the side of Ben Madison for many years, she has officially been a part of Talossa since coming to the Republic in 2004, but her time on the Talossan stage goes all the way back to 1997 when she became perhaps the first person ever to be vetoed for citizenship by the Kingdom's Uppermost Cort.

However, that little scuffle did not stifle her love and passion for Talossa, no matter how crazy its then-King (Ben) was, and she brings to the table her quick wit, her fairness, her willingness to go the extra mile, her memories of having

never stopped keeping up with what was going on with Talossa the past fourteen years, and her boundless good heart and incredible friendship.

Her being derided by Ben Madison for so long, I thought her to be a scion of Chtulhu himself, but when she joined us in the Republic of Talossa in 2004, she won me over with literally but two Wittenberg posts.



Hailing from Sweden and possessing more knowledge of American culture and history than most Americans (including yours-truly), **Ián Anglatzarâ** (at left) brings to Talossa one of the most serene and personalities we are so fortunate to have. A worthy Kingdom Secretary of State in the old Talossa, he was one of the many, many people who brought the ire of Ben Madison, an ire that has now become the Talossan Good Houskeeping Seal of Approval, telling all of us this is a person we all need to associate ourselves with at the first-possible chance.

In 2006, I took a church choir trip to Sweden and Denmark. While in Sweden, I had the privilege of staying a night with the Anglatzarâs in Uppsala, and found Ián and his wife to be two of the nicest and wisest people I have ever known. Such a joy to know them!



No-one in Talossa can deny the watershed importance of the Cone Wars, that most-imperfect catalyst of fomenting the community of Talossa in the Kingdom's earliest years. And no-one can deny the seminal importance of the Kingdom's antagonist in that event, **Xhéralt Conâ**.

A huge science-fiction geek, Xhéralt was last seen by Talossans as a part of the Talossan expatriate community that left the Kingdom with Ben in 2005. And while we abhor the mere thought of Ben and Amy ever making a return to Talossa, we need to do all we can to make Xhéralt and the other non-Madison expats feel welcome in a single Talossan state once more.

And we can do that by offering them to chance to join a re-united and healed Talossa.



And then there is **Ián Carlüs Valadéir**, aka **Art Verbotten**. Third only to Ben and Ián Ursümvür Metáiriâ in Talossa's development over the years, he has been called 'the Conscience of Talossa' for good reason. He knows Talossan history as well as anyone, having been around for nearly all of it.

A belligerent in the Cone Wars allied with Ben and JJ, there is so much more to this person, however. He is the most level-headed and sane person in Talossa and can say in a few words what it takes me or others to say in a hundred. He can see through bunk better than anyone and is one of the nicest and most-gracious people I have ever known.

Yes, he has recently left Talossan life, but perhaps a reunited Talossa could serve to goad him into making a comeback.



Fritz Buchholtz. To many of you, the name needs little introduction. He is a Talossan who has known Ben for decades who was active in the Kingdom following 1 June 2004, though he did not actually become a Talossan until after that fateful day.

Any wargamer in Milwaukee for any length of time will surely remember Napoleon's gaming store in Shorewood, north of Talossa where Fritz and his family held court for so many years, providing a mecca for tabletop wargamers for more than twenty years.

Along with Tomás and John Woolley, Fritz was one of the chief Talossans calling Ben out on his continued obsessive vindictiveness in the wake of the advent of the Republic, and has long pined for reunification. Should it come around, I should think a great force in Talossa, long inactive, would come home.



It is very possible that but for the intervention of **Danihél Lauriéir** in the crisis following the departure of the Royals in August 2005 there would be no Kingdom of Talossa today. In the official rolls of Talossan citizenship, he is listed as the second-ever citizen of Talossa, Ben being the first. He was Talossa's first prime minister.

Like JJ, Dan was a fly in the ointment that kept Ben himself interested in Talossa's earliest years, and everyone knows if there is anything Talossa thrives on, it's a fly in the ointment.

I've spoken with Dan by phone at least the once, and I've found him very pleasant and gracious. Like Fritz, he loves Talossa immensely, and he too has pined for the day when we can be a single community again.

King Florence? *The Florenciâ Iârni*? Why the heck not? Let's bring not only her back, but why not Alvoradâ Feitz Fôrfesc, Xhêralt Schvic'htenburg, and Cauprâ Arvoûretâ Châvalà-Furxhéir. What about other Old-Growthers who might have an interest in making a comeback? Vitxalmoûr Simeônescu? Jôl M. "Jôsh" Mac'ht? Anyone else?



A united Talossa is far-stronger to get these people back so that they do not need to make the evil choice between Kingdom and Republic. Talossa has survived thirty-two years...barely. By getting all these Old-Growth Talossans and some of the newer old-timers back, we stand a chance at surviving another thirty-two years or longer.

This is not about me. It is not about you. The pain of losing our distinctive Kingdom and Republic flavors is difficult to bear, but I can tell you Talossans

through the coming years and decades will look to us at the visionaries who saw past our own time and saw a future in which a united Talossa was able to take root and withstand the ravages of time and change in persistent obstinance to that most-dangerous of our enemies: apathy and boredom.

In the months to come, our respective governments will put forth a united scheme for bringing about the coming united Talossa. Supporting same will ensure Talossan existence for another twenty-five years at least. Disdaining same will ensure continued years of division and a loss of our connection with our Talossan past.

Let's keep on our governments to make this happen folks! Let's do this...

...për noastra Talossa!

At the end of this most-remarkable Talossan Independence Day, Oraclâ reflects with Gödefrieu Válcadác'h...

Oraclâ: Well-well, Gödefrieu, you must be on cloud-nine right now.

Gödefrieu Válcadác'h: Yes, but in a sad way for my Republic fellows who came to the Republic after 1 June 2004 and who have never ever known Talossan life as anything but republicans in a very small but tight-knit community... If re/unification comes around, it will be toughest on them. But I think this is the right way to go. We have to think of the future, and Talossa is far-better-off as one state instead of two states perpetually at war with one-another.

O: This move, then, on the Republic's government is based on pragmatism as much as anything?

GV: I think so. And really, we in the Republic have done what we set out to do. In the face of the tyranny of Ben Madison, we stood strong as a viable alternative in which someone could come and do Talossa in a place that was safe and in which someone would not be looking into your public records and fabricating malicious lies from same just to get you kicked out.

Shenanigans like what Ben Madison pulled have real-world consequences. This is part of what got us so incensed and why there was so much bitterness.

O: And with Ben and Amy gone, you guys can make a triumphal return to the Kingdom with your heads held high?

GV: *Heads held high?* You bet. *Triumphal?* Absolutely. *Return?* Not really.

Kane sometime ago said to me (it's in an old Oraclâ no. 60-something) that one cannot return to things as they were on 31 May 2004, which is the great mistake my Blue Wave Party made. Instead of my keeping a mindset of moving forward to a Talossa that could be in the future, I was gunning for a 'return' to the Talossa in the past that Should-Have-Been, a Talossa that never existed and that now never will.

And this week, I've really come to the realization of the importance of the Table of Abbavilla. It gave Ben and everyone a clear and defined chance and opportunity to bring their cases forward in the hope that then Kingdom PM QC could arbitrate, if you will, some sort of reapproachment. Had Ben come clean with everything, I think things could have been smoothed-over.

M-P Furxheir and I brought our 'statements' to the Table while everyone else (Kane, especially) waited for Ben to do likewise. However, it was not to be. Everyone was looking for a specific statement from the King addressing the spurious charges against Kane. But once it was clear that Ben was not going to budge, the last chance to salvage

the old Talossa was gone.

O: But let's imagine for a moment, the Table did turn out differently, Ben laid out his 'case' against Gruber, Gruber comes back and says this and easily blows Ben out of the water, Ben gets a fit of contrition, and the apologies flow from him left and right, etc. 1 June 2004 does not end up happening, and all goes as it was.

GV: The coming cataclysm was inevitable. The spurious accusations against Kane came at the near-tail-end of months of feuding which came at the tail end of years of building resentment and doubt about Ben's sanity where Talossa was concerned. The Liberals had not been forgotten. Penguinia was on everyone's mind, still (Ben saw to that), and there was building a slow powderkeg that was waiting to explode.

If the Table had succeeded and the domestic-violence junk de-fused, something else would have come up on the heels of doubts on everyone's part about Ben's sincerity.

Look, Ben was on shaky ground with driving people off for years and years, and everyone knew he had issues where Talossa was concerned: namely that he valued it above everything else and pretty-much everyone else in his life save his wife and immediate family. He did not work that much, and everyone knew he at his best was linguistics-professor material. The guy should have been tenured somewhere like his father. He has the brains to get it done. And everyone knows it.

The situation in Talossa was terribly-unstable, and Ben was the cause of it. Phil Ledgerwood. Charles Sauls. Jack Schneider. Dan Wardlow. Ián Anglatzarâ. Béiâ Cruciani. The list goes on and on...

O: But didn't Ben drive away Davron?

GV: No, and that was an entirely-different situation. Ron and David really *were* a thorn in Talossa's side. David forged an electoral ballot at least the once and was a nefarious political back-stabber. Ron was his right-hand man.

Davron simply got tired and moved on with real life.

O: But to keep on this subject a bit more, wasn't Ron allowed back into the Kingdom ca. 2000? If he was so bad, why the re-entry approval?

GV: All sources and people who remember them point to David as the real villain in that little scuffle. And in 2000, we gave Ron the benefit of a doubt as to years of real life perhaps maturing him somewhat.

And without David there to egg him on, Ron was a mostly-decent (if not still somewhat erratic) citizen the second time around, though I think he did do some flip-flopping politically. To his credit, in the days following our mass-exodus, he was the

one person in the Kingdom who actually spoke up for us. He later defected and joined the Republic, but vanished into somewhere some time after that. We haven't heard from him in years.

O: But to bring things back to topic, Ben was very good at ferreting out jerks.

GV: Yes, but he also ferreted out people who did not fit his narrow view of what was decent. JKK, formerly derided as the 'Greek God Guy', was called out for his religious views. Ben had a horrible time discerning virtue from internet posts, which is usually something that is not that difficult to do, provided one has enough posts and gristle to go on.

And from what I can tell, JKK gave us enough gristle.

O: But that's just it: no-one else in Talossa was on JKK's side. Right?

GV: That's just it. Ben Madison has a singular gift, in-person and online to exude a real charm and charisma. It's very easy to fall under his spell, and I certainly did that for a long time. It was not until Black Tuesday with Coop's and Art's renunciations that I was finally free of the Cult of Tolerance surrounding Ben. It was the day I finally grew up in Talossa and grew up a little in Real Life, too.

O: You've spoken of the Cult of Tolerance before. You spoke of it in 'A Nation Sundered'. What *is* it, exactly?

GV: It was a combination of giving Ben the benefit of a doubt given long-standing friendship, his status as Talossa's Founder, and a vain hope on the part of long-time friends that he would grow up a little. At his best, our Ben is really a very-likable character. He is witty. He is articulate. He is funny. He knows lots of history and can talk with you about almost anything. One *wants* him to be correct. One *wants* him to be right. One *wants desperately* for the colorful story of Ár Päts to be what really happened, the whole thing just seems so cool and crazy and quirky.

Look, for years I really thought the Liberals just didn't *get it* about Talossa. I looked at them wanting to turn the place into a politically-correct republic where the tone of one's speech was more-important than the substance where in-fact, both are important. I had not yet learned that people of differing political persuasions could both be virtuous on that deeper level, and that that while God may be Lord of all, the earth was a grayer place.

Oh, yes, there are absolute ways in which to live one's life: don't steal, don't lie, don't cheat, don't murder, don't embezzle, etc., but the rich irony of the conservative interpretation of holy scripture relating to the end-time is that the millennial reign of Christ is, in fact, a theocratic, totalitarian, and communist dictatorship.

But another rich irony is that while Jesus may be the ultimate communist, with people, there is for every Snowball a Napoleon who raises puppies. Russia and China have found this out the hard way. No, I am still a capitalist, though with a healthy dose of labor-union and government intervention, though I could go on like that forever.

To get back on-topic, pretty much anyone that did not agree with Ben on matters of religion or politics was to him a reprobate deserving his eternal scorn. Phil Ledgerwood found that out the hard way.

O: Why, then, did Ben get along so well with JJ and Mike P.?

GV: They agreed with him on Talossan matters. And in JJ's case, there were decades of real-life interaction to go on. Mike did not have that luxury, and once he parted from Ben on Talossan politics related to Kane Gruber in a major way 2003-2004, that was it for their friendship.

O: Kane. It all went pear-shaped at TalossaFest 2003, didn't it?

GV: I arrive in Milwaukee in July 2003 and step off the bus, having gotten to Mitchell Field from Chicago O'Hare. If memory serves, Ben and Andy Lowry pick me up from the airport.

We arrive at Ben and Amy's house (not Vuode Palace) to meet Amy, Kane/Chris, and Tomás there. We walk into the living room. I fully expect a huge bear-hug from Kane, but all I get is a shrug-hug and a scowl on Gruber's visage having nothing to do with me. Amy had a look of great annoyance, and I sense the mood is not good.

Clearly, Amy and Kane had just met. And it had not gone well.

It would go downhill from there.

O: Two personalities that could never - ever - get along.

GV: Two bigger-than-life mouths that both wanted to be the center of conversations and could not stand that the other was in the room, perhaps.

O: Oil and water. Temper and Wrath. Your headings in 'A Nation Sundered'.

GV: I think that was pretty-much it. There were a lot of weird dynamics at work. Kane was so excited at being in Milwaukee/Talossa for the first time he was just plain silly. Instances of seeming rudeness to Lisa, his wife, were, if you knew Kane, his weird sense of humor.

I just can't say it other than Ben/Amy's way of doing things were at complete odds with how Kane comported himself. Kane was fine with everyone else, but at times he

really did come as abrasive, rude, and crude. But he never meant to be any of those things, nor does he now -- unless you reeeeeally give him a good reason.

There was simply no way the 'Madison-Durnford Arrangement' and Gruber were ever going to mesh in-person. And if you know Amy at all, you know her to be a talkative juggernaut that will not be stopped.

But for a long time, I thought Amy was great. She was getting Ben a more well-rounded look at the world (which caused me to note my somewhat-lack-of-same). I thought she was a very good thing to have happened to Ben. It was only after her treatment of Kane that my opinion of her changed.

And for the record, I wish her well. I want her and Ben both to be happy, well, and content. While I will fight to my dying day any attempt to bring them back into Talossa, I don't hate them. I don't revile them. We always got along very well, and should I ever run into them again, I think our conversation would be very civil.

I will never forget how gracious Ben and Amy were to me in my two trips there.

Nevertheless, I will take the sleaze of Davron over the sleaze of Ben Madison digging for 'dirt' on Gruber to get him thrown out of Talossa. Unbelievable!!

O: But to bring things back, if 1 June 2004 had not happened, what would Talossa's fate have been?

GV: The better question to ask is what would have happened if Gruber had not provided them a cover for which to enact their nefarious scheme.

[Gödafrüeu:]>> The healing has already begun. But it is my humble opinion that the chief problem in this is that you and Chris Gruber cannot get along.

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[Ben:]> Then Chris should leave. It would be good for everybody.

Hey - Ben. Maybe you should do what your mother did all these years ago.

- from **Poor Ben Madison. He just doesn't get it. (Witt X 7683)**, posted by **Retroradio Gruber** on December 28, 2003 - 05:50

It is public knowledge that Ben's mother passed away in her sleep in 1979, several months before Talossa's founding.

O: The most-vicious insult in the history of Talossa! Deplorable.

GV: Without question. It was so bad that I turned to Ben's side of things right then and there. It is a testament to Ben's nuttiness that he found a way for me to go right back to Gruber's camp and stay there permanently.

Ben and Amy decided in a fit of paranoia to check out Kane's public criminal record

and see if there was anything they could use to support the Insult as being what it surely a had to have been: a direct threat to Ben's life.

It's funny that no-one else in Talossa saw that dire insult as anything more than...an insult. But again, we digress. It's so easy to go on tangents talking about Talossa.

O: All-too-easy.

But let's get back to your talking about the years of pent-up resentment and anger with Ben over all sorts of things. And Ben's reaction to the Table of Abbavilla...

GV: ...which consisted solely of his Støtanneu article from autumn 2003 (well-before the Insult was hurled) in which he goes into rich detail how the evil Gruber backstabbed him re the Joint Statement between his Grey Congress Party and Ben's Black Hand when it is a proven fact the 'backstabbing' was an honest communications snafu Tomás pulled off.

In his 'statement' to the Table, Ben references that article...and that's it!! Nothing else. No mention of the spurious charges against Kane and how Kane's continued custody of his son blows any concern about domestic violence out of the water... No concern or care for his subjects in Talossa... Oy, veh - I could go on and on.

Look, if the Insult had not happened, there would be no false charges, etc. And no Lisagate. No Black Tuesday.

But all those things, or events similar to them, or events with at least the same spirit of utter poison would have taken place one way or another. It was just a matter of time.

With every mass-exodus, with every Phil Ledgerwood, with every Charles Sauls, Talossa was inching closer and closer to such an oblivion even Ben's closest friends would have given up on him in doing Talossa, eventually leaving him as a Talossan community of one when he could have had the internet, geekdom, and the entire world knocking on his door.

When one has that much opportunity for friendship and camaraderie, how could one ever go back to 1979 and being all by himself? Yet, if I know Ben at all, I know him to be such a person who, in order to never lose, would have rather lost all the non-immediate-family people in his life.

a pity for him... a pity for us... a pity for Ben's family... a pity for the world...

O: You still hold onto the hope of the Talossa that never could have been, don't you?

GV: I look back and see what Ben could have done with Talossa. And it's all-too-easy to despair.

But at the same time, I look at all the miracles that have happened.

One thing Ben was very good at was attracting dynamic and bright people around him. Of course, he drove half of them off and the other half to complete apathy, but that's another story.

Enough of these dynamic and bright people saw the output of Ben's creative genius and saw the best parts of the make-believe country we all wish we had where government was truly honest, laws were really fair, and copyright is not enforced too severely as to snuff out creative expression.

We all want that sort of country. At its best Talossa is a vehicle for such a place, even if it ultimately exists only in our minds and not *de jure* or *de facto* in any tangible sense.

And when I wallow in What Might Have Been, I do my fellow Talossans and myself a great disservice. By seeing only the past, I am blind to the future and the future of what Talossa, in the full plane of reality, could be.

After everything that has happened, Talossa still exists. Talossa is still mostly-thriving, and there are enough people to keep things going for new people to come and contribute for years to come. Now, the Kingdom will get back a lot of its old institutional memory.

O: And that is something that has not been talked about. What about Ben's expatriate community of people with institutional memory? Why don't we get them back into Talossa?

GV: A united Talossa will be a far-greater pull than having to choose sides in the stupid cold war between Kingdom and Republic, which indeed has been bitter at times. There are a lot of great people I'd love to see make a return, even as only a nominal voter.

This is a huge reason alone for people to get fully-behind our efforts at getting a union together. It's a win-win for the entire people of Talossa.

O: For one thing, prospectives will no longer be divided by joining the Kingdom or joining the Republic. There will now be just the Kingdom.

GV: Very true. The republican aspect of Talossan history will end...for now. ;-) But we will be entering or re-entering a Kingdom that is more-democratic than it ever has been before. No matter how long he reigns, John Woolley will never have the breadth of influence Ben had. There is too much immigration of independent-minded folks. Plus, John is not the Founder. And his history of Talossa only goes back a few years - as does the history of about three-quarters of active Talossans today! And that brings up another very-critical point: we old-timers will be able to give our

institutional knowledge to the next generation as well as really bringing them into our collective and shared history.

Besides, my own Talossan history is only five years longer than John's! lol

O: What is next in the chain of events for both sides? What about these seemingly-minor details that need to be worked-out?

GV: The talks are on-going and confidential. I really do not have the liberty to discuss them. Both sides can rest easy in that their views and concerns will be heard and well-represented by the very-capable people in the six-person group ironing things out.

This much I can see to your first question. The talks will continue to take place with the committee issuing a statement of This-is-How-the-Return-will-Proceed. The two countries will have their chances to vote such up or down, and we will go on from there.

O: How long do you think these negotiations will last?

GV: There will not be a lot going on before New Year's, for sure. And with at least one member being busy in real-life through January, things may be delayed a bit.

If all goes well, we could have something from them concrete in our hands by the end of February, but anything could happen, and we could have something by next week. Who knows?

O: 'next week' and 'end of February' are two very-different things.

GV: Yes, but that is as detailed an analysis of how things are going as I can provide. I will trust in John and Miestrâ and all angels to keep us informed. I just cannot say anything on this public medium, however. Sorry.

O: The committee issues its 'statement' or whatever, the people vote up or down, the vote on both sides is 'up'. When could the Return happen?

GV: Good question. There will be many details logistically to be ironed-out. The Return could happen as early as six weeks from now or by the latter part of this year. I just cannot be sure of things yet except to say I'm pretty sure 2012 will see a final resolution of this question one way or the other.

O: And if the vote on one side or the other, or both, is 'down'?

GV: The consequences for Talossa short-term and long-term are too ghastly to discuss.

O: Perhaps we should give the people that scenario. What if negotiations break down,

and both sides are unable to come up with a scheme to make the Return happen?

Talossans go their separate ways in perpetually-warring camps, never speaking to one another again?

GV: That's exactly what would happen. We would be forever divided with little or no hope of ever mending the chasm. Both sides would consign themselves to eternal bitterness. No-one would really win.

O: Do you think it could happen? This breaking-down of negotiations?

GV: It is a possibility, however slight. If there are issues deadlocking the process, those who raise up those issues need to concern themselves with the price of sticking to their guns compared with the price of real compromise.

Sometimes, compromise is a good thing.

And one thing we must remember: if Talossa stays apart, Ben Madison's will is done. If he is now aware of what's happening, rest assured he *wants* us to fail.

O: Thanks so much for talking - time for you to get some shut-eye.

GV: That I will do. Thanks as always.



Daviu Lundescu

interview by Gödefrieu Válcadác'h

Born in 1990, Daviu Lundescu has been a Talossan since acquiring citizenship on 12 October 2011. This interview was conducted with him on 6-7 January 2012



Daviu with his weapon of war... Quoth he from Facebook: "it is a replica of an 1853 enfield rifled musket used by both sides during the Civil War. And I got to load and fire black powder out of it. The powder tasted like sh**, but the chance to fire a piece of history was awesome."

Gödefriëu Válcadác'h: Thanks so much for sitting down with me, so-to-speak. The Civil War re-enactments are very cool. How did you get started?

Davïu Lundescu: Thank You, the pleasure is all mine.

I got started in Civil War reenacting just about a year ago, I was reading a newspaper and saw that there was a reenactment coming up in my area, Being a historian and civil war buff already, I went, started talking to a few people, and (then Private) Rufus Lawless of the 15th Alabama asked if I wanted to join the Company. I thought about it for a few minutes and started talking to the officers and NCO's of the company, and said what the heck. Pvt. Lawless showed me the ropes on how to carry my musket, how to load it, and such, and I marched off into battle. I enjoyed that day almost too well, and went to a few other battles. and needless to say, I was (and still am) hooked on the hobby.

GV: Very nice How many re-enactments do you do each year, and how involved are you?

DL: I am involved quite a bit when I go, I am a soldier of course, but when I am not fighting the "bloody yanks", I am helping out around camp or helping the battalion, never a dull moment out there. In terms of how many reenactments I attend, I try to attend as many as I can, but it is a hobby and other things sometimes take priority, but if I have the time and everything is in order, you can bet I'm out there.

GV: Your musket... Tell us more about it. Is it hand-made a laWallace Gusler's creations in Colonial Williamsburg? How is it to fire and use? What maintenance does it require?

DL: The musket I use personally, is a replica of an 1853 Enfield rifled musket, it weighs about 10-12 lbs and it was accurate up to 600 yards, (imagine, an american football field is only 100 yards, this thing could hit a target 6 american football fields away.) Firing it is awesome, it is truly an honor to be firing a piece of history like this.

In terms of maintenance, yeah you have to clean it and everything, you have to make sure it doesn't rust or that it is not going to blow up in your face the next time you fire it, but other than that, it is a pretty simple weapon.

GV: I've heard of Civil War re-enactors being so into things they replicate the condition of an average soldier to the point they literally do not wash their uniforms for months at a time, if not years. The uniforms become blacker and blacker with dirt, grime, etc. over time. Is this what you do? lol

DL: I do leave my uniform for a couple of events at a time without washing, mainly because to wash the uniforms, it is not as easy as normal clothing, they either have to be heat washed or washed by hand (Washing by hand is most preferred). but it stays the same color for the most part.

GV: I'm sure the re-enactments keep you in shape - lol.

DL: It builds arm muscles, does that count? lol, but it does keep you busy and active so, less chance of me ending up in prison.

GV: Activity is a good thing! :-)

DL: It sure is, lol



Daviu in May 2009

GV: Aside from Civil War and Talossa, any other hobbies?

DL: Actually, before I came to Talossa, and actually how I found the Kingdom, I was the Prime Minister of another Micro nation, the Commonwealth of Dragon Isle, and came here seeking diplomatic correspondence, and ended up a citizen. lol

Other than that, I am very active, I direct a boys choir, I am a volunteer of the USCG Auxiliary, I am a commander of an airsoft team, I don't know how I still find time to spend with family and friends, lol!

GV: As to Talossa, what keeps you excited, and what are your goals for how you want to do Talossa, if any?

DL: Right now, I play it by the day, I volunteered to head the NCC, which keeps me a little more active on witt and with the nation. um, as for the future, I hope to someday hold a higher position, but that could be weeks, months, or even years away. It all really depends on what goes on.

GV: Thanks so much for the chat, Daviü!

DL: Thank you, it was a great honor to talk to you.



a better photo of the 1853 Enfield Rifle-Musket...

Research on this remarkable weapon may begin at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pattern_1853_Enfield

Image link: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pattern1853Rifle.jpg>

More pics of Civil War re-enactors doing their thing at:

<http://photography-on-the.net/forum/showthread.php?t=572086>



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http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3047/2873368295_3ecb6f1e18_o.jpg

Mha introduces a first for the Talossan language

Gödefrieu Válcadác'h, reporting

On 6 January, Mha la Mha introduced on the Kingdom Witt a first for Talossa - keyboard layouts for both PC and Mac (the Mac version being done by Talossan prospective Donald T.)!

Here is the layout diagram...

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When asked about this, all GV could say was "Zooks!!!"

Complete download and documentation info may be had at <http://www.kingdomoftalossa.net/keyboard/talossan.zip>

A first for Oraclâ and for me in-general

Gödefrieu Válcadác'h, reporting



McGarriton, 29 December 2011 -- If four issues of Oraclâ magazine are published within a 24-hour period, you may rest assured there is a very good reason. This past Talossan Independence Day was such a reason.

The response from a horde of you in terms of traffic to these admittedly-larger-than-usual files (lots of images) has been the greatest-ever for any issues of this publication. You all have my great thanks, and you all brought my site down, so-to-speak: for the first time, I hit my monthly bandwidth limit.

Many apologies from me for that, and I will work to be a little more judicious in just how many issues I put out and how big the files get. I may also graduate to the next-up tier of web-hosting, but as this is a one-time happening, I can't imagine doing that just yet.

Since 2003-ish and owned and operated by former Talossan citizen Marti-Pair Furxheir, www.cablan.net has been my web-hosting provider for my www.jeffrags.com, which serves as a re-direct destination for my www.transposemysong.com and www.oraclamarchmadness.com. It was certainly *not* his fault this happened, rest assured: www.cablan.net has been utterly-reliable over the years, and I look forward to many more years of service with that fine business.

As to the remarkable numbers, the Kingdom Wittenberg as of 29 December at 3:40am Central had the Wittenberg XI thread linking to issue No. 75 having 86 views. Take the five times I believe I've viewed the thread myself, and we still have a whopping 81 views. Of course, this is also due to there being a number of replies in the thread, but still...

Issues Nos. 72-74 on Witt XI show 20, 20, and 31 views, respectively. On Wittenberg XII (Republic Witt), Issues 72-75 show 21, 8,10, and 27 views, respectively. As I've seen each of these Witt XII threads an average of twice, clearly, it was probably the Kingdom's response to No. 75 that broke the camel's back.

Perhaps a switch up to the 'Silver' hosting plan is in-order, but I don't think so. I'm pretty sure this is a one-time happenstance. I'm good with Bronze for now.

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I would love to interview you!

Being interviewed for Oraclâ is the perfect way to get yourself immortalized in Talossan media! Give me a holler via private message on either the Kingdom or Republic Wittenbergs or by way of emailing me at jeffrags at gmail dott com - looking forward to hearing from you!

Rants and Raves

So hot off the presses you can't even spell you name correctly!

- Ián Anglatzarâ re Oraclâ No. 75 via Wittenberg XI

GV talks to himself more fluently than anyone else I know.

- Miestrâ Schivâ re Oraclâ No. 75 via Wittenberg XI

Hey Jeff, you appear to have blown out your bandwidth. Everyone wants a slice of that sweet, sweet, GV-talking-to-himself goodness. 😊

- Miestrâ Schivâ re Oraclâ No. 75 via Wittenberg XI

Indeed, I did blow out my bandwidth. At this writing, all seems to be well once more with the site fully-available again. - GV



Oraclâ March Madness 2012

It's back, folks!! The Madness begins Sunday 11 March!

www.oraclamarchmadness.com will be fully-updated.
Keep your antennae up: I'll let you all know when it's ready to go. About early February, I think...

St. Brendan strikes again

Dieter N. Vercaria has published the eighth edition of his St. Brendan Sentinel. It may be found at

<http://www.eispetz.com/sentinel/stbsent8.pdf>

And you may be interested in knowing he supports a unification with Abbavilla.

Housekeeping

Oraclâ began publishing in November 2002 and produces new issues as events and GV's schedule permits, which has usually been somewhat intermittently, this past 26 December notwithstanding.

Comments, feedback, and hate-mail
may be sent to jeffrags@gmail.com
Any and all of the above
are much-appreciated.

Gödefrieu Vålcadàc'h, Editor-in-Chief

There is no official Oraclâ website
at-present, but we're working on it.

The Water Street Bridge



East face of the Water Street bridge as seen from the Broadway bridge



The bridge deck facing north...heading into Talossa

It was on this bridge that Gödefrieu Válcadách first crossed into Talossa in June 2002.

These pics are by J. R. Manning and were taken in July 2008. They may be had at <http://bridgehunter.com/wi/milwaukee/B4005480000000/> [that's eight zeroes at the end]

King John

Talossan since 5-7-2005; Knight since 11-30-2005; King since 3-14-2007



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Joined: May 2005

Gender: Male ♂

Posts: 1,588

Location: Centennial, CO (Florenzia)

Final report of Reunision Commission

« Thread Started Yesterday at 1:54pm »

My fellow Talossans --

As you are all aware, on 1 December of last year, representatives from the Talossan Republic approached me and our nation's government with a confidential "modest proposal". This proposal inaugurated discussions to determine a basis for the "reunision" of the two groups of Talossans under the flag of the Kingdom. The government and I were immediately receptive and a plan was formed to create a six-member Commission that would discuss and decide any preliminary issues, discuss relevant details, and topple any preliminary hurdles.

As for what those details are, the "modest proposal" laid out three guiding principles, which the Kingdom immediately embraced.

Discussion on the first of these principles, a guarantee that all Republican Talossans be welcomed, centered on the issue of citizenship dates for citizens whose first date of entry into the Talossan culture differs (as is the case for some Republican Talossans) from the date of Kingdom citizenship. This detail was recently decided in favour of recognising this first-date for all persons of all Talossan heritage, and indeed, all Republican Talossans, when "reunision" occurs, will carry with them their acknowledged Talossan tenure.

The second principle, concerning the right of Republican Talossans to continue their peculiar culture, led to discussion around planning for the possibility that an eighth province might be established after "reunision", to provide a possible "territorial autonomy" for those Republican Talossans who wish to become citizens of such a new province. Since there are a number of different possibilities as to how such an eighth province could be formed, and since the creation of a new province is already possible under current law, the members of the Commission have decided that any action on this issue will be taken by the united citizens of Talossa after "reunision" has occurred. To this end, the Commission asks for the inauguration of an open discussion, so that all Talossans can present any ideas or proposals regarding these possibilities. While "reunision" need not wait, such discussions will perhaps form a basis for actions that will be taken at a provincial level at some point in our common future. To help best achieve this goal, the Kingdom has modified the Immigration law to allow that Republican Talossans be permitted to choose their province of citizenship, so that those who wish to congregate together to form a new province from an existing one might work together with citizens of any province that might be "split".

The final principle surrounded the rescinding of the indictments for treason against the leaders of the Revolution/Secession of 2004/xxv which were handed down by the previous Rouerguian regime, and the Kingdom was only too happy to take all possible steps to put the unfortunate incidents of those years decidedly in the past, quashing and condemning the acts of

King Robert I, and making it clear in no uncertain terms that no charges regarding the events sparked by those acts are to be contemplated.

Thus, with these details resolved, and with agreement that the ground is now fully prepared, it is my happy privilege to come before all Talossans today to report the successful conclusion of the business of this historic Commission. All six members of the Commission lift their glasses to toast its success with you, as, with the details hammered out, we now proceed as a united people to the actual accomplishment of "reunision".

For the Kingdom, I must repeat to all Republican Talossans our most heartfelt welcome, and our inexpressible gratitude for the "modest proposal" on which the future of our proud Talossan culture now firmly rests.

— John R

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<http://talossa.proboards.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thread=6156&page=1>
on 22 February 2012

One step closer

*Speech to the Talossan Nation and venting by Gödefrieu Válcadác'h
Republic Prime Minister and former Kingdom Prime Minister*



While the coming Return (presumably) to the Kingdom of those who fled the tyranny of Mad King Ben on 1 June 2004 may not be exclusively founded on the "I'd like to buy the world a Coke" pathos of my old Blue Wave Party in the Republic, there *is* some genuine goodwill going on even if laced with a lot of pragmatism.

Why the Return did not happen in 2005...

...is due, I think, to a lot of factors, the chief one being a brazen mistrust of the institution of the Talossan monarchy. There was also an incredible reluctance on the part of many in the Republic to abandon (as they saw it) the constitutional, cultural, and societal work into which they had put so much time and effort.

There was also the concept of republicanism becoming its own cause. It had become for so many of us more than just fighting against Ben Madison. It had become fighting for what we felt was Talossa's best future. We were doing Talossa *our* way, we were liberated, and it felt good.

I also expect there was a lot of resentment on our part that if we were to make our return to the Kingdom then and there, our former places of leadership (not necessarily political and governmental) would not be given up by those who had valiantly taken up the power vacuum - a silly notion on our part, if I am accurate here. The Coloradans were a new thing to Talossa entirely: a family and friendship network wholly independent from the East Side Milwaukee group which had come in and taken up the mantle of being the driving force in Talossa going on.

Yes, I think there was a bit of a power struggle going on. And yes, I have to agree with Miestrâ Schivâ: it was not only the Kingdom that was digging in its heels. Both sides are at-fault for it taking so long for us to get where we are currently.

I think, though, we are all wiser now. It turns out the Coloradans are not that bad, and everyone knows the republicans had their reasons for 'Betraying, Stealing, and Keeping', however odious such things might have been to some people. The vendetta against Kane Gruber by Mad King Bob in 2003-2004 was a rotten and bad business that nearly destroyed Talossa. It certainly did tear the nation apart, and the fact of there having been a Talossan expatriate community, none of whom seem interested in making a return to community with any of us, indicates at least some of the damage Ben and Amy did eight years ago is permanent.

We all know that in order for this strange enterprise we call 'our nationette' to succeed, it needs warm bodies who have an active interest in keeping the thing going. The 'reunion' of the many bright minds and hearts in both Kingdom and Republic in common community will, I think, ensure Talossa's survival for many years to come: many warm bodies working for a common goal and in a single community.

As much as anything, though, I think the Kingdom's immediate reaction to our leaving stunned us. Instead of saying, "My God, Ben! Look what you've done!", everyone was saying, in effect, they had been disrespected as Talossans though it was Ben and Amy themselves who were doing the real disrespecting.

And people in the Kingdom during the last year of Ben's reign continued to harp exclusively on domains and forums, when in fact they were missing the point: Ben and Amy themselves were what was really wrong with Talossa. We in the Republic were aghast.

We Who Left were merely calling the Madison household to task. Yes, we took draconian steps, but in hindsight, I think many will agree at least somewhat the times called for draconian measures.

Forever after, and possibly to this day in a small way, the Kingdom has been so hung up on domain names and forums they have forgotten *why* the domains and forum were 'kept'. Yes, after August 2005, it would have been logical to return, but hearing again this past weekend of the apocalyptic drama the Baptist church where I grew up went through during the

Conservative-Moderate Southern Baptist meltdown of the early 1980s, I realized no one at my church was thinking or could think straight. Who could in the midst of such a scuffle??

Talossa in spring 2004 was no different. And the scars from that gnarly time are still fresh with some of us, and there are still bodies lying about in dark corners. Only in the past few months have things begun really to brighten again: the little doors and windows of the best of Talossanity being opened once more to the golden sun of peace and love.

Talossa has been *A Place Distracted* for a long time.

The issue of Those Who Left has been the gigantic gorilla in the room, yet I rue the fact it was not the Kingdom itself that made the first move years ago, as I believe it should have. Yet, though, it is now...

...water under the bridge.

And yes, we are all older and wiser. And we are mellower - and hopefully a bit more level-headed about all things - not just Talossa.

It is only natural for my part (and that of others, perhaps) to hang on to the dead horse of "You should have done so-and-so and such-and-such". For so many reasons, though, doing that is silly and unproductive.

Time Marches On, as my grandfather used to say. And whether we like it or not, if the bandwagon is going away, and if we don't get on it, we will get left behind to wallow in our own misery. Besides, time travel has not been invented yet, and the Coloradans and others who should have reached to us far more than they did for many years cannot undo the past.

The best we all can now do is learn from that past and invest in the good things we all have done and learned. The Republic of Talossa brought back at least part of the old Penguinian/Liberal Party crowd. Their return/coming to the Kingdom will be their day of final triumph over Ben and the forces that rose against their Talossanity for far-too-long.

And as erroneous as the Coloradans and other may have been with respect to We Who Left until recently, in keeping the Kingdom of Talossa alive and kicking, they have gotten it right. The influx of the Woolley-Mhà family-friendship network into our Talossan life was a catalyst in Ben and Amy's departure (for which no-one in the Kingdom in that particular time was calling, by the way), which has been the most-important event in Talossan history since the Founding.

The civil service network in the Kingdom has been amazing as well as the general genuine good cheer that has been a hallmark of Kingdom life since Ben and Amy left. Incredibly, the Cosâ has never stopped functioning, and the Clark has never had a hiccup in all the years it has been published.

As monarchical as it may be, and as cold as they may have been to us in the past, the Kingdom of Talossa today is as 'free, fun, and fair' as it ever has been. It is not 'Old Talossa'. It is more of the Talossa-that-Should-Have-Been. And the Republic of Talossa helped the Kingdom get there.

The Great Public Debate...

...has begun on both sides, with the chief subject pertaining to both groups being exactly what provincial arrangement will be arranged for the Return. Additionally, the Republic is also determining the precise manner in which it will vote to dissolve itself or to go on existing. As well as that, the Republic is currently debating the broader issue of whether or not to reunify. As to that final point, all signs point to perhaps not a unanimous vote for 'reunision', but certainly a healthy vote in favor of same.

That being said, however, this is Talossa.

And in Talossa, anything is possible, including, however-unlikely at this point, the collapse of the entire rapprochement process. Until our names are on the Kingdom roll of citizens once more and we are voting for Cosâ seats in whatever province into which we ultimately reside, let's not take things for granted.

Because of this, I believe that, contrary to John Woolley's statement saying otherwise, the business of the commission is by no means done. Should things break down in this newly-started general-public debate, they will be called on again to hammer out something new for us to look at and discuss.

Until the final votes have been cast on both sides, the commission is still very much in-business. However, at this moment, it has nothing to do but wait out the process.

The ball is now in the court of all of Talossa. I, for one, hope mightily for that smash-volley that will bring us home to the Kingdom and a single Talossan state once more.

Sci-Fi and libations combo still very-much-alive

The Talossan Science Fiction and Whiskey Society has a new home on the 'web:
<http://fandom.se/TSFWS/index.html>

St. Brendan Sentinel Nos. 9 and 10 are out

These issues do not disappoint. They may be had via
<http://www.eispetz.com/sentinel/stbsent9.pdf>
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Any and all of the above are much-appreciated.

Gödefrieu Vâlcadâc'h, Editor-in-Chief

Riverside High School



*Ben Madison went here. Xheralt Cona went here.
Art Verbotten, JJ, Josh Macht, and many others went here.
From ca. 1980 through ca. 1983, Talossan history here was made.*

The stuff from which legends are made...

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A giant speaks



*Ben Madison (left) debates with Art Verbotten (at right) during TalossaFest 2003.
Photo by Kane Gruber*

This past week, Gödefrieu Válcadác'h informed legendary Talossan Art Verbotten about the presumably-coming re/unification of the two Talossas. In an email to GV dated 22 February 2012, this is what he had to say.:

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Hey Jeff,

I don't even want to pretend to know the entire process that lead to this, but I think it's great you folks have finally come to terms with each other.

I wonder what Talossa #3 thinks about all of this? ;-0

As for you guys, the battles are far from over. Now you have to stay married!!!

As I stated before I'm retired and wish to continue being so.

I wish you folks the best.

Tell King John and Miestra "bravo".

After this cold fusion should feel like a breeze.

Eif