



A Few Words From The President

Well, December was a quiet month, micronationally speaking, focused mostly on family activities - as should be the case during the holidays!. But it's a new year now, and 2017 marks our 40th year as a nation. 40 years! From that fateful day in 1977 when King James and I decided to start our own nation, through trials, tribulations and triumphs, Molossia in the last four decades has grown from an idea to a real place, an emerging nation deep in the Nevada desert. Our big celebration will of course be on Founder's Day in May, but we'll be building toward that event over the next few months. So stay tuned, great things are always happening in Molossia!



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Molossian Christmas

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Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the Republic of Molossia, and is traditionally a three-day celebration. The holiday actually begins on December 24th with Christmas Eve activities, including watching movies, baking (and eating) cookies, drinking eggnog and playing board games as a family. Christmas Eve dinner is our traditional meal of lasagna, reflecting the Italian heritage of Molossia. The evening ends with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", and with tracking the arrival of Santa Claus using NORAD's website. Christmas morning, December 25th, begins early, as the family descends upon the hoard of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the frenzy of present-opening ends, Christmas breakfast is made and served, and afterward everyone settles down to enjoy their gifts. Christmas dinner takes place in later afternoon, largely wrapping up a lazy, relaxing day. Christmas dinner consisted this year of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and all the trimmings. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events take place, dinner on Boxing Day is traditionally Shepherd's Pie, in keeping with the British theme of the day. This wraps up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas.



The National Christmas Tree In Government House.



The National Christmas Tree In Republic Square.

Sovereignty and Diplomacy

Sovereignty.

Molossia is a sovereign state and has been for almost forty years, since 26 May 1977 I. We are entitled to the rights of a sovereign State, which includes participating in all international organizations and maintaining normal diplomatic relations with all other sovereign states.

Article 1 of the 1933 Montevideo Convention on Rights and Duties of States defines a state as possessing a permanent population, a defined territory, a government, and the capacity to enter into relations with other states. We meet all these criteria. We have a sovereign government exercising effective jurisdiction over well-defined territories with permanent residents, and we are able to enter into diplomatic relations with other sovereign states. Article 3 of the same Montevideo Convention specifically says that "the political existence of the State is independent of recognition by other States."

We are a sovereign state and as such we are entitled to normal international standing and participation according to international law.

In accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights recognizes that all peoples have the right of self-determination. The right of self-determination is of particular importance because its realization is an essential condition for the effective guarantee and observance of individual human rights and for the promotion and strengthening of those rights. Article 1 further states that all peoples may freely "determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development". With this in mind, then, the Republic of Molossia claims its right to sovereignty.

One of the greatest powers that a nation possesses is the right to exercise inherent sovereign authority over its members and territory.

The Government of the Republic of Molossia pledges itself to the maintenance of our national sovereignty, and to the positive future path we have chosen as a nation. Furthermore, the Government pledges all of its resources to the betterment of the Molossian people and works tirelessly on their behalf.

Diplomacy.

Effective 26 March 2007 XXX the Republic of Molossia will no longer enter into formal diplomatic relations with any other nation. Rather, we will entertain only informal relationships between our nation and others. This change in policy reflects our realization that our foreign policy has been restrictive and not in accordance with the concept of Declarative Statehood. Declarative Statehood is a cornerstone of the concept of small, or micro, nations, and is recognized as canon by certain larger nations, in accordance with the Montevideo Convention of 1933. Simply put, it states that a nation does not have to be recognized by another nation in order for it to exist and be sovereign. This is the approach that Molossia uses to deal with larger nations that do not recognize us. Thus, it is logical to apply the same standard to dealing with smaller, unrecognized nations.

Thus, our policy is simple: we will be friendly toward all other nations, but we will not entertain formal relations. This also precludes treaties, embassies or alliances of any kind. They are not necessary; you do not need to be recognized by Molossia in order to be sovereign, any more than you need to be recognized by a larger nation in order to be sovereign. If you state your sovereignty, that is good enough for our government, as it should be for all.



Molossian Bradley Harrison Is Excited About Christmas!



History Of Molossia, Part I

The Molossian Nation was founded on May 26th, 1977 I. Known at that time as the Grand Republic of Vuldstein, James Spielman was declared King James I, and Kevin Baugh was declared Prime Minister. After a short period of sporadic activity the nation entered into a period of dormancy. King James I, though still monarch, ceased to be active in the kingdom at that time. The Kingdom continued on, without the direct participation of the King, and continued to be developed by the Prime Minister. In 1980 III it was renamed the Kingdom of Edelstein, and in 1988 XI it was renamed again, this time as the Kingdom of Zaria. The Kingdom existed as a nomadic government, without a home. Carried on by the Prime Minister, the Government traveled to Europe. While in Europe, and after its return from Europe in 1992 XV, the Kingdom prospered and grew culturally.

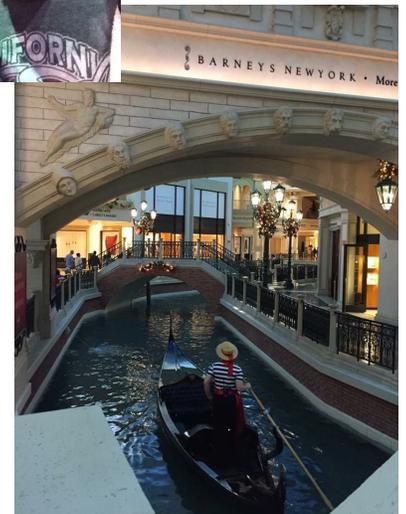
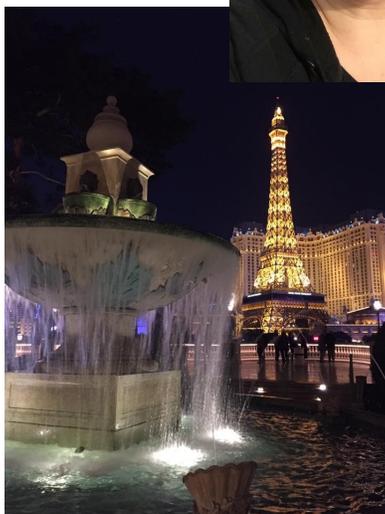
In 1995 XVIII, the Kingdom was transplanted to the State of Nevada, USA. In 1998, land was purchased that our nation could call home, and upon which the government was formally and officially established. In June 1998 XXI, the Kingdom was renounced in favor of a provisional Communist government. In September 1998 XXI, Molossia sacrificed its sovereignty and joined the United Provinces of Utopia as a province of that nation.

In January 1999 XXII the UPOU ceased to exist as a nation, and bereft of a national government, the People's Democratic Republic of Molossia was declared, on February 21st, 1999 XXII, with Kevin Baugh serving as Premier.

Beginning in the spring of 1999 XXII, Molossia began a serious path of developing itself as an emerging small nation, rather than a micronation project. Our possession of physical territory makes this a course a tangible one, rather than a fantasy.

PART II Next Month!

His Excellency, The President and The First Lady took a brief road trip to Las Vegas in December, visiting Red Rock Canyon and the Las Vegas Strip!



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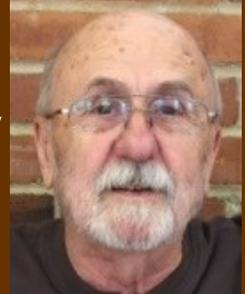
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JANUARY CALENDAR

Emperor Norton I Day - January 8th
In memory of Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico. The "patron saint" of unrecognized nations. This holiday is traditionally celebrated with a "Cookie Dough Fest"

Molossaphone Day - 28 January
A day to laud our National Musical Instrument, the Molossaphone!

Tom Baugh's Birthday, 27 January



THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	13.8° C / 57° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-12.7° C / 9° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	.5° C / 33° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	31.2 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

January is here and a new year begins. My favorite part of a new year is making plans. We don't always know what a year will bring but we can have a hand in it if we make some plans. It could be anything from going back to school, or planning a vacation. Here in Molossia we are a big fan of making plans! The President is full of interesting ideas and concepts and we love to talk about plans for our country. We could build this, or we could do this or that in a tour, etc. The best part about making a plan is seeing it come to life. I know the President regularly looks at Molossia and thinks, "Wow, I did this!". It is such a great feeling to see your progress and the finished product. What kind of plans do you have for this year? Share with us on twitter @molossia with hashtag #myplans. Let's see what we can come up with together!

Thank you all and until next time,

Imagine, create, do.

~Adrienne

