

A scanned copy of my Instrument of Inauguration will appear here.
-GV 10 July, 2003



*Should it ever be found, the resignation of my predecessor, Michael J. Pope
will be here. -GV*



Válcadác'h Haxh and Swearing In

Posted By: Art Verbotten on: 06/26/2002 05:40:41 EDT

Posted by: Art Verbotten

Message Detail:

Just here to report that the Válcadác'h haxh is going well.

I met Jeffrey and Ben in Lake Park Tuesday afternoon and we looked at the future sight of the Royal Wedding in order to get some ideas as to where on grounds it will take place. Válcadác'h will not be able to attend the ceremony so this gave him a chance to at least see the place where it will happen.

We discovered some interesting possibilities on the grounds that I'm sure the King will be discussing with the Queen.

After 5 pm Talossan time, Válcadác'h, Madison, Metáiriâ, and myself met at Grecian Delight for dinner and some light discussions about all things Talossan. It is always fun to be able to sit down and talk with the remote citizens of Talossa in person. Mr. Válcadác'h is as much of a character in person as he is on Wittenberg.

We were eventually joined by Dixhêt Conâ, who along with the rest of us, witnessed the official swearing in of the new PM. The ceremony was done early to accomodate for some time constraints, and the PM-ship did not become official until midnight.

I have to admit that it was good to have the PM sworn in at home for a change, and even better that it was done organically with the PM reciting his oath in Talossan while his hand rested on the King's copy of "The Loom of Languages".

There was a photographer on hand for this event so pictures will be available sometime next week.

I'll let the King and the new PM cover this event in greater detail.

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Official: a PD of profound thanks and appreciation

Posted By: your new Seneschál on: 06/26/2002 12:21:37 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál of Talossa, do hereby promluate this Prime Dictate:

WHEREAS Michael J. Pope came to Talossa on the heels of her greatest turmoil...

WHEREAS he was sworn in as our Seneschál on 18 May, 1999...

WHEREAS his has been a voice of moderation, calm, and steel-hard firmness in the face of evil and barbarism...

WHEREAS he has been able to bring Talossans of many and varied stripes together with his wit, articulateness, and humility while never compromising what was right or what he believed in...

WHEREAS he served us well beyond the call of duty in a continuous tenure of more than three years ending on 25 June, 2002...

WHEREAS he is just so plain nice...

I, do THEREFORE, and with all the powers invested in me, do hereby make the Fourth of July, 2002, the American Independence Day, a Day of Profound Thanks and Appreciation to Mic'háglh Pop for all he has done for our nationette, Kingdom, and people.

So let it be written,
So let it be done.

Done under my hand on this, the Twenty-Sixth day of the Month of June of the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Two, and the Twenty-Third year since the Independence of Talossa

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál, els Regipäts Talossán

This Prime Dictate was my first official act as Seneschál and was issued from Ben and Amy's computer at the Talossan Consulate in Milwaukee.

-GV ~ 15 February, 2003



RE: I have returned home safe and sound!

Posted By: King Robert I on: 06/28/2002 22:49:50 EDT

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

Azul, Seneschál!

Congratulations on your successful Haxh! BTW, if you're looking for your road atlas of the Greater Talossan Area, it's still in my car. ;-) And you'll never believe it but I found another stack of P-bug related e-mails and stuff at my dad's office in Government House. I'll try and search through it to see if any of it will help you out. It includes some hand-written notes on Anglatzarâ's infamous declaration that Talossa was a "hate cult"--but alas, not the original incriminating Witt post. :-(

> That evening was given over to a game of "Soldier Kings" which concerns the Seven Years' War

Wes and I are having lunch tomorrow and he will (I'm sure) completely decode the game and divine the perfect strategy for winning, thus making it unplayable. ;-)

> The ceremony was done completely Organically for the first time ever: I recited the entire pledge, in person, with my right hand on "The Loom of Language" and my left hand high in the air as a President would do, the Oath being administered by the King, and being witnessed by an Uppermost Cort Justice (Art Verbotten).

> Dixhêt Conâ was present and held "The Loom of Language" up as I had my hand on it during the Oath. That was very, very cool!! and very historical and significant...

This was indeed very cool--the last time a Talossan Seneschál had been sworn into office "live" since 1995!

> That night, Ben and I watched Talossan footage on videotape. We watched the videos of Ben's recoronation in 1987, the 1997 Speech from the Throne, as well as the debate and vote for my citizenship at the August 5, 2000 Living Cosa at the T-Fest at Das Jahnhaus!!!

Would anyone else out there in Talossa be interested in a copy of these videotapes? We have a collection of Talossan videos covering the aforementioned events (and more, including a sort of video tour of the country)... all very amateurish, but they'd all fit on a single tape (if you do extended play mode) and we could possibly make them available to you folks out there if you're interested... all in all about 4 hours of footage I'd say. IM made a copy for the Big Huge TV Show that might be doing something on Talossa this summer--alas we didn't keep a copy of the copy so he'd have to do it all over again. :-(

> Expect a formal Address to the Nation sometime this weekend as well as the formation of my Government.

Big congratulations to Jeffrey on his new appointment, and let me now publicly echo what I privately told our outgoing PM, Mic'háglh Pop, on the phone the other day: Thank you SO much for your many years of service and leadership, and I look forward to working with you as Defence Minister and whatever other capacities your skills may lend you to.

This haxh, like all haxhes, was great--it's what makes Talossa real nation and not just an internet club.

Vivadra el Regipäts Talossán!

King Robert I



Official: a PD of appointment of the Cabinet

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 06/29/2002 13:40:36 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

Given the resignation of Michael J. Pope from the post of Seneschál at 11:59pm on 25 June, 2002, Talossan time, it is incumbent upon the new Seneschál to appoint the Cabinet, placing the various Ministers of the Crown into position to assist in the Government of Talossa. Accordingly, and without delay, the following individuals are asked to join the new Cabinet, to serve the King and People of Talossa.

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of CHIRISCHTÔVAL C. CAVÉIR , aka GRUBI, I hereby appoint him to the posts of DEPUTY SENESCHÁL and MINISTER OF PROPAGANDA;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of MICHAEL J. POPE, I hereby appoint him to the post of MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of JOHN A. METÁIRIÂ, I hereby appoint him to the post of MINISTER OF DEFENCE;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of MARTÌ-PÁIR FURXHÉIR, I hereby appoint him to the posts of MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION and MINISTER OF STUFF;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of IÁN MIASCHÛR, I hereby appoint him to the post of ATTORNEY-GENERAL;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of TOMÁS GARIÇÉIR, I hereby appoint him to the post of MINISTER OF CULTURE;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of WESTON J. AQULIÂ, I hereby appoint him to the post of MINISTER OF WARGAMES and direct him to "decode" the game system for "Soldier Kings" and direct him to have said information ready by December 26, 2002;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of Riestâ Pànetâ, I hereby appoint him to the post of MINISTER OF SILLY WALKS;

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of ANDRÉIÂ XHEMUNA , I hereby appoint her to the post of MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS; and

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of RON ROSÁIS, I hereby appoint him to the post of DIRECTOR OF THE PRIMARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP.

Done under my hand on this 29th Day of June, the Year of Our Lord 2002, and the Twenty-third year of el Regipäts Talossán

So let it be written,
So let it be done!

God Save The King,

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

This was the formation of my first government. -GV ~ 19 February, 2003



Happy Birthday, KING ROBERT!!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 06/30/2002 22:42:03 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Don't eat too much cake.

I wish the Seneschál had been able to meet his Queen on his haxh to Talossa. Oh, well. Next time, then. :-)

PM Válcadác'h

This was my first birthday greeting to His Majesty, Robert I.

-GV, 19 February, 2003



Official: a PD of mourning for Darryl Kile

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/01/2002 00:27:27 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<<http://mlb.mlb.com/images/trans.gif>>

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority, stuff, as well as profound sadness, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Darryl Andrew Kile was born on 2 December, 1968 in Garden Grove, California,

WHEREAS he made his Major-League debut on April 8, 1991 versus Cincinnati pitching for the Houston Astros where he remained until the end of the 1997 season,

WHEREAS he pitched for the Colorado Rockies from the beginning of 1998 until 1999,

WHEREAS he pitched for the Saint Louis Cardinals from the beginning of the 2000 season until his death,

WHEREAS he pitched the ninth no-hitter in the history of the Houston Astros on September 8, 1993 versus the New York Mets, facing just 28 batters in the 7-1 victory,

WHEREAS he died tragically of a heart attack on 22 June, 2002 at the age of 33 and at the peak of a truly successful career,

WHEREAS he leaves behind his wife, Flynn, with their three children including 5-year-old twins and a son born last August,

WHEREAS he sponsored "Kile's Kids" program, providing kids a chance to meet him and his teammates, watch batting practice, and enjoy dinner and a game,

and WHEREAS this is a terrible tragedy, a life snuffed out too, too soon,

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, do declare Tuesday, July 2, 2002, to be a Day of Mourning and Rememberance for Darryl Andrew Kile, someone who was one of the "good guys" of baseball and sports in general, and one who could be called a "man's man" in the very best sense of the word.

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

This was my first Prime Dictate of mourning and was the direct result of a request from my father. -GV, 19 February, 2003



Official: a PD of mourning for Ann Landers

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/01/2002 01:02:49 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<http://us.news1.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20020623/thumb.1024792323.obit_landers_ny132.jpg>

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority, stuff, as well as profound sadness, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Esther "Eppie" Friedman Lederer was born on July 4, 1918 in Sioux City, Iowa,

WHEREAS she was known professionally and to the world as Ann Landers,

WHEREAS her "Ann Landers" advice column first appeared in print on Oct. 16, 1955, in the Chicago Sun-Times and switched to the Chicago Tribune in 1987,

WHEREAS she became the world's most-syndicated columnist and "America's therapist" whose readership in 1993 numbered 90 million via 1200 newspapers,

WHEREAS Psychology Today once gave her credit for likely having more influence on the way people work out their problems than any other person of her era,

WHEREAS there was never a "wall" between her and her readers; her answers were always objective, heartfelt, and sincere,

WHEREAS for nearly half a century, she answered thousands upon thousand of letters and helped countless people with problems ranging from abortion to which way the toilet paper should be hung,

WHEREAS she never disdained counseling and her ego was never too great to seek to advice from prominent experts when a situation seemed too daunting,

WHEREAS she passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2002 at the age of 83,

WHEREAS she is survived by her sister and competitor in the advice column business, Pauline Esther "PoPo" Phillips, also known as Abigail Van Buren, author of the Dear Abby column,

WHEREAS she is also survived by her daughter, Margo Howard, whose "Dear Prudence" column appears in "Slate" magazine,

WHEREAS her last column completed before her death will run on July 27, 2002,

WHEREAS she is a national treasure which is lost to us forever,

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, declare July 3, 2002 to be a Day of Mourning and Remembrance for and of Ann Landers.

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



Official: a PD of mourning for Jack Buck

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/01/2002 01:36:39 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<<http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/images/2002/06/19/JT6WOYBw.jpg>>

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority, stuff, as well as profound sadness, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS John Francis "Jack" Buck was born on August 24, 1924,

WHEREAS he was a broadcaster with the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team from 1954 to 2001, the Voice of the St. Louis Cardinals from 1969 on, and was one of the greatest announcers in the history of sports,

WHEREAS he was considered one of St. Louis' greatest citizens, donating his time and helping to raise money for charities such as the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and St. Louis Backstoppers, which financially assists families of police officers and firefighters,

WHEREAS his signature call -- "That's a winner!" -- after the final out of each Cardinals victory will be remembered fondly by countless Cardinals fans,

WHEREAS he had several unforgettable calls for the Cardinals, including Lou Brock's 3,000th hit and record-breaking 938th steal, Bob Gibson's no-hitter and Mark McGwire's 61st home run,

WHEREAS his most famous call for the Cardinals may very well be Ozzie Smith's game-winning home run against the Dodgers in Game 5 of the 1985 NLCS. "Go crazy, folks! Go crazy!" he shouted,

WHEREAS another famous call of his, which may be the most famous of all wasn't during a Cardinals game, but rather for CBS Radio during Game 1 of the 1988 World Series when a hobbled Kirk Gibson hit an improbable walk-off homer for the Dodgers off Oakland's Dennis Eckersley; "Unbelievable!" Buck shouted as Gibson's homer cleared the right-field wall at Dodger Stadium. "The Dodgers have won the game on a home run by Kirk Gibson. I don't believe what I just saw!"

WHEREAS in 1987, he became the 11th person enshrined in the broadcaster's wing of the Baseball Hall of Fame,

WHEREAS his greatest moment was not in sports, but rather fighting for the cause of civilization, liberty, and country as a member of the U.S. Army 8th Infantry Division which, in March, 1945, prevented the Germans from detonating the bridge in the town of Remagen, where he was wounded and later received the Purple Heart,

WHEREAS he was a published poet whose words helped St. Louis deal with the events of September 11, 2001 and were read by him at a pre-game ceremony at Busch Stadium soon after that horrific day,

WHEREAS he passed away on June 18, 2002 at the age of 77,

WHEREAS he had six children with his first wife Alyce, and two with wife Carole, who survives him and is survived by sons Jack Jr., Dan and Joe; and daughters Beverly, Christine, Bonnie, Betsy and Julie.

WHEREAS a national treasure and one of the greatest broadcasting voices of all-time has been forever silenced,

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, do declare Friday, July 5, 2002, a Day of Mourning and Remembrance for and of Jack Buck, a towering figure in the history of sports broadcasting and the history of the people of the city of St. Louis.

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Near the day of his death, I watched a documentary on Jack Buck on a cable station and was fascinated by his life and work. His death, understandably, came as a shock to me. He may have been 77 at his passing, but he still died too, too young.

-GV, 15 February, 2003



Official: a declaration of recess for August, 2002

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/01/2002 02:00:53 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

One of the prerogatives belonging to the Seneschál is to insert one month of recess between any two Clarks during which no Clark is to be published and no Ziu business is to be conducted.

This month of recess is in consideration of the imminent birth of Marti-Páir's child. It will also serve to remove a Talossan "something" (the Clark) which would unwittingly take the spotlight off the Wedding of Ben and Amy on Saturday, August 24 as well as take the spotlight off TalossaFest on Sunday, August 25.

Therefore, I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál of el Regipäts Talossán, do now declare August, 2002, to be a month of recess during which no Clark is to be published and no Cosâ or Senäts business is to be conducted.

So let it be written,
So let it be done.

This does not quash the publication of any Clark as a Writ of Prorogation would. Clark #3 of the 30th Ziu of the Kingdom of Talossa will still be published on July 1, 2002 as originally "scheduled". Assuming my Government is given a Vote of Confidence for the Government's full term, the publication of Clark #4, originally "set" for August, 2002 has been pushed back to September, 2002. Clark #5, then, will be published in October, 2002, and Clark #6 will be published in November, 2002, and the General Election will be held from December, 2002 to January, 2003. Again, this assumes this Government having Votes of Confidence for the Government's full term of six Clarks.

Mr. Secretary of State and Mr. Deputy Secretary of State, I direct the both of you to have this month of recess (August, 2002) clearly notated as such in the Talossan Database System as well as the National Archives.

Many thanks!

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál, el Regipäts Talossán

I never thought that I would be a position to think about issuing one of these, much less actually do just that. It turned out that August, 2002 was the perfect month in which to recess.

-GV, 19 February, 2002

I have directed the Clerk to the Secretary of State to, on this day, prepare a copy of this declaration to be included in L'Anuntziâ dels Legeux as the official record of this action of mine. If that record should ever be destroyed, this archive shall be the record.

-GV, 28 July, 200



Official: a PD of mourning for Rosemary Clooney

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/01/2002 11:10:14 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20020630/lthumb.1025456321.obit_clooney_ny113.jpg>

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority, stuff, as well as profound sadness, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Rosemary Clooney was born in Maysville, Kentucky on May 23, 1928,

WHEREAS for a salary of \$20 each, she started singing with her younger sister Betty in 1945 on WLW radio in Cincinnati,

WHEREAS the two sisters were in 1947 hired on by bandleader Tony Pastor and became "The Clooney Sisters" and toured with him for two years,

WHEREAS in 1951, she burst upon the charts with the song "Come on-a My House?", a tune which made her an instant sensation,

WHEREAS in 1952 she signed a contract with Paramount Pictures and was hailed as "the next Betty Hutton."

WHEREAS she starred in four film musicals for Paramount: "The Stars Are Singing," "Here Come the Girls" (with Bob Hope), a Western spoof "Red Garters", and the 1954 classic "White Christmas" (with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye). Musicals going out of style, her film career ended with a cameo in "Deep in My Heart" at MGM.

WHEREAS she was one of the greatest celebrities of the 1950s,

WHEREAS in 1953 she married the Academy Award-winning actor Ferrer and, after that, entered a period of semi-retirement to raise her five children (the couple were later divorced),

WHEREAS while being a mother, she racked up a string of hits such as "Half As Much" (1954), "Man" (1954), "This Ole House" (1954), "Mambo Italiano" (1954), "Where Will The Dimple Be" (1955), "Hey There" (1955), "Mango" (1957), and many, many others,

WHEREAS she was a star of stage, screen, and television having a programme on the CBS network in the late 1950s,

WHEREAS she was present with two of her children in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles when Robert Kennedy was shot,

WHEREAS in the late 1970s and early 1980's she rebounded from alcohol and drugs and made an extraordinary comeback including being with Bing Crosby on his last tour,

WHEREAS at this time and from then on, she had never sounded better,

WHEREAS USA TODAY says in better words than I could ever come up with: "But like Frank Sinatra, she evolved from a pop idol into one of the most adroit and distinctive interpretive vocalists of the 20th century. Clooney's singing was a perfect marriage of warmth and wit, with a tone that could be both sultry and nurturing and a sense of rhythmic intuition admired by jazz and pop connoisseurs alike.",

WHEREAS in February, 2002, she received a lifetime achievement Grammy Award,

WHEREAS she was the aunt of George Clooney, formerly the star of the hit TV programme "ER" on which she made two cameo appearances,

WHEREAS she passed away on June 30, 2002 in Beverly Hills, California at the age of 74.

WHEREAS she is survived by her second husband, Dante DiPaolo, and five children, her brother and nephew, George Clooney, a sister, Gail Clooney Darley, and 10 grandchildren,

WHEREAS Michael Feinstein, a present-day singer, pianist and songwriter who is considered the foremost modern interpreter of the legendary composer George Gershwin said of her, "She was a singer who made an incalculable contribution to American popular song by her extraordinary and wise interpretations of these classics,"

THEREFORE, I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, do now declare Sunday, July 7, 2002 as a Day of Mourning and Remembrance of and for Rosemary Clooney, an American treasure and icon who can never be replaced.

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

This PD was the direct result of a request from Ián A. Metáiriá. Whatever one's political leanings, one can only guess at how different things might have been but for the two Kennedy assassinations and that of Martin Luther King, Jr. Given that along with being present at any person's life being taken from h/er, much less that of Bobby Kennedy, one can begin to have a glimmer of understanding of what Rosemary Clooney must have felt and gone through then and afterward.

-GV, 15 February, 2003



My first Speech to the Nation

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 07/01/2002 14:43:48 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



My fellow Talossans, the "R. Rôibeard Donatüs" you see on Wittenberg is a real person. He stands about five feet, eight inches tall, has red hair (with a little grey mixed in) and a beautiful speaking voice. Ián Valadéir, Ián Metáiriâ, Hêrí Donatüs, Dixhêt Conâ, and Xheniféir Donatüs--all real people who eat, sleep, breathe, and listen to CDs... All these people were, are, and will continue to be a community, and we are all a part of that. It is so difficult, I think, for us who live outside of Milwaukee to internalize that sometimes--until I made it Talossa in person, it was for me.

Talossa is not a "game". It is not a "multimedia experience". Talossa is a society with a real history, with a real language, and with a real culture. The politics are real. The friendships, and, yes, the conflicts and disagreements, are real. The interactions between Talossans are real and more than just internet chat.

And guess what, the physical Talossa (the East Side of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, plus Cézembre island off the coast of Brittany) is real! I have eaten at the Grecian Delight. I have made many, many copies at Clark Graphics which is a thousand times better than Kinko's! I have walked the fabled shores of Metáiriâ Island with Ián Metáiriâ himself and the King. I have seen the red lighthouse which marks the southern tip of mainland Talossa. I have visited Dixhêt Conâ at Lytheria. I have been in Hêrí Donatüs's office on the UWM campus in Atatürk province. I have had a taste of Kopp's Frozen Custard (and my life has been changed as a result). I have been to the Talossan Consulate and played wargames with Ben. I have seen where Geoff Touneyman works. I have posted to Wittenberg--from Talossan soil. I have learned about Art Jones, the Milwaukee police chief and the Bridge War of the late Nineteenth Century. I have seen the summer flags of Milwaukee (though, it's mostly American flags this year). I have seen the grounds of Summerfest. I have visited the sprawling parkland of the City of Milwaukee. I have come to find out just how beautiful Talossa, our Talossa, truly is!

And, more importantly, I have come to find out just how great Talossans really are! Ben drove me all around the Kingdom and went out of his way (and succeeded) to make my trip as enjoyable as it could be; any Talossan would have done the same--it's just that Ben's logistics permitted him to do so whereas others' did not. Senator Hêrí Donatüs, you allowed me for three nights to stay at Vuode Palace, a.k.a. your home; I am eternally grateful for your hospitality! Valadéir and Metáiriâ met us more than once for some excellent meals and made me feel more-than-welcome. Indeed, as soon as I got to the airport in Milwaukee on Monday, I immediately felt as though I belonged here, that I was welcome, that this City and place was mine.

To say I am shocked at being your Seneschál is to make an understatement of Jahnist proportions. Indeed, I am still stunned and flabbergasted. Being Deputy Seneschál was honor enough, but I never thought Talossa as a whole would be behind my being our nationette's Head of Government; I am humbled to think how wrong I was. My swearing-in on 25 June was not only special for what it was, but also for who was there. The King administered the Oath while the ceremony was witnessed by the esteemed Ián Metáiriâ, Uppermost Cort Justice Ián Valadéir, and the

esteemed and legendary Dixhêt Conâ who physically held the copy of "The Loom of Language" while I had my right hand placed on it as I stood during the Oath. The ceremony was also important for its

location: the Grecian Delight-more specifically, the very booth (a 4-6 seater circular thing) in which was held the OrgLaw Convention gatherings in 1997.

It was Seneschál Chirisch Cavéir who brought Talossa out of her darkest hour in 1998 and it was his immediate successor and my immediate predecessor, Michael J. Pope, who steered Talossa through the waters of mass defection and the attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania of 2001. While never ever compromising what was right or the principles his Government held, he was able to and succeeded at being a voice of calm, level-headedness, saneness, and leadership for not only his Progressive Conservative constituency, but for all Talossans of whatever political stripe. During my time in the Opposition, I never got from him the feeling I would not be listened to or respected. In this same way, I intend to, plan to, pledge to, and will run my Government.

Michael, I thank you, and the whole of Talossa thanks you for the one-thousand-one-hundred and thirty-four days you served us as our Seneschál! I also thank you for your support as I take on this new phase of my Talossan life both as a citizen and public servant. To Ián Metáiriâ, I express my deepest appreciation for your willingness to stand aside so I could become Deputy Seneschál; it is something you certainly did not have to do, but the fact you had that much confidence in me is very humbling indeed!

and now for the task at hand, for there are things to be done...

Ián Metáiriâ some months ago said Talossan society is vibrant and whole without any more immigration; if he indeed did say that, I believe he said that which truly is. If we were immortal, the lack of immigration would be an ideal situation in that there would be a guarantee of no "weirdoes" getting into the mix, but with the tendency of people to eventually die or become inactive (or renounce their citizenships) for whatever reason, it is clear this is not a situation that can last for any given long-term period of time. Attrition in any group, organization, or society (and we are all three with a great emphasis on the last) is a given and natural part and law of the universe.

The fact of the matter is this: we have not had one new citizen since January, 2001. Not one. Garth Spencer will be our first new citizen since that time when his six months of legal residency run out, but what then?

I see the future Talossa as a place where we average about .5 to 1 new citizens each Clark. I see Talossa as having all twenty Cosâ seats full for each and every Clark with warm bodies to spare. I see Talossa as nearing but never reaching that critical mass point in which there are too many people for each of us to know every other person. When the size of Talossa becomes so great that the natural clumping into "niche" groups, as happens in any large group of people, happens, Talossa will have become too big. That is not the Talossa I want to be a part of. Where that critical mass is, I do not know.

I see the future Talossa filled with people of all different degrees of activity. The only required activity for retaining your Talossan citizenship is voting in at least every third General Election. My Government intends to keep it that way. If we do not give space for our citizenry to not participate, how then can they ever come to participate more fully of their own free will, and that is what we ultimately hope for!

However, if a citizen makes the commitment and becomes a member of the Ziu, he (or she) needs to be active and VOTE !! The Organic Law gives slack for the missed vote here and there, Real Life

getting in the way, but our citizens need MCs and Senators who will vote consistently on each and every Clark. I, for one, am tired of every single month looking at all the empty spaces on the Ziu voting results page on talossa.net. This is not a jab at any particular party; all parties are equally guilty. This is true in the Senäts as well as the Cosâ. The world needs to know that we have an active democracy with active people. This especially holds true for the Uppermost Cort. We need Justices who are accessible and who will not only render decisions fairly and in the full light of the law, but who will also do so in a reasonable amount of time, a variable impossible to define, I know. This is particularly true for prospectives. My Government does not advocate the codification and defining of "reasonable amount of time" and will vigorously go after any attempt to do so. I will not have the Uppermost Cort shackled by artificial deadlines and constraints. However, I call upon the Justices to be mindful of being accessible, of being efficient (but not at the expense of being fair and just), and being in touch with what's going on in Wittenberg, the Ziu, and indeed the whole of Talossan society.

I see the future Talossa as a place where every single person has at least a certain grasp of the language. And that, I think, is one thing which will bring good-quality citizens who will stick around: our Talossan language. I pledge to you, my fellow Talossans, I will make the best effort I can in starting to gather a fluency in our language. I implore and encourage all Talossans to do the same. While we all need not learn the language (some are better with languages than others) as fluently as Ben or Tomás, what we can all do is learn words and phrases like *azul* and *cestour*.

I see the future Talossa as a place where server and hard-drive hacks and crashes do not hurt us because our Witt posts and Talossan websites are saved on disks and paper.

"But Jeff, the language is beyond me, the politics bore me, and the culture is something I do not yet fully comprehend. What can I do to tell others about Talossa in the next ten minutes?" Easy enough: email them about a discussion group with real conversation which is free from the teenage sexual/bathroom/crass humor one finds in many internet forums. Tell them about Wittenberg.

Shorewood and Whitefish Bay are incorporated cities and not parts of Milwaukee proper, but are certainly picturesque and beautiful and serve us well as places where our sphere of influence runs rampant. However, to actually annex these places would serve to ask the question: Whitefish Bay and Shorewood are now ours, what's to stop us from annexing the WORLD!! Does Talossa really need to annex the whole of planet earth?? We have proven time, time, and time again we can be a society without the continual addition of territory; new territory has not been annexed since at least the early 1990s. I do not mean delineating new borders for provinces as happened when Florenciâ was formed, but the actual claiming of heretofore unTalossan lands. My Government understands this and will vigorously defend Talossa from those ideas which would turn her into a real estate-grabbing vacuum cleaner.

We in Talossa stand in the unique position in that, even without interactions with micronations, our society, culture, language, and laws have continued to grow, mature, and prosper. It has come to my attention that the phenomenon of online micronations seems to be waning. If this is so, it is interesting in that there may very well be a group of disenfranchised people out there looking for something better, something with far-more substance and wholesomeness than what they had before. My Government will not engage in any interaction with micronations, nor shall it accept as Talossan citizens those who have not completely and utterly renounced their former micronational citizenships, if they have any. We will not have another P*****a crisis here in our Regipäts Talossán!! However, anything outside those boundaries we can do to attract those no longer satisfied with those entities so long as it's legal, moral, and ethical (no stealing citizens from micronations) has the full support of my Government.

Save for the above paragraph concerning micronations which is a stance of mine and mine only that I hope the PC and all other parties will heartily endorse, the above is not my vision only. It is

the vision shared by your Progressive Conservative Party whom you elected and who, in turn and after Michael's resignation after three years of faithful service, elected me to serve not just them as Seneschál but all of you. Mic'háglh Pop gave you his ear for your concerns, and, when necessary, his action. I pledge to you I will do the same. jeffrags@ev1.net is my email.

The Progressive Conservatives, and ultimately, you, the electorate, have put upon my shoulders the responsibility of putting together an effective and strong Cabinet which will render effective and good government. Here, then is your team for Talossa:

Chirisch Cavéir : As a former Seneschál, Chris is uniquely qualified to serve as your Deputy Seneschál and your Minister of Propaganda. Per la Naziun? All-around hip web dude? All around great guy!!

Michael J. Pope: Need I say more? As Minister of Foreign Affairs, Michael will be our leading ambassador to the world!

Minister of Defence Ián A. Metáiriâ: JA!!!

Martì-Páir Furxhéir: Need I say more? Resident Miracle Worker? The best web guy in Talossa who has brought our voting and storage of records into the Twenty-first Century. The things this man has done for Talossa are beyond description. The most important thing the Minister of Immigration does is to be a first screen and first line of defence against bugs and weirdoes. As the IM, Martì-Páir has done that and will continue to do so as well as fulfill his roles as Minister of Stuff and Secretary of State.

Ián Miaschür has made an effective Attorney-General and will continue his good work in that key post.

Tomás Gariçéir as our Minister of Culture has done more than anyone else save Ben in promoting and cultivating our glorious glleþ!

Weston J. Aquiliâ has been our Wargames Minister for who-knows-when and will be for as long as he wants to be. A key part of my vision for Talossa is the decoding of the "Soldier Kings" game system so we all can beat Ben when we come to Talossa. Ben, when Wes gets his report to me, don't read it because it's not for you! Classified information for commoners only!!!

Riestâ Pànetâ, Minister of Silly Walks, keep on struttin?!

Andréiâ Xhemuna , one of our newest citizens (who has been with us for a year and a half!) has been your Minister for Administrative Affairs and will continue to do her great and awesome work!

Ron Rosáis will continue in his role as the Director of the Primary Intelligence Group. No one in Talossa is better-suited than Ron to handle the intricate work of the P.I.G. Until your return to Talossa, and until you say otherwise, I plan to remain as the Interim Director of this organization.

And finally, your Seneschál, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, a thirty-year-old musician/whatever the employment agencies et al people can get me, etc., etc., etc.,? Much of what I am about to say many of you already know, but here goes anyway?.

I found out about Talossa in March, 2000 via that month's issue of *Wired* magazine; I was one of the "Wired" kids along with Mic'háglh Dínitsand (I think) Margretâ Falar. My first post on Wittenberg was on the 6th of June, and my naturalization occurred on 5 August, 2000 at the Living Cosa held at TalossaFest in Das Jahnhaus alone with Queen Amy, Mike, and Margretâ.

What Talossa meant to me had almost everything to do with the fact I found out about the Kingdom through a national publication for which I still have the greatest respect. Being skeptical of many-

things-internet, had I merely come across Talossa via the web, I probably would not have become a citizen in the first place, though I would have still posted on Wittenberg (which was in its Wittenberg VI incarnation at that time). But because I got Wired first before becoming "webbed", I knew that Ben, Metáiriâ, Michael, Ken, and Grubi were for real and not a bunch of cookey kids or (worse) crazy "adults". This helped to immediately begin the slow process of stripping away the internet-multimedia-quasi-role-playing feel I had for Talossa-a process which breathed its last breath at seeing Ben for the first time this last Monday in Milwaukee. From the outset, I have known Talossa was a place filled with real folks who live real lives. The fact of the high quality of Wittenberg impressed me to no end; here is real conversation without kids making passes at one another, bathroom poetry, and general badmouthing that goes on in so many discussion groups. I was also impressed at everyone using his own real (or Talossan, at least) name. People who prefer to go by "hotgirl235" either needed to come clean about who they really are or leave. That was made clear to me very quickly, but because of the Wired article, I had no problem with that and went from there.

Talossa, and Wittenberg in particular, has helped me in many ways. I am a better writer. I am far-more articulate about my walk with Christ; rest assured, I will not use the office of Seneschál to foist my faith onto anyone else. I have a greater tolerance for people than I had before, and have learned how to be a conservative Republican while being able to listen and learn from other people. Talossa for me is interesting in that this circle of friends I have made have absolutely no connection with any other group, social scene, organization, or anything else in my life ; I would have never known Dixhêt Conâ, Ián Metáiriâ, Rôibeard Donatüs, Hêrí Donatüs, or Ián Valadéir but for Talossa. Talossa has given me a window into the world. I can interact with people from all walks of life and whose views are completely different than mine. No two Talossans are remotely alike. Even Ben and Valadéir, as moderately-minded as they are, are completely different in personality. And two of the nicest people you would ever want to meet. I have a circle of friends and contacts around the world: Milwaukee, Quebec, Norway, British Columbia, Italy, Belgium, France, California, Texas, Argentina, and a host of other places. I would not have had these but for Talossa.

Newbies and Witt lurkers, if you think you will be able to make an Amway foothold in Talossa, you will be seen through and sent packing before you can say "this is not Amway.". Thank God for that!

My highest moment in Talossa has not been my haxh; rather, it was the Talossan reaction to September 11, 2001 and the days and weeks which followed; it was Talossa's finest hour-a time when our concern for one another reached a point it had not before. At that moment, we were no longer Old-Growthers and Cybercits in the far-flung reaches of the earth. We were a people. a people united in the defence of all that is good, right, and decent and united in blood-and-righteous hatred against all that is evil, despicable, horrible, and barbaric. September 11, 2001 was also my lowest moment in Talossa. I almost started crying talking to UC via the ICQ network about fourteen hours after the attacks. I think he was crying; tears want to start coming even as I write this.

Otherwise, my just-completed haxh to Talossa/Milwaukee was the highest point of my Talossan life. And the highest point of that trip was not Tuesday evening's ceremony, but rather it was seeing Ben for the first time, waving the flag, and sporting his Talossan T-shirt. Right then and there, I knew Talossa was real; to see him, in person, in full, rich, living color , was something I will always remember. I'm just gonna have to face facts, here: the Kingdom of Talossa has enriched my life. I thank God for each and every one of you!

Daviu Foctéir of the RCT, Stefan Apritzán of the TNIOP, Albrec'ht Lupulardít of the TRA, and Dixhêt Conâ and Ken Velméir of the ZPT, I need your help. The issues I have touched on above cannot be solved by the Progressive Conservatives alone; they are issues which will take all of us as political parties, and most importantly, as individuals, to resolve!

I say to those not in the Ziu, Government, or Uppermost Cort, or Crown, you are the most important people of all and it is you we serve. The great question is this: if Rôibeard Donatüs were to (God forbid) keel over dead tomorrow, would Talossa survive past a few months? This is a question for all of us. And it is a question for which each of us has an answer.

What then can each of us do this week to make Talossan society a better place? Email or write someone you have never before had contact with. This week, I plan to write to Ivanâ Vitxalmoûr, someone with whom I have never ever before spoken. What about other Talossans who may not have been heard from in a while? I also plan to get in touch with Mike Dínuts, someone for whom ?Real Life? has been a great issue, a wonderful problem for him, actually, but a Talossan-style-cramping one at that.

Talossa is not the most important thing in my life, but for me, it has been a ton of wholesome fun, and I hope it has been for all of you, and having fun at all this is ultimately what Talossa is all about! My Government intends to keep it that way, and it will.

In the next week, my Cabinet will receive from me a set of directives in regard to specific things which I see as needing to be done. My Cabinet members are people who have their own opinions, their own way of doing things. However, you will not see a Cabinet at war with itself, nor will you see a Cabinet of "yessir-no, sir" puppets. I expect my Cabinet members to be active, imaginative, provocative, insightful, and steel-hard in their resolve to make Talossa a better place for us all. And they will do all of those things in spades!

Talossans, there is work to be done! Let's get going and do it!!

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál, el Regipäts Talossán

1 July, 2002 ranks as still the busiest day in regards to specific official acts of my administration: four Prime Dictates of Mourning, a Declaration of a Month of Recess for August, 2002, and my first Speech to the Nation which is still the longest official whatever I have issued. -GV, 19 February, 2003

Good grief! I should have been No-Confidenced by the Ziu just for the length of this Speech! -GV 26 May, 2003

The PD celebrating the 100th birthday of Bob Hope outdistanced this Speech to the Nation by a slight margin. -GV 10 July, 2003

as did the PD mourning his passing-away... -GV 2 August, 2003



C'è ultimescù

Wittenberg VII 12770

Posted By: [Ián Miaschür](#) on: 07/01/2002 16:26:05 EDT

Posted by: Ián Miaschür

Message Detail:

Prescà ja trèves òrs, zevenév'eu ün citaxhiên da Talossa. À'cest tîmp esteva ár pàts ün vivátsch. Noi ráisnevent, debatevent, és kämpfevent sôntains.

Nun t'eu revienat, és eu auservéu. Talossa tent restreçat. Talossa isch niþil. Zespäts që els Liveráls zespartevent, ziminueva-ça à'iensâ coquighâ dal autueçâ formár – ívënðo voi tenetz non adüc realiçat acest. Voi se gratüleschetz l'iens à l'altreu, voi sestetz oiçífmînt és ziscutetz els politici Americáns.

Non pü tent Talossa ün raziun, që eu partiçipadréu. Natürálmînt v'eu non à'iensâ altrâ, parç që c'è ûnpoûçivál, që iñen naziunetâ povadra süreschedar Talossa (qualsevol domátx). Näi. Eu non non pût avandunar complätsmînt la naziunetâ novál.

Ocsâ volt-eu non estaré ziscaputiçar. Për aceastâ raziun, renunç'eu perventürâ va citaxhienità Talossán és resigñ'eu iñen posteux qêt eu téu adüc.

Au neveroniolla.
Ián Miaschür

--translation follows--

Three years ago, I became a citizen of Talossa. Then, our land was a lively one. We argued, debated, and sometimes fought.

Now I've returned, and I observe. Talossa has shrunk. Talossa is nothing. Since the Liberals left, it has diminished to a shell of its former self – even though you don't realize it yet. You pat each other on the back, sit idly and discuss American politics.

There is no longer any reason for me to participate in Talossa. Naturally, I won't go anywhere else, since it's impossible that any other micronation could ever surpass Talossa (which is sad in itself). No. I have no choice but to withdraw entirely from the noble micronation.

At the same time, I have no wish to be beheaded. Therefore, I hereby renounce my Talossan citizenship and resign any posts I may still hold.

Goodbye.
Ián Miaschür

Follow ups:

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RE: C'è ultimescù

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/02/2002 00:50:44 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> --translation follows--

> Three years ago, I became a citizen of Talossa. Then, our land was a lively one. We argued, debated, and sometimes fought.

Indeed we did, and we still do.

> Now I've returned, and I observe. Talossa has shrunk. Talossa is nothing. Since the Liberals left, it has diminished to a shell of its former self ? even though you don't realize it yet.

Say what?? When, where, how, and why did this streak of pessimism come about??

>You pat each other on the back, sit idly and discuss American politics.

You were not around on September 11, then.

> There is no longer any reason for me to participate in Talossa.

I could have used your talents in furthering the cause of the Talossan language, Talossan culture, and Maricopan provincial certification!

>Naturally, I won't go anywhere else, since it's impossible that any other micronation could ever surpass Talossa (which is sad in itself).

What the heck, John, is that all about??? Who put a Castiglhâ under your mattress? :-)

>No. I have no choice but to withdraw entirely from the noble micronation.

> At the same time, I have no wish to be beheaded. Therefore, I hereby renounce my Talossan citizenship and resign any posts I may still hold.

You were the Governor of Maricopa and our national Attorney-General.

> Goodbye.

John, there are no hard feelings on my part, as I said to you in my email, but you have put Maricopa into chaos and have left the Attorney-General's office suddenly vacant.

What has gotten into you????

Anyway, take care...

PM Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

> Ián Miaschür

We had not heard from Ián Miaschür in many months. His original Witt post is now lost, but his entire translation of his text, written in Talossan, is intact in that I deleted nothing in my reply save for his original Talossan-language text. In my time in Talossa, this still ranks as the oddest renunciation of them all. We are all still baffled.

-GV 17 July, 2003 ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

I have just spoken by phone with Marti-Páir.

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/02/2002 13:30:25 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

He phoned me just now, and we had a very nice chat.

Suffice to say, the last two months and particularly the last couple of weeks for him and in regard to his work have been, well, difficult and time-consuming.

Hopefully, by next week, things will have quieted down a bit and he will be able to concentrate more fully on Talossa. The upcoming birth of his baby is also keeping him out of trouble.

He will be on vacation during the first part of September to be with the baby.

Many thanks for your patience, everyone!

PM Válcadác'h



Official: a PD concerning the office of Attorney-General

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/05/2002 00:33:49 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS 28th Ziu, LZ18 - The OrgLaw maintenance act was written and proposed by then-citizen and then-Attorney-General John C. Miaschür of Maricopa,

WHEREAS it provided that the Ministry of Justice, headed by the Attorney-General, would see to the maintenance of the authoritative html/online copy of the 1997 Organic Law for all to see and refer to,

WHEREAS Mr. Miaschür through inactivity and, ultimately, the renunciation of his citizenship, failed to provide this critical service to our Kingdom,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Justice ought not to be concerned and hampered by scribal issues better handled by others,

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, do THEREFORE ordain that 28th Ziu, LZ18 - The OrgLaw maintenance act shall now and instantly be repealed.

I, THEREFORE, do also ESTABLISH the post of Scribe of Abbavilla, the sole duty of which shall be to establish and then maintain the authoritative and up-to-date online/html copy of the current constitution of the Kingdom.

The Scribe of Abbavilla shall preside over the Scribery of Abbavilla and may appoint deputies and such as he or she sees fit. The Scribe of Abbavilla shall report to the Seneschál.

I, do now APPOINT Daviu Foctéir of Atatürk to be the first Scribe of Abbavilla, and direct him to get our 1997 Organic Law up on the Web as soon as he is able.

Done under my hand on this 4th Day of July, the Year of Our Lord 2002, and the Twenty-third year of el Regipäts Talossán

God Save The King,

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

This was the resolution of one of the twin crises Ián Miaschür caused by his abandoning his Talossan posts. He was also the incumbent Governor of Maricopa province. The provincial situation I dealt with in my post as Maricopa SoS and is not recorded in these archives.

-GV 17 July, 2003



Official: directives to the Cabinet

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/05/2002 21:41:58 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Azul, members of the Cabinet:

A wonderous thing has happened:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20010924234404/http://www.talossa.com/>

DPM/Min. of Prop. Chirisch Cavéir , there are archived links from this archived site. Please coordinate the checking of these archived links to see how much of Talossa.com we can reconstruct from the archives of the Wayback Machine. Please have a report to the Kingdom by July 21. Many thanks!

Any other members of the Cabinet (and any citizen, for that matter) who would like to help Chris in this task, we would greatly appreciate it!

That's all for now! Thanks, everyone!

PM Válcadác'h



A Speech to the Nation on the current monarchial "crisis"

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/07/2002 19:47:16 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



While the 1997 Organic Law (specifically Article III) does not specifically state that Robert I, a.k.a. R. Rôibeard Donatüs of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is our Sovereign, it all but does that. It is certainly meant to be understood, anyway.

Amadâ Derväts, the former Queen of Talossa, abdicated her position as Queen on 29 June, 2002. She has not recanted her abdication. As far as I am concerned, she is now, until she says otherwise, a private citizen of Talossa; she holds no other posts at the moment including being Member of the Cosâ!

On a purely inhuman and constitutional level, this crisis is irrelevant and totally moot; however, I do sympathize with the concerns expressed by the esteemed Minister of Defence, Ián Metáiriâ! Rôibeard Donatüs is the ruling monarch of Talossa; the 97OrgLaw says just that, in so many words. The 97OrgLaw also says there is no other ruling monarch in Talossa but Rôibeard Donatüs. Therefore, Amy can throw away her crown, pick it up again, and start it all over again, again, and again, but the workings and stability of our government and laws will not be affected in the slightest.

On a human and personal level, though, I and all of Talossa wish only the very best for our friends and King and former (for now, we hope) Queen Amy!!

I assure all of you that the King and former Queen have the situation well-in-hand!

Remain calm, folks. All is well!

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál, el Regipäts Talossán

Message Link:

the 1997 Organic Law

The Uppermost Cort later ruled that Amy had not legally abdicated anyway. The full rationale of that decision is found elsewhere and is not recorded in these archives.

-GV 17 July, 2003



A PD of mourning for Ted Williams

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/07/2002 20:36:10 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority, stuff, as well as profound sadness, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Ted Williams was born Theodore Samuel Williams in San Diego, Calif., on Aug. 30, 1918,

WHEREAS on April 20, 1939 and of all places to begin a Major League career, Ted Williams began his rookie year with the Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. He collected a double off Red Ruffing, who beats Boston, 2-0. Lou Gehrig went hitless in the only game ever to feature the two great sluggers,

WHEREAS in 1941, he showed the world just how great a sportsman he really was when on September 27 of that year, he had a .401 batting average to begin the day and turned down the offer by Red Sox manager Joe Cronin to sit out the game. Against Philadelphia, he went 1-for-4 and dropped his average to .3995. On September 28, the season's final day, he collected four hits in five at bats in the 12-11 first-game Boston victory in Philadelphia to bring his average to .404. He went 2-for-3 in the second game against rookie Fred Caligiuri, thus ending the season with a .406 batting average,

WHEREAS on June 2, 1942, Ted Williams enlisted as a Navy aviator. He would go on to finish the season with his team as would many other players who enlist or await the draft. In November of that year, he was called to active duty. He missed the next three baseball seasons, spending his time studying and learning how to fly. As he did with baseball, he excelled at his new craft. During his training, he set records for hits, shooting from wingovers, zooms and barrel rolls. He also set a still-standing student gunnery record, in reflexes, coordination and visual reaction time,

WHEREAS during the Second World War, he never got called into active combat and was discharged in December of 1945 and returned to the Boston Red Sox for the 1946 season,

WHEREAS he was called from the inactive reserves in 1952 to fight in the Korean War. He arrived in Korea in February 1953 as a member of the first Marine Air Wing. It was then he began his friendship with Marine aviator John Glenn who would go on to fame as the first American in space as well as a United States Senator,

WHEREAS during the Korean War, he flew a total of 39 missions, lost part of his hearing, and survived many extremely dangerous situations,

WHEREAS John Glenn said of him, "By luck of the draw, we went to Korea at the same time....We were in the same squadron there. What they did at that time, they teamed up a reservist with a regular to fly together most of the time just because the regular Marine pilots normally had more instrument flying experience and things like that. So Ted and I were scheduled together. Ted flew as my wingman on about half the missions he flew in Korea.",

WHEREAS Ted Williams nearly lost his life a couple of times in that conflict. John Glenn, who was Williams' squadron leader speaks of him, "Once, he was on fire and had to belly land the plane back in," Glenn said. "He slid it in on the belly. It came up the runway about 1,500 feet before he was able to jump out and run off the wingtip....Another time he was hit in the wingtip tank when I was flying with him. So he was a very active combat pilot, and he was an excellent pilot and I give him a lot of credit....Much as I appreciate baseball, Ted to me will always be a Marine fighter pilot," Glenn said. "He did a great job as a pilot. Ted was a gung-ho Marine.",

WHEREAS he returned to baseball and a hero's welcome at the end of the 1953 season,

WHEREAS he said of his experience in Korea, "Everybody tries to make a hero out of me over the Korean thing," Williams once said. "I was no hero. There were maybe 75 pilots in our two squadrons and 99 percent of them did a better job than I did. But I liked flying. It was the second-best thing that ever happened to me. If I hadn't had baseball to come back to, I might have gone on as a Marine pilot.",

WHEREAS Ted Williams' lifetime .344 average is sixth among players with 4,000 at-bats; his .634 slugging average is second to Ruth, and his .483 on-base percentage is the highest ever,

WHEREAS he won six batting titles, lost a seventh to Detroit's George Kell by a fraction of a percentage point. Kell batted .34291, Williams .34275. Williams also led the league in hitting in 1954 and 1955 but walks and injuries deprived him of the minimum four hundred at-bats needed to qualify for the batting title. He led the league in home runs and RBIs four times, won two Triple Crowns, and he was the American League MVP in 1946 and 1949.,

WHEREAS he led the American League in runs scored six times, home runs and RBIs four times, walks eight times, and slugging percentage seven times. He also struck out only 709 times in 7706 career at-bats,

WHEREAS he got his 521st home run in the final at-bat of his career on September 28, 1960 at Fenway Park,

WHEREAS he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966, receiving an almost unheard of 93.38 percent of the possible votes (282 out of 302) in his first year of eligibility,

WHEREAS at the end of his career, he wrote "The Science of Hitting" which has been studied by generations of hitters ever since,

WHEREAS he did countless acts of charity and was one of the games greatest ambassadors up until his death

WHEREAS he passed away on July 5, 2002 in Crystal River, Florida at the age of 83,

WHEREAS on July 22, 2002, the Boston Red Sox will allow fans to come to Fenway Park for a day of paying respects to Ted as well as honoring him more formally later on that day,

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, do now declare Monday, July 22, 2002 to be a Day of Mourning and Rememberance for and of Ted Williams, a hitter's hitter, a patriot's patriot, and a man's man.

Done under my hand on this 7th Day of July, the Year of Our Lord 2002, and the Twenty-third year of el Regipäts Talossán

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



Mike Dínits's citizenship

Posted By: Andréiâ on: 07/19/2002 17:14:38 EDT

Posted by: Andréiâ Xhemuna

Message Detail:

I talked to Mic'háglh Dínitsonline last night. He said that he hasn't done anything with Talossa since going to college and doesn't want to become a pocket vote; therefore he'll just let the three-strikes rule get him. He also said to give everyone his best.

This was a great disappointment. Mike had been a splendid citizen and was with me, Queen Amy, and Margretâ Falar in the "Class of August, 2000" citizens naturalized at the same time. -GV 13 June, 2003



Official: Notice of State Visit to Wales

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 07/08/2002 17:51:26 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<<http://www.croeso.com/common/flag.gif>>

Ben, do you remember that CD I gave you my first day in Talossa??? I should have had you listen to it in the car whilst I was there, but Metáiriâ and I were so captivated by the beautiful Sardinian folk music, I forgot all about it!

Tomorrow, 9 July, 2002, I shall depart with the Houston Chamber Choir to Wales where we shall take part in what is for all practical purposes the Super Bowl of choral competitions, the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod which is held each year in the city of Llangollen, Wales,

There are various categories of choral groups invited to this festival/competition each year. As I understand it, only one choir in each category is selected from any one country. The Houston Chamber Choir will be representing the United States (and, as it turns out, Talossa, though they in Houston and Wales know it not) in the "chamber choir" category. Should we win our category, we then go head-to-head with other category winners on Saturday, 14 July, 2002 for the title and prize of "Choir of the World".

This shall be my first State Visit as your Seneschál. Rest assured, your Houston Chamber Choir will represent Talossa and the United States well, and maybe we will be the "Choir of the World". The prestigiousness of an invite to this event such as we have received cannot be overestimated!

We will return home on Saturday, July 14, 2002. Please keep us in you thoughts and prayers!

PM Válcadác'h

RE: Official: Notice of State Visit to Wales

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 07/09/2002 11:51:44 EDT

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

I first heard of the Eisteddfod in a book called "The Druid", which was a semi-fictional account of a Nazi spy in England. Supposedly this spy was born and raised amidst Welsh settlers in Patagonia, although his mother was German. He became a Nazi, but was also a Welsh nationalist, and competed in some kind of poetry competition at Eisteddfod. The book was presented as non-fiction, but I don't think I really believed it.

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Huzzah! Have a great trip! I believe this is the first time a Talossan PM has gone to Wales!



Greetings from Wales!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/11/2002 16:38:28 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Tomorrow, we in the Houston Chamber Choir perform at the Eistedfodd!

Keep us in your prayers and thoughts, please!

My State Visit has so far been a time to remember!

PM Válcadác'h

I made this Wittenberg VIII post from the home in Wales in which I stayed during the trip to Llangollen. This may very well have been the first-ever Wittenberg post from Wales.

-GV ~ 12 March, 2003



A Report to the Nation concerning my recent visit to Wales

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/31/2002 17:23:30 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

[Please forgive the previous Wittenberg VIII post, the html of which did not fly so well.]

Your Majesty and the rest of my fellow Talossans:

It is difficult to put into words just how special this trip was, but please allow me to make a feeble attempt.

In 1946, the International Musical Eisteddfod, held each year in Llangollen, Wales, was conceived, and in 1947, it was held for the first time and has continued without interruption ever since. This year's Eisteddfod, "festival" in the Welsh Language, held from 9-14 July, was the fifty-sixth, and, by all accounts, very successful.

The Houston Chamber Choir made application for the 2002 Eisteddfod sometime last year, and received the invite to come last autumn. While winning or even just doing well is an accomplishment, merely being invited to the Eisteddfod is an honor!

We flew via Continental Airlines to Newark, New Jersey and then flew on to Manchester, England from 9 July, Houston time to 10 July, British time. As we were staying with local families who were at work all day and as we had arrived in Wales in mid-morning, we were unable to get to our beds until that evening, though in dealing with jet lag, that was a good thing. We had a long but fun day!

We arrived in Llangollen at about 10:00am on Wednesday, July 10, and spent the morning and afternoon on the festival grounds listening to choirs and soaking up the general atmosphere. The city of Llangollen is beautiful!

During this afternoon, I caught the Adult Folk Dance Groups competition and was amazed at the divergence of costume, music, and dance among the competitors. At first glance and from my vantage point in the back of the canvas "concert hall" they have there, all of the "folk" costumes seem to look alike. However, upon getting a closer look at the performers of umpteen countries who walked the grounds in their dance clothing, I realized how different each country's was from one another!

On Thursday, July 11 from 9:00am to 11:00, we rehearsed at Borrás Park School, an elementary school in Wrexham, a town about three-quarters of an hour's drive by bus from Llangollen. We then spent the rest of the day in Llangollen. During the afternoon, a number of us climbed a mountain (at barely more than a thousand feet, it is, officially, a mountain) to the ruins of what had been a castle. The view was breathtaking!

Friday, July 12, was the day for which we had prepared and worked for so long. We competed in the Chamber Choir and Folk Song Choirs categories. It was one of the most intense choral experience of my life! This was made even more remarkable in that the stage was decorated with more than fifty-thousand flowers of myriad varieties. While I did not sneeze and was not bothered too much, it was like being in a plant store and breathing foliage instead of air!

We in the Houston Chamber Choir placed fifth out of twelve competitors, a result in which we were disappointed, but also very happy. Our best showing came in placing third out of fifteen ensembles in the Folk Song Choirs category for which the Houston Chamber Choir received a cash award of £200. In our performances, we did not have any "freak" accidents or "baubles" which might have undermined our singing; we performed up to the standard at which we needed to be.

It was the Jubilate Choir from Finland who won the Chamber Choir category, and it was the winners of the Mixed, Female, Male, Chamber Choirs, and Youth Choirs categories who each year, this year being no exception, go at it for "Choir of the World". This year, it was the Pro Cantu Youth Choir from South Africa which took the Choir of the World title. This group won the Folk Song Choirs competition as well. This group was outstanding as were all the choirs present throughout the competition!

The Welsh language is beautiful to hear and the generosity of the local family with whom I stayed as well the people of the City of Llangollen was beyond words. Every choir at the competition has a group of locals assigned to them who stay with the group, organize the families and homes where the group's members stay, and ensure that the group arrives on time to wherever it needs to be. Our leader was Malcolm (whose last name eludes me) who was assisted by his wife Gladys as well as another lady, Averill. Blessed are the groups who have had this team with them and who will in future years have these wonderful, wonderful people with them!!

Additionally, July 12 also saw the "reception" of the [one-man] delegation from Talossa to the Eisteddfod by none other than the Lord Thomas of Gresford OBE QC who was also there to experience the choirs and atmosphere! a member of the House of Lords, no less!!

We spent a good part of Saturday, July 13 on a bus trip which took us from Wrexham and all the way to Caernarfon. Along the way, we passed the great mountain, Yr Wyddfa (in English, Snowdon), the highest in England and Wales. The westernmost point of our trip was at the point when we circled Caernarfon Castle and headed back east along the North Wales coast looking out into the Irish Sea. Along the way back, we made a pit stop in the scenic seaside town of Llandudno. The scenery of North Wales is truly an awesome sight. Why only Ireland is the "Emerald Isle", I do not know, for there is certainly enough greenery in Wales!

Our last evening in Wales was spent in a reception/party/dinner for our host families who all brought food to make it a potluck dinner, the food being better than what I have had in many a fine restaurant. More than a few tears were shed upon leaving Wales the next morning for home.

What an awesome experience for the Houston Chamber Choir which made a name for itself in the 2002 Eisteddfod at Llangollen!

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



I spoke to Ken Velméir two nights ago, and he is doing well!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/08/2002 22:14:49 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

He is still the President/CEO of the Visalia, CA Chamber of Commerce.

Real Life has kept him busy and away from Witt, but he still enjoys Talossa and all-things-Talossan!
He is still enjoying serving on the Uppermost Cort.

He is a very, very nice person; we had a good, good chat!

PM Válcadác'h

*This marked the first time I had ever spoken to him in a non-web fashion. -GV 17 July,
2003*



Official: a PD concerning the campaign adverts

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/15/2002 16:36:06 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS it is not campaign time and will not be until December or late November,

WHEREAS the last election is now over and has been for quite some time,

WHEREAS the election adverts have not yet come down,

WHEREAS a Wittmeister has done the ingenious thing and changed the adverts for his own party to reflect current reality,

WHEREAS Marti-Páir Furxhéir has been unable to work on this problem,

WHEREAS I understand completely,

WHEREAS I do not believe the Wittmeister or others going ahead and changing the adverts to reflect reality is unconstitutional,

I, THEREFORE, DIRECT all relevant persons to make the election adverts relevant to current realities in the manner Wittmeister UC has already with those of his own party.

I do also DIRECT this to be done and complete ere Labor Day in the United States of America.

So this has been written,
So let it be done!

God save the King!

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál, del Regipäts Talossán



Official: Notice of State Visit to Calgary, Alberta

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/21/2002 23:15:59 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<<http://canflag.ptbcanadian.com/images/animated/canadab.gif>>

Five summers ago, I did a massive amount of babysitting in Houston for a family with three sons, and tomorrow, July 22, 2002, I will see them for the first time since then.

I shall return to the United States on Saturday, July 27, 2002.

This shall be the second Seneschálial State Visit I have made, the first being my recent Visit to Wales just two weeks ago.

Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers! How awesome is this, folks: my first trip to Canada!!

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschâl de Regipäts Talossán

Message Link:

What's happening in Calgary



A Report to the Nation concerning my recent State Visit to Calgary, Alberta

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/29/2002 21:01:55 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Azul, my fellow Talossans! This was my second State Visit as your Seneschál, and it went very, very well!

On Monday, July 22, 2002 at about 4:30 Mountain Time, I arrived in Calgary, Alberta and was received by the family whose three sons I babysat five summers ago. It was the first time I had seen them since, and it was my first time to ever visit Canada. It was funny in that the family was about twenty minutes late in getting to the airport to get me; for a few horrible minutes, I wondered if I had emailed them my itinerary as well as realized I had forgotten to bring their phone number! All was well, though. It was soooo good to see them again!

My Air Canada flight up there was pleasant except for one thing: the food!! It all tasted fine, but it was all cold, and the bread... The roll I got was so chewy that the plastic knife did not penetrate the hard crust; rather, it simply squeezed the bread like Play-dough. I had to take the roll and, with both hands, rrrrip the thing apart so as I could apply butter!

We went straight to Downtown where Chinatown is located. We ate some Chinese food there, and then went home. I cannot tell you all how different the experience of a new country and city is when you are able to stay in a regular home with regular people instead of the artificial atmosphere of a hotel. It's the only way to fly, and is way easier on the pocketbook besides!

On Tuesday, July 23 came my first visit to Heritage Park, a historical village (no period buildings, but the working grain elevator, butter making, and blacksmith shop sure are!) alongside a large reservoir. We did so much that day that I cannot remember for the life of me what we did afterwards.

On Wednesday, July 24, we visited Heritage Park for a second time, and then went to Fort Calgary. Unfortunately, Fort Calgary, once an RCMP fort and being the very spot from which the city of Calgary sprung, has become so commercialized, it's worth only a cursory visit. We then went to Riley Park for a little bit (the place has the biggest wading pool I have ever seen) as well as a soccer game (one of the family, a 14-year-old, plays in a league). His team lost the game 2-5 mainly due to there being but one substitute as well as the other team being bigger and faster, though our guys had a terrific goalkeeper. Again, though, the other team's offense was just too strong and overpowering. While this game was disappointing, the game (played by a bunch of adults most of whom were older than I) in the adjacent field was downright funny! You have not lived until you see a referee yell to a grown man "you listen to me!" and have the player spit back "No, you listen!" You have not lived until you have heard grown men saying to one another "what the hell is going on?" or "How can five of you guys and the goalkeeper let that ball get past you?" as if it was a matter of life and death! It was the most hilarious part of the whole trip!

On Thursday, July 25, we took a trip to the drop-dead gorgeous Lake Louise and ate a late supper in the Banff Springs Hotel in the city of Banff. The Canadian Rockies are beautiful!

On Friday, July 26, we drove past the Olympic Park where the 1988 games were held. What a thrill it was to see the ski jump area. I had so enjoyed watching that particular competition on television; to see this place in person, even during the summertime, was awesome! We then ate at Peter's Drive-In which is famous for its burgers.

Perhaps the most fascinating part of the trip was the Grain Academy at the Stampede grounds where there is a working 1=12-scale working grain elevator as well as signage (concerning all manner of grains and cereal plants) so voluminous it would take one hours to digest. Aside from the grain elevator, the best part of that place was the model train set mimicking the trip from the Calgary Yards to Vancouver, B.C. The set was replete with mountains, plains, the seaside (with a scale model of the gigantic Vancouver grain terminal, the biggest in the world located on a seaside- the largest one of all is in Hutchinson, Kansas) and took two years to build!! The "guide" is named Jerry, a incredibly nice person who, before retiring ten years ago, had worked as a grain elevator manager as well as trained others how to do it. He was the very person who had gotten the grain elevator at Heritage Park working again some time ago. It gave me a new appreciation of just how much effort and work it takes to get that loaf of bread from the fields to my table!

On Saturday, July 27, we made one more trip to Heritage Park for the free breakfast of pancakes and sausage. At the airport, my hosts realized I had not yet done the thing one must do in Canada: going to Tim Horton's, the institution which is to Canada what Starbucks is to the U. S., though the food seems better at Tim' Horton's.

I went through U. S. Customs and Immigration at the Calgary airport. My flight back was just as pleasant as the one going up there; the bread was a lot better, too!

[end of Wittenberg post and the end of the report]

Why I did not sign my name to it, I do not know, but the trip was wonderful!
-GV 13 June, 2003



A Speech to the Nation concerning Talossa's future web presence

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 07/21/2002 23:23:22 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



Azul, my fellow Talossans!

The recent spurt of idea-churning concerning Talossa's future presence on the internet is exactly what I have envisioned and it must not stop.

The last time we spoke about reviving Støtanneu, the flash in the pan fizzled and went out as soon as it came into being. This must not happen this time.

I encourage all Talossans to be in on this discussion and keep the fires of our new Talossanity on the web going and strong! We must not let this die on the vine!!

Talossa's future for the next ten to twenty years may very well depend on what we do in the next six months to a year!

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál de Regipäts Talossán

From the making of this above Speech until the PD concerning Korallia Frenette issued on 31 August, 2002, I issued no Prime Dictates, gave no Speeches to the Nation, and really did absolutely nothing worthy of inclusion into these Archives.

Nothing from this span of time has been lost simply because I didn't create anything in the first place. I have made up for that since.

-GV 17 July, 2003



Attn, all Talossans: 1997 OrgLaw Amendments since December 1, 1999

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h/OrgLaw Absurdities Committee Chairman on: 08/02/2002 00:33:39 EDT
Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Azul, my fellow Talossans:

26th Cosa

RZ6 - The Designation of the Royal Family Name (Amendment) Act

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=26&bill=6>]

RZ13 - The Closing of the Casino Talossa Act

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=26&bill=13>]

RZ22 - The Closing of the Casino Talossa II Act

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=26&bill=22>]

27th Cosa

RZ10 - The Corrected Disenfranchisement Act

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=27&bill=10>]

28th Cosa

RZ5 - The Swearing of the Senechál Amendment

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=28&bill=5>]

RZ19 - The Senäts election ammendment

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=28&bill=19>]

RZ27 - The second Organic Law re-numbering ammendment

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=28&bill=27>]

29th Cosa

RZ2 - The Regency Ammendment

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=29&bill=2>]

30th Cosa

RZ8 - The Senate Mega-Constitutional Reform

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=30&bill=8>]

RZ9 - The Provincial Government Ammendment

[link to <http://www.talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=30&bill=9>]

Have any of these been voted on in a referendum??

This is not an indictment against the current and previous Secretaries of State whose work has been beyond compare and has helped to keep Talossa going. This is also not an indictment against any other Talossans.

Evan and Charles' timebombs, the convoluted way we amend the 1997 OrgLaw by tearing out the text and replacing it rather than attaching amendments to the end of the document as is done in the United States--I wonder if a new Organic Law might not be a bad idea.

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Chairman, OrgLaw Absurdities Commission
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



A PD concerning our new Attorney-General

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 08/03/2002 17:00:50 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS the office of Attorney-General was recently and suddenly made vacant...

WHEREAS this office requires someone who has a profound knowledge of all-things-Talossan-legal...

WHEREAS he is already our esteemed MINISTER OF DEFENSE...

I, THEREFORE, and Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and character of IÁN A. METÁIRIÁ, I hereby appoint him to the post of ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

I, THEREFORE, also profoundly thank Mr. Metáiriâ for taking up this unexpected duty on very short notice!

So it has been written,

So be it and let it be DONE under my hand on this 3rd Day of August, the Year of Our Lord, the Two-Thousand-and-Second, and of el Regipäts Talossán, the Twenty-Third

God Save The King,

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



Official: a PD concerning Korallia Frenette, Talossa's newest Dandelion

Posted By: the Prime Minster on: 08/31/2002 21:11:20 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS the daughter of Marti-Páir Furxhéir, Korallia, was born at 19h31 EST, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada,

WHEREAS this is a cause of great celebration,

WHEREAS Talossa has another Dandelion,

WHEREAS it could not have happened to a nicer person,

I, THEREFORE, do now declare Tuesday, September 3 a Day of Profound Congratulations and Celebration of Korallia's safe arrival to Talossa and the world,

I also do now command all Talossans to give a toast to Marti-Páir and his family on this most unbelievably grand occasion,

I, and all of Talossa, Marti-Páir, wish you and your family all the best! I cannot imagine the joy you and your wife, whose name escapes me at the moment--please forgive, are experiencing at this moment.

Korallia, welcome, welcome, welcome to Talossa! You are our first new citizen since January, 2001, the time when your father became one of us.

Secretary of State/Immigration Minister Frenette, I hereby DIRECT you to put together a "Dandelions" page on talossa.com to have all our Dandelions listed. Please have this completed by December 31 of this year.

So it has been written,
So let it be DONE!

Done under my hand on this 31st Day of August, the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third.

God Save The King,

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Message Link:

C'est une fille ! It's a girl ! -- the official word from M-P's personal website◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Talossa does NOT have an army!

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 09/03/2002 17:05:15 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> I thought I read somewhere

Where?

>that Talossa had/has an army. Is this ture?

It is absolutely and positively not true.

The Ministry of Defense consists of nothing more than the Minister of Defense, Ián Metáiriâ, and his justified railings against Osama Bin Laden and other delinquents.

We used to have a website for the Ministry of Defense which had the clear disclaimer "for entertainment purposes only".

We have no real territory. We cannot and do not ever want to establish real diplomatic relations with real nations such as Britain or the United States. Dave, the whole thing is tongue-in-cheek. We have never truly "claimed" territory or "seceded" from the United States like the Confederacy did.

Read Article Two, Section 1 of our Organic Law: "Art. II:Sec. 1. The reality of the Kingdom of Talossa is lived out most positively through its historic spirit, of which all Talossan institutions are guardians and enhancers. The Kingdom of Talossa is a community of persons having fun by doing things which are reasonably similar to what other ("real") countries do, whether for reasons of tourist nostalgia, out of a lust for power, in pursuit of parody, or -- yes -- as nationbuilding."

That is Talossa in a nutshell. However, to get a real understanding of what Talossa is --and, more importantly, what it is not -- read this article from the March, 2000 issue of Wired magazine. This was my introduction to Talossa more than two years ago and was written by a non-Talossan.

Thanks, Dave!
Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál,
Kingdom of Talossa

Newbies and anyone else who may be reading this, the Kingdom of Talossa is totally tongue-in-cheek fun. The only "weapon" we have is our "Invincible Moral Support" which we are still aiming at this moment at those who would try to disrupt the actions of the U. S.-led Coalition forces in Iraq.

-GV 17 July, 2003



Official: a PD concerning the first anniversary of September 11, 2001

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 09/10/2002 16:08:31 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS on September 11, 2001, the Al-Quaida terrorist/brute/thug network headed by the dispicable Osama Bin Laden hijacked four domestic airliners and proceeded to slam two of them, one each, into both of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, causing their collapse as well as the destruction of surrounding buildings, killing thousands of innocent men, women, and children, among them, hundreds of police, fire, and medical emergency personnel who perished in the Towers' collapse.,

WHEREAS the third hijacked airliner was slammed into the side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., killing 190 people,

WHEREAS the fourth hijacked airliner was forced toward Washington, D.C., but the hijackers were overpowered by passengers led by Todd Beamer who began the WAR ON TERRORISM with the words "Let's roll.",

WHEREAS instead of either the White House or the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C., the fourth hijacked airliner crashed into a cornfield in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, killing all on board,

WHEREAS instead of throwing the United States into chaos, as Osama and his cohorts had hoped, the people of the United States of America have united as they had not since the Second World War, firm in their determination and resolve to rid the world of barbarism, evil, and brutality,

WHEREAS the nation of Canada came to the aid of our friend and ally, the United States of America, by housing thousands of airline passengers stranded by the U.S. lockdown on all air traffic,

WHEREAS the hand of the United States of America helped to liberate Afghanistan of the reviled Taliban regime which had given aid and comfort to Osama and his bastard henchmen,

WHEREAS Afghan women can live like human beings again,

WHEREAS Afghans can play music as loud as they want to again,

WHEREAS a horde of terrorist plots have been foiled by the United States and her allies since September 11,

WHEREAS a massive wave of patriotism, hope, and courage in the face of demonic barbarism and murder has swept over the American people and has spilled over into other civilized countries,

WHEREAS the first anniversary of September 11, 2001 occurs in the exact midpoint between the Jewish High Holy Days: Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur,

WHEREAS the attacks are reviled by all civilized peoples of the earth, including those Muslims who have "sold out" to that which is good, highest, and best,

THEREFORE, I, Gödafríeu Válcadác'h, do now DECLARE Wednesday through Monday, September 11-16, 2002, the 16th being the end of Yom Kippur, to be Days of Profound HOPE, REMEMBRANCE, RESOLVE, and DETERMINATION in the Kingdom of Talossa!!

I do also THEREFORE pledge the INVISIBLE MORAL SUPPORT of all Talossans, each and every single one of us, to the war effort of the United States of America, her people, her military and those of all civilized nations working to keep us and our children free!

Done under my hand on this 10th day of September of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third.

May God Bless the United States of America! May God Bless Talossa! May God bless all law-abiding and good people of the entire WORLD!!

God Save The King,

The Rt. Hon. Gödafríeu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Message Link:
The herosim of Todd Beamer and all those on United Flight 93

RE: The Royal Assent

Posted By: King Robert I on: 09/10/2002 16:24:50 EDT
Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:
> I, Gödafríeu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

An excellent declaration of our resolve, which We heartily and firmly co-sign.

ROBERT I
King of Talossa, etc. etc. etc.

[end of post] My eternal thanks to everyone who gave me valuable assistance in the preparation of this Prime Dictate. It was so easy and tempting to recount in detail the events of that horrible day at the expense of putting the emphasis on all the good that has come of it. Certainly, this was one of the most difficult and painful PDs I have had to do. -GV, 15 February, 2003 ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

A Speech to the Nation concerning the state of Talossa, the current spate of Apathy, and what to do about it.

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 10/10/2002 01:47:03 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



Azul, my fellow Talossans!

After reading my reply to the post by Rôibeard Donatüs dated 10/02/2002 15:29:51 EDT, I realize that my initial reply was not of the substantive nature he so rightly deserves.

Direct quotes, each and every one by Ben in the above-mentioned post, will be in italics.

The current Government is doing nothing, and most of the time we are sitting around discussing American politics.

The current Government has done nothing really, and that responsibility falls on the shoulders of none other than I, your Seneschál, who has grown slack as of late. That shall change swiftly!

Our immigration laws are archaic and counterproductive. Our incredibly stringent immigration laws failed to prevent the infiltration of monsters like Glaçâ and Anglatzarâ--and yet we may (there is no way to know, unless we test this) have turned away many, many good and decent people who could have helped to make Talossa more exciting, bigger, and more popular.

30th Ziu, RZ13 - The Reform the Immigration law is the greatest piece of legislation I have seen in my time in Talossa. It not only keeps in the mechanisms needed to guard against wierdoes, but makes it incredibly easy for someone to become a Talossan citizen!

Immigration Minister Martì-Páir Furxhéir, you are to be commended and I do commend you for the thought and effort you put into this piece of legislation which has mathematically passed the Ziu overwhelmingly.

Never has it been a better time to be or become a Talossan. Ben is absolutely correct: for the first time in Talossa's history, every single citizen is on the same page as far as having a vision for this country. And just what is that vision? Well, I think Ián Valadéir summed it up best in a Wittenberg post dated 10/04/2002 03:24:02 EDT when he uttered these immortal words:

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.

The thing which struck me first about Talossa was Wittenberg: a place devoid of online handles such as "Doogan" and "hotbabysweet301", teenage sex/bathroom jokes/"humor", people making passes at one another, and other forms of mindless drivel one normally finds on general-discussion internet forums. The fact Talossans used their real (or Talossan) names was a refreshing revelation to me: it was possible to be open about one's identity and still be safe on the internet!

Okay, then, Seneschál Bigshot, you have waxed eloquently about Talossa, Valadéir, Wittenberg, and have made us all warm and fuzzy inside. But you still have not answered Ben's fundamental question: what do we do???.

Ben and everyone else, here is what we must do to make Talossa the vibrant and apathy-free place it needs to be.

1. Reaching out and touching cestours and other non-Talossans

Within the next two weeks, each of us will email three people and tell them about Wittenberg. If they "bite", great! If not, no big deal; don't press the issue anymore with them.

2. Reaching out and touching our fellow Talossans

I want every "inactive" citizen to either be phoned or written to via hand-written snail-mailed letter. If one's handwriting is too hideous (like mine), typing will be fine. Let's just be sure to sign our names in ink. Everyone who is interested in doing this, please let me know. At Midnight Central Time on Wednesday morning, October 16, I will have divided the names of those "inactives" equally among all those active Talossans who let me know they are interested in making contact with them. Please let me know who in particular you would prefer to make contact with. This is not to preclude one from writing every single Talossan on earth if he/she wants; it's just to be sure every single Talossan is "covered" in the communication blitz.

3. Fire up the presses!

Støtanneu must be revived in some form. Talossa not only needs Witt, but it needs a national media outlet which will report on the issues of the day.

4. Get out the vote!

The election for the 30th Ziu held this past March-April was surely the most bizzare since that of the 24th Ziu held in March-April, 1998.

Look at the results: fifteen votes for the Progressive Conservatives and that party still has the Ziu! This was a golden opportunity for the Opposition to get a turnout, and it failed miserably. Daviu Foctier might be your Seneschál right now. Turnout is good for everyone!

My goal is for every single Talossan citizen to VOTE!!

The election for the 31st Ziu begins on December 15, 2002 and ends on January 14, 2003.

5. Get Wired!

The most important thing that has happened to Talossa since we went online in 1996 was the article in the March, 2000 issue (issue **8.03**) of *Wired* magazine.

Newbies and Wittenberg "lurkers", read it! There will never be a better-done introduction to Talossa done by a non-Talossan, objective source than this journalistic jewel. When we tell people about Talossa, this will add the objective credibility to prove them that Talossa is not just some teen-age fantasy fiefdom.

Within the next week, I will check and see whether it is possible to order reprints of the article directly from Wired. I will keep you all posted.

6. Get surfin'!

Let's work to find unusual things on the web to keep the momentum of things going on Wittenberg. There's nothing like a "What species of lizard am I?" test to keep the discussion going!

Let's find new web-based ways to get the word out about our glorious Glhep!

7. All-things legal

The 1997 Organic Law of the Kingdom of Talossa is online at www.maricopaprovince.net; let's all get more-familiar with this foundation document of our Talossan legal system.

The new Scribe of Abbavilla will be spearheading the effort to get the OrgLaw updated and in perfect order.

My Government will within the next six months (in other words, when the Seneschál gets a scanner) begin the process of getting the entire legal record of Talossa in such a form that a citizen can have easy, fingertip access to every statute, Prime Dictate, and every law currently on the books in Talossa.

8. Apathy and forgetfulness in the Ziu

The rampant non-voting in the Ziu by all parties must stop! Talossa needs members of the Ziu who VOTE!! The world needs to see an active and vibrant Ziu. However, I do say, when Real Life takes over, it's easy to forget to vote. I am fortunate I still have my 100% voting record; I nearly hosed it last year when I came within a hair's breath (if that much) of missing the voting deadline. I know there will come a time when I will indeed forget to vote in the Clark. Then you can throw eggs and pies in my face. But seriously, the non-voting issue is a serious one. Our citizenry deserves the very best from all of us within Government and without.

9. Save early, save often.

This is the first rule of playing any computer game, especially role-playing titles such as King's Quest VIII or Riven, and it must be the first rule for all of us as Talossans. Wittenberg VIII has had more than fourteen-thousand postings since it went online back in the late Spring of 2001. But the Witt crash of November, 2001 erased the first five thousand or so posts.

Because of this, our historical record of September 11, 2001 is lost forever.

*Write the Witt post.
*click the "Post a New Message" button
*click the "Save Message" button
--We are then taken back to the main messages page.--
--We want to change the link color to that of the "already visited" ones to make things easier on the eyes.--
*To that end, we click on my/your new message.
--The message appears.--
*FILE-SAVE AS...We are looking at the page anyway, folks!

.....and our Witt post is saved on my/your hard drive and will be printed at that moment to have a hard copy.

.....We do the same from time to time to other people's Witt posts, especially one's like Valadéir's with the summation of what the spirit of Talossan immigration policy should be and already has become.

...and we are never vulnerable to a Witt crash ever, ever again.

I am profoundly guilty of not doing this. This is a responsibility we all must share; it's an annoying and time-wasting thing to do, but it needs to be done. Let's take the pressure off Marti-Páir and UC and save our Witt posts!!!

I call upon the Justices of the Uppermost Cort to be visible, active, and judicious about saving their decisions for archival purposes. How many Cort decisions have been lost forever to Witt crashes? This is not an indictment on any particular person.

I do say this, your Seneschál has saved all his Prime Dictates and Speeches on his hard drive, though he does need to get them onto printouts as well.

10. Let's take in some culture!

I heartily endorse and support things like the Cézembrian Arts Centre. Let's hope Dixhét can get his files off that broken hard drive of his!

And finally...

11. Let's learn the Glelp!

This is the most culturally-substantive part of our Talossan heritage and culture and one which we must exhibit with pride and learn as our second language. If the souls who went through Ellis Island can learn the "easy" English language, the language of their new country, why can't we learn Talossan?

Eu amo va Talossa!!

My goals for Talossa:

1. 100% voting in the November, 2002 Clark, the last of the 30th Ziu
2. 95% turnout in the election for the 31st Ziu to be held from December 14, 2002 to January 14th, 2003
3. 97% voting turnout on each and every Clark of the 31st Ziu!

4. The holding of a Talossan-language poetry competition with competitors being people other than Ben or Tomás to be done in the fourth quarter of 2003
5. 70 votes in the election for the 33rd Ziu to be held (pending future unforeseen events) in April-May, 2004.
6. having the aforementioned fingertip access to all current Talossan laws by the end of 2003
7. The holding of a Talossan-language prose competition in the fourth quarter of 2005
8. Having a vibrant and active Støtanneu covering the election of the 32nd Ziu to be held (pending unforeseen events) in August-September, 2003.
9. Having more than twenty people wanting to sit in the Cosa during the 32nd Ziu.
10. To keep Talossa FREE, FAIR, and FUN!!!

None of us has to be here in Talossa. Martí-Páir doesn't have to host all-things Talossa. Ián Metáiriâ doesn't have to be a stalwart on the cabinet. Ben and Tomás do not have to do Glelp things. Dixhét did not have to be Immigration Minister for three years. Daviu F. did not have to be Secretary of State for as long as he was.

And Quedéir Castighâ did not have to come back at all. No-one forced him to.

Jeremy and Dave R. do not have to be prospectives.

What bring us all here? What keeps us here?

What Does Talossa Mean to Each One of Us?

I had hoped to do this in the inaugural issue of a revived Støt, but I will do it now:

--What Talossa Means to Me Now--

--by--

--Gödafríeu Válcadác'h--

Talossa has helped me to be more tolerant of other people.

Talossa has helped me to be more articulate about my faith.

Talossa has given me a view of the wide world I would have never had otherwise.

There are at least two people in Europe whom I could visit (assuming they wish it, of course! :--). I have the opportunity, indeed the privilege of interacting with an anarchist, a Mormon, a Norwegian, a Dutchman, a bunch of people from Milwaukee, Wisconsin (I never thought I would ever have reason to visit that city), three people from Quebec, the President/CEO of a Chamber of Commerce in California as well as two former Marines and a reformed and former Neo-Nazi gay and otherwise.....right-wing Republican as well as a brilliant web designer from Florida! Not to mention a brain at Cornell who spent eight years in Brazil and a Gaelic junkie from Boston! And all the rest...

Ben, Metáiriâ, Harry, Valadéir, Gary, Andréiâ, Ken, Michael, Grubi, Cüf...and everyone else...people I would have never met/interacted with/known but for Talossa.

I know more about languages than I ever thought possible, and I learned it from Ben and Tomás. I have a minute understanding of the way in which legislative bodies and laws work from my work in the Ziu and Maricopa province. Because of this, I could probably read a real law book a little better than the average "man on the street".

I know more about the internet and computers, and I learned it from Grubi and Valadéir.

While Ben has failed utterly to convince me Mormonism is the thing to do, I have been blessed and fortunate to find out about this part of American history from someone who probably knows more about it than most anyone else in the world.

Here in Talossa, we have a body of law stretching back two decades, a constructed language of more than twenty-eight thousand words, a bicameral legislature, a judicial system, and a Royal family. Yes, Talossan legislation has the force of law in our minds only, but something like our nationette is truly an unprecedented thing. We are not after real territory. We are not after money or any sort of real power. We are not out there pushing any ideology except that which is good, decent, and civilized. And yes, a civilized Muslim (and anyone else for that matter) who hates and deploras Osama and all he stands for is more-than-welcome in Talossa!

UC, I have, in the innards of the almost-crashed hard drive of my old computer which I have dubbed "Ol' Blue", found and retrieved the transcript of our ICQ chat of September 11, 2001 during which I almost broke down in tears. :-(

Talossans laugh together. Talossans cry together. Talossans debate together.

What can I say but that the Kingdom of Talossa has enriched my life!

Being a Talossan has made me a better person.

What does Talossa mean to you??

Ben, I hope I answered all your questions.

My fellow Talossans, I have outlined a vision that is reachable, a vision that is doable, a vision which is realistic, a vision which is possible, and a vision which must come to fruition!

And it will.

[And when it does, the provincial scene will take care of itself.]

We can make this happen, folks!

LET'S GET GOING AND DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

God save the King,
God save and bless the civilized world,
God bless TALOSSA!!!

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál, el Regipäts Talossán

*Doing away with apathy? I'm not sure if the length of this Speech did just the opposite.
-GV 17 July, 2003*

RE: A Speech to the Nation concerning the state

of Talossa, the current spate of Apathy, and what to do about it.

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/10/2002 13:40:17 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> That said, of course Neus Blut can help stir things up and erase some of that dull ache. But let's just be mindful of the past.

You iterated something which I should have brought up in my speech: the need for constant vigilance against another Davron, against another Viac'htolt, and against another Anglatzarâ.

If we are serious about this, the immigration policy allows citizens to become more involved with the "screening" process. Let's get serious with our prospectives about posting to Witt often so that we can get to know them.

Once our prospectives become citizens, they can post as often or as little as they like.

PM Válcadác'h

> DM IM

Real Life is more important than Talossa. No guilt trip intended. :-)

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/10/2002 13:50:22 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Azul Mr. Seneschal and fellow Talossans;

> I would guess that I'm as guilty of non participation as anyone else in Talossa. A lot is due to personal considerations...

And you have had a lot on your plate recently! The incredibly light and easy required activity in the Organic Law (voting in every third election) allows each and every citizen to participate as much or as little as he or she likes.

If that was not the case, then Talossa would become a cultish enterprise not unlike some Amway organizations.

>but, I do check Wittenberg at least once a week, more often if I can. But I usually don't take time to reply to a lot of posts, often because my time is limited, or because I don't feel I have any useful comments to impart that haven't already been covered by someone else's response.

Your internet has been flaky in the past as well. Let me tell you, your presence on Witt is valued and appreciated by all of us!

> I have made sure (with M-P's helpful reminders :)) that I vote on each clark as is my responsibility as a member of the Cosa. Which is all fine and good, but not truly more than minimal participation.

Minimal is all we ask.

> The thing is....I would love to participate more. However, my internet time is limited now. Once a week is mostly what I get. I would love to learn the language, but how? I would love to participate more fully in the government, but how? How does a person with limited or no access to the internet participate in an entity that has largely moved online? Especially when geographically separated.

That is a great problem, and one for which I have no answer to give you at this point. Cüf, I never intended for this to be any sort of guilt trip or anything like that. :-)

> One thing I have considered is the telephone...but I have to keep long distance usage to a minimum in order to continue to have a phone at this point. And I don't expect someone to shell out a bunch of money on long distance to keep me in the mix.

> The problem is....everything I could consider takes money...if not my own, which is severely limited, other's.

> Don't give up on me guys.

We won't!!

>I'm still Talossan.

Yes, you are!

>I'm still participating...as much as I can.

You are going way beyond the call of duty, Cüf!

>And will more as I'm able to do so.

Cüf, if I offended you at all, I'm sorry. All I'm trying to do is stir up some enthusiasm, which, it has been made readily apparent and obvious, you already have.

PM Válcadác'h

> Cüf

> MC, RCT-Vuode.

> P.S. I didn't intend for this to be a valume :)

This thread hits on so many issues. Cüf has been one of the most-enthused citizens we have had in a long time.

-GV 17 July, 2003



The 1997 Organic Law link

Posted By: Grefi  ir V  lcad  c'h de Abbavilla/Senesch  l V  lcad  c'h on: 10/09/2002 15:52:23 EDT

Posted by: G  dafri  u V  lcad  c'h

Message Detail:

It is the new index.html page at www.maricopaprovince.net and replaces my hopelessly-out-of-date provincial page with more dead links than stars in the sky.

Mr. SoS, you are hereby directed to spearhead the effort to get the link up among the links at the top of Wittenberg and on talossa.com

Many thanks, everyone!

PM/GdA V  lcad  c'h

Message Link:

The new link to the 1997 Organic Law



Official: a PD concerning the Scribe and Scribery of Abbavilla

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/09/2002 15:21:41 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS I created the post of Scribe of Abbavilla this past summer to make the duties of keeping and maintaining the online version of the 1997 Organic Law official and ceremonious,

WHEREAS I also created the Scribery of Abbavilla which would be composed of deputies of the Scribe of Abbavilla,

WHEREAS these names wear worse and worse on my Talossan aesthetic sensibilities,

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, do THEREFORE RENAME and RESTYLE the post of Scribe of Abbavilla as its translation in Talossan, el Grefiëir de Abbavilla, and the Scribery of Abbavilla as the official Talossan translation, for I find no word for "Scribery" in el Treisoûr.

ADDITIONALLY, WHEREAS the person currently known as the Canadian Man of Mystery has resigned this post via email to me just today,

WHEREAS he served us well and is resigning because of Real Life,

WHEREAS he offers his services to whomever I shall name as his successor,

WHEREAS I am grateful to him for his time at this post and accept his resignation wholeheartedly,

WHEREAS this post carries no power or powers whatsoever save keeping up the 97OrgLaw,

WHEREAS this is not a Cabinet post,

THEREFORE, REPOSING special trust in the character and dependability of GÖDAFRÏEU VÁLCADÁC'H of Maricopa province, I APPOINT him as the second Grefiëir de Abbavilla.

Done under my hand on this 9th day of October of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third.

God Save The King,

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



RE: Thoughts on Immigration

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/12/2002 20:32:43 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> In Talossa, activity is considered a high virtue, inactivity a great vice.

Inactivity is only a vice when one is a member of the Ziu. Present company not indicted, btw. :-)

>This is reflected even in our standards for citizenship.

Fine then. :-) Let's vote in Joe six-pack who only posts a couple of times within a span of six months. Is that what you want, Gary?

The way I see things, a prospective is obligated to post as often as possible on Witt so we may get to know him/her. It's a matter of courtesy. Now, some prospectives get swamped with Real Life things. That's fine, if and when they return to the scene, the process of getting to know them picks up from where it left off.

Consider David Rebedew who disappeared for a time, but who came back!

>And even more so in the means through which citizenship can be lost. Passivity, failure to participate, 'three strikes' -- the most common method of citizenship loss.

Huh?? Talossa is not Amway where, in many groups in that business, if you don't come to meetings and all, you "don't want to succeed" and are a "dream-killer". We in Talossa need to have enough grace to realize people have things in life more important than Talossa. If we in our laws and actions fail to grasp that fundamental truth of life, then Talossa becomes a cult. Well, sorta...

Yes, I am worried about apathy. I am worried about people not caring about Talossa. Talossa is something I believe in enough to want to see it prosper, if not grow. I want to see a big community on Witt, not a little one. I want to see a vibrant nationette with a vibrant Government.

And, yes, Gary, a vibrant Opposition... At least with the Libs we had some fireworks, even if was induced and spiked with mustard gas sometimes.

Let's let all the inactives go their own ways and we have a country of maybe twenty or so people. My aim is to let every single person in this country know he or she is not just valued for their vote every six months, but is valued for who each one is, h/er views, his values, etc. Even those of the esteemed Mr. Charbonneau who, outside of Talossa, is so out-of-step with every single other citizen of this country.

And your activity as of late???? :-)

>Resignation in disgust (usually following failed splinter-creation effort) -- the rest. There are no other ways, really.

There is one other: renouncing one's citizenship while still thinking well of Talossa. Has this ever happened? Ben? Valadéir?

>I think that is why we are so leery of awarding that precious title, "citizen". Because bad citizens are so dad-blamed difficult to get rid of, if they are *active*, kicking and screaming the whole way.

Yes, that is a danger with our system. Our OrgLaw also allows a citizen to be as active or inactive as he wants. The only requirement is voting in every third election, once every twenty-one months (a year and nine months to be exact); is that too strenuous??

>This is, in part, because we have never arrived at a reasonable definition of 'treason', that being the only conventionally acceptable reason for stripping a citizen of membership.

Some examples of treason (all hypothetical)

1. Let's say I decide to get in contact with Anthony/Daphne Lawless and start talking trash about Ben on some internet forum for all to see. That would be a grave betrayal of confidence!
2. hacking talossa.net
3. hacking maricopaprovince.net
4. becoming a mass-murderer, even though no victim is a Talossan. Becoming a mass-murderer..."and he is a member of a group called ""Talossa"..."

Let's think of some others while we realize we are not a real country in about 99% of the ways real countries are real.

> Or is it?

> Can one be a "bad citizen" without being a "traitor"?

Matáiwos Caricâ seemed to have done just that.

> Is "traitor" an inescapable Red Letter?

Johan and Co. had umpteen chances to "come clean" about the error of their ways. Ben never shut the door on them. They shut it on themselves. They called Ben someone always looking for "someone to hate".

You and I both nothing could be further from the truth. :-)

> I am still of the opinion that Anglatzarâ had genuinely reformed, and if given a chance, could have been a stellar citizen.

I agree! I agree even if Ben may not agree with me. I think the same can be said of all the departed members of Talossa's third Liberal Party.

>But that's a side issue.

> If we had a legislative means to remove actively bad citizens,

Define the word "bad".

>then we need not worry so much if the floodgates are open. And by legislative, I mean something fair, something more than "His Majesty says so." With all due respect, Ben.

> Would the senior representative of the RCT in the Ziu please email me? At my new email address, as posted elsewhere. I have ideas for legislation along these lines.

Glad to see you back on Wittenberg, Gary!

PM Válcadác'h

> Gary

The above post was a direct response to Dixbêl Conâ (not to be confused with Gary E. Schwichtenberg. -GV 5 April, 2003

RE: Thoughts on Immigration

Posted By: Dave Rebedew on: 10/14/2002 12:58:07 EDT

Posted by: Dave Rebedew

Message Detail:

What is this that I am hearing?!? This is a very disturbing argument. If I do not stay active I will never be a citizen? Is this what I am to believe? Should I cancel everything in order to wave the Red and Green?!? Should I give up what I am to please you Dixhêt Conâ? To be only Talossan? You speak of traitors, bad citizens and treason. And while you speak I think of revolt. If I cannot become a citizen through the correct avenues, I will fight for my right. That's how strongly I feel about Talossa. Am I a bad citizen? I have been inactive for a long period. Am I a traitor? ANSWER ME THAT!!

RE: Thoughts on Immigration

Posted By: Gary L. Conâ on: 10/19/2002 06:37:54 EDT

Posted by: Gary L. Conâ

Message Detail:

Whoa, ease up there ... let's try not to get angry here.

> What is this that I am hearing?!? This is a very disturbing argument. If I do not stay active I will never be a citizen?

Um...becoming a citizen does require a certain minimum amount of activity, and remaining a citizen requires a (much smaller) minimum level of activity, as things stand now.

>Is this what I am to believe? Should I cancel everything in order to wave the Red and Green?!?

Lord, no! Real life **always** should come first, I've **never** advocated otherwise. **I** sure as hell don't "cancel everything and wave the red and green". How did you take that impression away from my post?

>Should I give up what I am to please you Dixhêt Conâ? To be only Talossan?

There is no such thing as "only" Talossan -- you bring all that you are along with when you participate. And that "everything else" is what I and every other Talossan enjoys seeing in our fellow Talossans. If you put up a facade to please anyone in Talossa, I'm the **last** person you should work on; I am relatively powerless here, my solitary voice is nothing against the roar of the PC; you should try to please Ben instead ;-);-);-)

Our history (years before your time) contains examples of traitors and/or bad citizens, some unquestioned, some arguable, ALL OF WHOM ARE NOW GONE. That is what I was referring to. Nothing in that refers to you.

>And while you speak I think of revolt. If I cannot become a citizen through the correct avenues, I will fight for my right. That's how strongly I feel about Talossa.

You can, and I strongly suspect WILL become a citizen, through the correct channels. In fact, you should have a slightly easier time of it now that we have legislatively dredged said channel wider and straighter.

>Am I a bad citizen? I have been inactive for a long period.

No, and I wasn't trying to say you were! You are active NOW, which is the vital concern. If you STAYED inactive, that would have been a completely different situation...

>Am I a traitor? ANSWER ME THAT!!

Have you done anything to actively harm this nation? Do you desire to divert resources of this nation (web space, citizens, etc.) for your own use? Answer those questions, and you will have answered your own. I am already quite sure your answer to both will be 'no', as it should be.

But don't be angry at me...I AM NOT ACCUSING YOU, and I don't quite understand why you think I am.

I don't want you to drop or reconsider your citizenship as a result of this misunderstanding. If I have not explained myself sufficiently here and now, *please* email me directly so that we can settle this. But try to dial down the flame level...

-Gary-

*The above post was written by Dixhêt Conâ (not to be confused with Gary L. Schwichtenberg).
-GV 5 April, 2003*

RE: Thoughts on Immigration

Posted By: R. Rôibeard Donatüs on: 10/19/2002 12:33:18 EDT

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

Bravo, Gary--well said!

Ben

Once again, it was Mr. Conâ, not Mr. Schwichtenberg. -GV 5 April, 2003

Gary, you may have hit on something.

Posted By: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h on: 10/21/2002 16:41:20 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Have you done anything to actively harm this nation? Do you desire to divert resources of this nation (web space, citizens, etc.) for your own use?

You may very well have hit upon the clarification of treason we have been searching for for a long, long time!

Jeff

that being Dixhêt Conâ once more. -GV 5 April, 2003

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A PD of mourning for Stephen E. Ambrose, 1936-2002

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/13/2002 22:26:17 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Stephen E. Ambrose was born in 1936 in Whitewater, Wisconsin,

WHEREAS he was originally at the University of Wisconsin a pre-med student, but was inspired to change his major to history after an American history course taught by William B. Hesseltine, a professor Ambrose described as "a great teacher of writing",

WHEREAS he was a star football player at the University of Wisconsin and played in the Rose Bowl,

WHEREAS he earned his master's degree at Louisiana State University and returned to Wisconsin for his doctorate,

WHEREAS over the many years of his career, he wrote more than twenty-five books dealing with American history including Band of Brothers, a multi-volume biography of Dwight D. Eisenhower, a multi-volume biography of Richard Nixon, Crazy Horse and Custer, and Undaunted Courage which is a history of the Lewis and Clark expedition,

WHEREAS until the publication of his 1994 best-seller D-Day June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II, he was little-known,

WHEREAS he founded the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, which opened on June 6, 2000 and logged nearly 340,000 visits during its first year,

WHEREAS traffic to that hallowed place has yet to taper off,

WHEREAS the rapport he established with many World War II veterans gave them cause to entrust numerous artifacts to the care of the National D-Day Museum,

WHEREAS he was the historical consultant for Stephen Spielberg's Saving Private Ryan,

WHEREAS he retired in 1995 as a professor of history at the University of New Orleans,

WHEREAS the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Authur Schlesinger said of him that he "combined high standards of scholarship with the capacity to make history come alive for a lay audience",

WHEREAS he was accused of plagiarism, but after reading his own defense against the charge on his own website, I have concluded these charges to be unfounded,

WHEREAS there are legions of historians who have defended him,

WHEREAS Arthur Schlesinger said of this whole business ""Stephen Ambrose was an honest man, and the last thing he would do is deliberately appropriate the words of someone else",

WHEREAS he said of the returning World War II veterans, "I thought the returning veterans were giants who had saved the world from barbarism. I still think so.",

WHEREAS he was absolutely correct,

WHEREAS he was diagnosed with lung cancer in the spring of 2002,

WHEREAS the diagnosis prompted him to drop a World War II project concerning the Pacific and go headlong into an autobiography which began with the unofficial/working title "A Love Song to America", a book deemed by Yahoo News as an embodiment of "Ambrose's transformation from left-wing demonstrator to super-patriot",

WHEREAS he is the most famous American historian of the Second World War, and is someone who made this horrible chapter in human history come alive once more for the generations who came after the War,

WHEREAS Stephen E. Ambrose passed away of lung cancer in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, early-Sunday morning, 13 October, 2002, at the age of 66.

WHEREAS he is survived by his wife, Moira Buckley Ambrose, and five children: Andy, Barry, Hugh, Grace, and Stephanie,

WHEREAS this living link to our past and this living repository of memories and experiences can never be replaced,

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, do now DECLARE Wednesday, October 16, 2002 a Day of Profound Mourning and Remembrance for Stephen E. Ambrose, an American treasure, an American icon, and a true American patriot!

Done under my hand on this 13th day of October of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third.

God Save The King,

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Note: In the above image, Dr. Ambrose is flanked by the two biggest names from Saving Private Ryan, actor Tom Hanks to his right, and to his left, the movie's director, Steven Spielberg.

[end of Prime Dictate] -GV, 15 February, 2003 ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

100% Cosâ voting in this month's Clark!! YAHOO!!!!!!!!!!

Posted By: SoS Whip and PM Válcadác'h on: 10/15/2002 00:26:18 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Way to go, Talossa! Well done and BRAVO!!

The Cosâ is to be commended, and I DO commend it for stepping up to the plate and voting like mad in this month's Clark.

All I need to do now is to get ahold of Albrec'ht and get his Senats vote and we are sitting pretty!

The world needs to see a legislature that is active and living up to its responsibility to its people.

We in the Ziu are doing just that.

Congratulations!

SoS Whip/PM Válcadác'h

RE: 100% Cosâ voting in this month's Clark!! YAHOO!!!!!!!!!!

Posted By: Albrec'ht on: 10/15/2002 13:23:53 EDT

Posted by: Albrec'ht Lupulardít

Message Detail:

> All I need to do now is to get ahold of Albrec'ht and get his Senats vote and we are sitting pretty!

I heard that. Vote on the way...

100% voting in Cosa!!! 100% voting in Senäts!!! Huzzah!!!

Posted By: SoS Whip/PM Válcadác'h on: 10/15/2002 16:28:31 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

The last time this happened was in January, 2000!

Congratulations to all!!

I urge all of you to work towards 100% in the next Clark, the last of the 30th Ziu.

SoS Whip Válcadác'h/PM Válcadác'h

Message Link:

The January, 2000 Clark; 26th Ziu, Clark #4



A PD concerning Dandelions

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/19/2002 12:17:28 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS the 1997 Organic Law of the Kingdom of Talossa currently states:

Art. XVII:Sec. 7. Children born after 1 January 1989/X, one (or both) of whose biological or adoptive parents is a Talossan citizen at the time of the birth, are native-born Talossan citizens ("Dandelions") and shall automatically have full voting rights when they register themselves with the Minister of Immigration on or after their 14th birthday. Notification shall consist of writing a "What Talossa Means to Me" Essay.

WHEREAS complying with this portion of the Organic Law has been neglected,

WHEREAS this is not an indictment of any particular person or organization,

WHEREAS this needs to be fixed,

I, THEREFORE, do DIRECT the Secretary of State to see to the proper notation of all Talossan Dandelions (whose parents wish them to be recognized as such) in the Talossan Database System by January 31, 2003.

I do also DIRECT all relevant Talossan parents who wish to do so to get to the Secretary of State with all-due haste the dates of birth and the names of their Dandelion children so that they may be able to register themselves when the time comes.

Additionally, I also DIRECT the Secretary of State to, if possible, adjust the citizen numbers to properly sequence the Dandelions in the order of citizenship in regard to their dates of birth.

Finally, if there are any sets of twins, triplets, etc., I DIRECT the relevant willing parents to make known the exact order of birth of the children.

Done under my hand on this 19th day of October of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third.

God Save The King,

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Message Link:

The current list of Talossan citizens

OBJECTION !!!

Posted By: Marti-Páir on: 10/19/2002 16:23:03 EDT

Posted by: Marti-Páir

Message Detail:

> Additionally, I also DIRECT the Secretary of State to, if possible, adjust the citizen numbers to properly sequence the Dandelions in the order of citizenship in regard to their dates of birth.

I will object to that paragraph with ALL my powers, resigning as SoS if necessary.

Citizen number is used in the Database as a primary key, which is not easy to change.

Changing the Citizen number of a citizen requires a lot of efforts I would rather concentrate on redesigning Talossa.net (which is what I was about to do).

I have no objection to add Dandelion in the Database, but it has to be AFTER the current citizens.

Your objection is noted and heeded!!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/21/2002 01:32:56 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> > Additionally, I also DIRECT the Secretary of State to, if possible, adjust the citizen numbers to properly sequence the Dandelions in the order of citizenship in regard to their dates of birth.

> I will object to that paragraph with ALL my powers, resigning as SoS if necessary.

Note that I added the words "if possible" to the paragraph to give you the leeway I believe you needed. :-)

With you using the word "resign" in your above paragraph, it becomes only too clear just how much a pain-in-the-neck changing numbers would be.

> Citizen number is used in the Database as a primary key, which is not easy to change.

> Changing the Citizen number of a citizen requires a lot of efforts I would rather concentrate on redesigning Talossa.net (which is what I was about to do).

I need to amend my own PD with another PD. Marti-Páir, I will do that pronto!

> I have no objection to add Dandelion in the Database, but it has to be AFTER the current citizens.

Do it that way, then with my full blessing! I was only concerned about the numbers in that they tell me such-and-such person was the nth person to become a citizen of Talossa.

When the Pope kids are added, they will have numbers in the 100's even though they came into the world in about the time of citizen numbers in the 70's. The Citizen numbers would be skewed, then.

However, skewed numbers are something I can most definitely live with!

PM Válcadác'h

RE: Your objection is noted and heeded!!

Posted By: UC on: 10/21/2002 11:58:23 EDT

Posted by: UC

Message Detail:

> When the Pope kids are added, they will have numbers in the 100's even though they came into the world in about the time of citizen numbers in the 70's. The Citizen numbers would be skewed, then.

> However, skewed numbers are something I can most definitely live with!

The numbers are not skewed, Dandelions only become full Talossans/citizens at the age of fourteen.

Or am I missing something here?

The OrgLaw speaketh.

Posted By: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h on: 10/21/2002 14:17:57 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

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> Or am I missing something here?

Art. XVII:Sec. 7. Children born after 1 January 1989/X, one (or both) of whose biological or adoptive parents is a Talossan citizen at the time of the birth, are native-born Talossan citizens ("Dandelions") and shall automatically have full voting rights when they register themselves with the Minister of Immigration on or after their 14th birthday. Notification shall consist of writing a "What Talossa Means to Me" Essay.

They are citizens at birth with no voting rights until the above-stated has come to pass.

Jeff



A PD to amend my PD concerning Dandelions issued 19 October, 2002

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/21/2002 01:39:56 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS on 19 October, 2002, I issued a Prime Dictate concerning the addition of Dandelions to the Talossan Database System,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State raised a justified fit over a certain portion of the Prime Dictate,

WHEREAS he was totally justified in doing so,

I, THEREFORE, do now STRIKE from my PD concerning Dandelions issued on 19 October, 2002 the following paragraph:

"Additionally, I also DIRECT the Secretary of State to, if possible, adjust the citizen numbers to properly sequence the Dandelions in the order of citizenship in regard to their dates of birth."

I, do THEREFORE, also EXTEND the deadline for the addition of Dandelions to the Talossan Database System to May 31, 2003

Done under my hand on this 21st day of October of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third.

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



A PD concerning the re-re-naming of the post of Scribe of Abbavilla as well as the Scribery of Abbavilla

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/21/2002 18:47:45 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS on 8 October, 2002, I issued a PD concerning the Scribe and Scribery of Abbavilla styling the post and office in what I thought was the proper and best Talossan,

WHEREAS I have learned better from the esteemed R. Rôibeard Donatüs,

I THEREFORE, taking his suggestion, do hereby rename the Scribe of Abbavilla post and the Scribery of Abbavilla

and style these in the proper Talossan: el Grefiér d'Abbavilla and la Scriueria d'Abbavilla.

These Talossan titles SHALL BE the official titles for the Scribe and Scribery, but "Scribe of Abbavilla" and "Scribery of Abbavilla", these being the English equivalents, SHALL REMAIN in use as useful second-language translations.

Done under my hand on this 21st day of October of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

The Rt. Hon. Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



something very mundane, but something very important...

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/23/2002 01:51:44 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I have received word from Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, the Whip to the Secretary of State that, for the first time since 1999, Talossa will have within the next two weeks an up-to-date directory of contact information for every current Talossan citizen.

Former citizens will not be on the list. However, Jeff is making one exception in that Gary Schwichtenberg has indicated a desire to return, but has not yet followed through. I agree with this. Prospectives Jeremy Manning and David Rebedew as well as Garth Spencer are being included.

Martì-Páir, we need a current email address for Thomas Cutterham of England, assuming he still is interested in Talossa as we have not heard from him in a long while.

The information on this list includes not only email addresses, but mailing addresses and phone numbers as well. This list will be distributed to all Talossan citizens and ONLY to Talossan citizens.

Talossans, this is a part of "Reaching out and Touching People"! Soon, the power will be in your hands to start doing just that.

Thanks, everyone!

PM Válcadác'h

How about "something so fundamental that the lack thereof threatens Talossa's survival"? It's amazing how having someone's contact information makes communicating with h/er so much easier.

Please do not interpret this as the SoSs having not done their job. It's simply that the thing was out-of-date. That's all. SoS Frenette saw this need and asked for someone to fill it. In creating the SoS Whip post, he created a vehicle for fulfilling that vital need. I simply took up the call and have been glad to oblige ever since.

-GV 17 July, 2003



A PD of mourning for U. S. Senator Paul Wellstone: 1944-2002 as well as all the others killed in the plane crash today in northern Minnesota

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/26/2002 01:41:05 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<<http://us.news1.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/nm/20021025/lamdf136165.jpg>>

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Paul David Wellstone was born to Russian immigrants Leon and Minnie Wellstone on July 21, 1944,

WHEREAS he was raised in Arlington, Virginia and attended Yorktown and Wakefield high schools, and was an accomplished athlete both in high school and in college,

WHEREAS he went to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where he was a champion wrestler,

WHEREAS in 1963, he married Sheila Ison,

WHEREAS in 1965, he earned his B.A. and was awarded his PhD in political science,

WHEREAS he taught for 21 years at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota,

WHEREAS in 1990, he ran a successful underdog, grass-roots campaign for the United States Senate where, in that year, he was the only candidate to unseat an incumbent U. S. Senator,

WHEREAS his activities in the Senate have included everything from tackling health-care issues to staving off oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife refuge,

WHEREAS in 2000, he joined with Republican Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas to pass historic legislation to prevent international sex trafficking of girls and women which established for the first time penalties for those who enslave and traffick in human beings,

WHEREAS he was called by many the "conscience of the US Senate",

WHEREAS Senator and Sheila Wellstone, their daughter, Marcia Wellstone, three campaign staff members: Will McLaughlin, Tom Lopic, and Mary McEvoy as well as pilot Richard Conry and co-pilot Michael Guess, were killed in a plane crash near the Eveleth0Virginia Municipal Airport, about 175 miles north of Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 25, 2002,

WHEREAS Senator Wellstone was 58,

WHEREAS the Wellstones are survived by their two sons, David and Mark, as well as six grandchildren,

I, THEREFORE, do now DECLARE Monday, October 28, 2002, a day of mourning and remembrance for United States Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, Sheila Wellstone, Marcia Wellstone, Will McLaughlin, Tom Lopic, Mary McEvoy, Richard Conry, and Michael Guess.
Done under my hand on this 25th day of October of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third.

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán
Message Link:

How the Guardian in the UK is reporting the tragedy...

A few thoughts on Senator Wellstone

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/26/2002 01:56:23 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> I, THEREFORE, do now DECLARE Monday, October 28, 2002, a day of mourning and remembrance for United States Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, Sheila Wellstone, Marcia Wellstone, Will McLaughlin, Tom Lopic, Mary McEvoy, Richard Conry, and Michael Guess.

I found out about the tragedy today in Minnesota in the most unusual way. One of the Rabbis at Congregation Emmanuel in Houston where I sing in the Friday evening choir told us in the choir and congregation about it as a "postscript" to her sermon during a bar-mitzvah service.

She had worked for him in Washington, though for how long, I do not know, before deciding on becoming a Rabbi. Senator Wellstone's death especially moved me, because it was made clear by the way she spoke of him he was not only a politician, but a geniune and decent human being.

Yes, he was the lone Democrat to come out against the use of force in Iraq.

What makes this especially tragic is the loss of his wife and daughter. Mark and David, their sons, have lost their only sister and their parents in one fell swoop. Let's keep them and the families of the other victims of this calamity in our thoughts and prayers!

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

RE: A few thoughts on Senator Wellstone

Posted By: R. Rôibeard Donatüs on: 10/26/2002 16:34:21 EDT

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

> She had worked for him in Washington, though for how long, I do not know, before deciding on becoming a Rabbi. Senator Wellstone's death especially moved me, because it was made clear by the way she spoke of him he was not only a politician, but a geniune and decent human being.

As much as I disagree with Wellstone's views on just about everything, he always struck me as a man who genuinely believed what he said, and said what he believed because he felt it was true, not because he thought it would sell. I admire that.

Ben



A PD concerning the office of Immigration Minister

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/28/2002 13:49:03 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Martì-Páir Frenette has taken sick with an unknown malady,

WHEREAS his taking care of said malady will occupy his time for the next few days/weeks or so,

WHEREAS his time is now even more restricted than before,

WHEREAS he has requested that I appoint a new Immigration Minister,

WHEREAS I cannot see waiting even twenty-four hours to see who would want to succeed him as IM for the time being,

WHEREAS this is a situation which need decisive action now and not tomorrow,

WHEREAS I am available to do the job,

I, THEREFORE, and REPOSING special trust in the character and dependability of GÖDAFRËU VÁLCADÁC'H, do now APPOINT him IMMIGRATION MINISTER.

Done under my hand on this 28th day of October of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Concerning my new Deputy Immigration Minister

Posted By: IM Válcadác'h on: 10/28/2002 13:53:07 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I do now appoint Martì-Páir Frenette as Deputy Minister of Immigration.

IM Válcadác'h



RE: Russians handle hostage crisis!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/26/2002 21:20:08 EDT

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Hear, hear!

Russia did all she could via non-violent means to end the situation peacefully. When push came to shove, she did the only thing she could do.

The Chechens have endeared themselves in the hearts and minds of the Russian people.

PM Válcadác'h

> Def Min IM



Get well soon, Marti-Páir!

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 10/28/2002 17:37:39 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

The thoughts and prayers of all Talossans are with you!

PM Válcadác'h



attn: SoS Frenette and SoS Whip Válcadác'h: a change in Albrec'ht's province information.--Atty-Gen. Metáiriâ, I need your thoughts and expert opinion here, please!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/29/2002 15:35:40 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> > Question 1: Why is it not a good thing for the Governor and Senator of a province to be the same person?

> I don't think this is not a good idea. (Translation: I think it is a good idea. ;-)

Great! Now that Alby's not in Maricopa anymore, he cannot be the Governor! Ye gods, I am the only really active resident left in Maricopa!!

> > Question 2: Albrech't Stôl is now in Ithaca, New York instead of Brazil: what province is he in??

> Vuode.

There is no one in Maricopa who is qualified to be Senator. I have not yet gotten my six months in as Seneschál and I will not get to that point until Christmas Day of all days.

Legally, it is my lay opinion, that, in the spirit of the law if not the letter, Albrec'ht's sitting in the Senats representing Maricopa is perfectly legal.

PM Válcadác'h

> Ben



some thoughts concerning Chechnya, the archival status of our laws

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/29/2002 18:21:35 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Azul, everyone!

L'Anuntziâ dels Legeux is the comprehensive collection of every bill, approved or not approved, on every Clark from September, 1987 through October, 1996 after which Clark records were and are kept online.

In the October, 1994 Clark, I find something which, while passed four years ago, has suddenly become very relevant once more:

RC 29: The Chechnya Independence Act

Proposed by R. Rôibeard Donatüs and passed by the Ziu, this legislation functions as Talossa's recognition of Chechnya as an independent nation per its declaration of independence in 1991 which was never recognized by Moscow.

Is this law still on the books?/Is this still Talossan foreign policy?

If these two questions can be answered in the affirmative, I wonder if we in Talossa should reconsider our diplomatic recognition of Chechnya given her people's barbaric acts last week in Moscow.

This brings up something else. To my knowledge, there has never been an initiative to create from L'Anuntziâ a listing of some sort as to which laws are still on the books.

In my previous Speech to the Nation, I stated as one of ten goals for Talossa the creating of such an archive by the end of 2003. This is something I can do quite easily.

I covet the thoughts and opinions of each and every Talossan on this, especially the UC Justices, the Secretary of State, the King, the Senats, the Cosa, Old-Growthers, the Cabinet, political party leaders, Opposition leaders, and provincial leaders.

While this is meant in no way as an indictment on any Talossan, I shudder to think what weird legislation is still in the books and in the innards of L'Anuntziâ as the Balrog was in the innards of the Misty Mountains of Tolkien's Middle Earth!

A Question for the Uppermost Cort:

If a law was passed under pre-1988 Constitution law and subsequently was rendered null and void under the 1988 Constitution, but, under the 1997 Organic Law, would be valid and Organic, would said law be "resurrected"? In other words, once a law is repealed by a new constitution, can a later constitution unwittingly "revive" it, or once a legislation is repealed by a new constitution, is it dead forever?

To the Canadian Man of Mystery or whoever has the 1988 constitution copy: where is it, and may I have a copy? Pretty please. This should be posted somewhere online for purely archival purposes.

However, until the Organic Law is fully updated, there can be no work done concerning L'Anunziã.

Here then, is a earlier post of mine:

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Attn, all Talossans: 1997 OrgLaw Amendments since December 1, 1999

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h/OrgLaw Absurdities Committee Chairman on: 08/02/2002 00:33:39 EDT

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Azul, my fellow Talossans:

26th Cosa

RZ6 - The Designation of the Royal Family Name (Amendment) Act

RZ13 - The Closing of the Casino Talossa Act

RZ22 - The Closing of the Casino Talossa II Act

27th Cosa

RZ10 - The Corrected Disenfranchisement Act

28th Cosa

RZ5 - The Swearing of the Senechál Amendment

RZ19 - The Senäts election ammendment

RZ27 - The second Organic Law re-numbering ammendment

29th Cosa

RZ2 - The Regency Ammendment

30th Cosa

RZ8 - The Senate Mega-Constitutional Reform

RZ9 - The Provincial Government Ammendment

Have any of these been voted on in a referendum??

This is not an indictment against the current and previous Secretaries of State whose work has been beyond compare and has helped to keep Talossa going. This is also not an indictment against any other Talossans.

Evan and Charles' timebombs, the convoluted way we amend the 1997 OrgLaw by tearing out the text and replacing it rather than attaching amendments to the end of the document as is done in the United States--I wonder if a new Organic Law might not be a bad idea.

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Chairman, OrgLaw Absurdities Commission

Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

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The html is a bit off because I could not find the original Witt post; I had to cut and graft the html from the file I saved of the original post.

I should like to add the First Organic Law, the Law from December 26, 1979, and the 1997 Organic Law to L'Anunztiâ by the end of 2003.

This is easy to do, but the Canadian Man of Mystery needs to cough up the 1988 Constitution!!! :-)

Thanks, everyone!

PM Válcadác'h

We in Talossa need to get a handle on our laws, precepts, and statutes!

The Foreign Minister speaks

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 10/29/2002 18:40:38 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> RC 29: The Chechnya Independence Act

> Proposed by R. Rôibeard Donatüs and passed by the Ziu, this legislation functions as Talossa's recognition of Chechnya as an independent nation per its declaration of independence in 1991 which was never recognized by Moscow.

> Is this law still on the books?/Is this still Talossan foreign policy?

As Foreign Minister, I would oppose such a policy, and would argue for revocation of such a law.

Whatever sympathy the Chechens may have gained from us in the past should be tempered by the understanding that they are radical Islamist terrorists. And independent Chechnya would likely be no different from Taliban Afghanistan, and in my opinion any peoples who resort to terrorism in pursuit of independence lose the moral standing to become a nation.

RE: Your input is much-appreciated, Mr. Foreign Minister!

Posted By: Chirisch Cavéir on: 10/30/2002 11:54:01 EST

Posted by: Chirisch Cavéir

Message Detail:

> > As Foreign Minister, I would oppose such a policy, and would argue for revocation of such a law.

> Again, thanks for the input, Michael!

Yeah, kick 'em in the knee.

Believe it or not, I agree with my esteemed former DPM (ever notice how, when I agree with him, he becomes my best buddy? ;-). Chechens have lost legitimacy now.

The AG & DM speaketh

Posted By: IM on: 10/30/2002 12:41:54 EST

Posted by: IM

Message Detail:

> > As Foreign Minister, I would oppose such a policy, and would argue for revocation of such a law.

> Again, thanks for the input, Michael!

> PM Válcadác'h

I second the FM's comments completely and irrevocably.

This is the official position of BOTH the offices of the AG and Def Min.

AG/DM IM

PS Am I the only Talossan who feels a bit weird having the PM "covet" my thoughts????!!! ;-)

RE: Gosh!

Posted By: R. Rôibeard Donatüs on: 10/30/2002 16:57:59 EST

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

> Chechens have lost legitimacy now.

Gosh--Grubi and Michael and IM and I all agree on something. The Chechens are now officially fanatics.

ISLAM MUST BE DESTROYED!

Ben

RE: Gosh!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/30/2002 17:40:55 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Gosh--Grubi and Michael and IM and I all agree on something. The Chechens are now officially fanatics.

Within the week, I will issue a PD changing our foreign policy towards the Chechens.

PM Válcadác'h



Attn: Michael: pre-September, 1987 legislation

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 10/29/2002 18:41:19 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

What things have you in the Archives pertaining to this?

Thanks!

PM Válcadác'h



Attn: M-P!! RE: My very own domains are now on-line!

Posted By: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h and PM Válcadác'h, but not Cactuss Jeeff on: 11/02/2002 00:28:23 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> My domains are online!

> Personal site: <http://www.courteousminer.com/>

--Me: How do you know that what the Bible says is true?

--Them: Because God says it is.

Jeff: Because God says it is.

--Me: And how do you know you can trust God?

--Them: Because it says so in the Bible.

Jeff: Because I have felt his presence in my life and heart. I know it sounds sooo much like new-age stuff, but that is the honest truth. Now why God has allowed suffering, 9-11, and book 8 of "The Wheel of Time" series, I do not know.

Great pic of Mikey!

> Project/fun site: <http://www.radiopedia.net/>

looks great!

> I'M SO EXCITED!

M-P, if at all possible, please put on your Witt to-do-list adding these two websites as links somewhere on the Witt page. If any Talossan has sites like these two, I think linking there would be way cool.

M-P and Wittmeisters: Yours is the last word in the possibility or appropriateness of doing such. PM Válcadác'h

Awesome stuff, Chris!!!

Jeff



A PD concerning the OrgLaw Absurdities Committee

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/03/2002 01:37:09 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Gödafriëu Válcadác'h was appointed by then-PM Mic'háglh Pop to serve as the Chairman of the OrgLaw Absurdities Committee,

WHEREAS Mr. Válcadác'h has resigned that post but has not resigned from the Committee,

I, therefore, and REPOSING special trust in the character of Chirischtôval C. Cavéir , do now APPOINT him as the Chairman of the OrgLaw Absurdities Committee,

I also therefore NAME the following individuals to serve under Chairman Cavéir on the Committee: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, the Justices of the Uppermost Cort (Matáiwos Ardítà, Art Verbotten, and Chên Velméir), His Majesty the King, Attorney-General Ián A. Metáiriâ, Gary L. Conâ, Marti-Páir Frenette, Mic'háglh Pop, and Maxime Paquin-Charbonneau.,

I also therefore REPEAL the effect of the Prime Dictate of then-Seneschál Pope concerning only the duties and charges laid to the Committee and give the Committe this new CHARGE:

I hereby DIRECT the OrgLaw Absurdities Committee to answer the following Questions:

Question 1: What has this Government and previous Governments done consistently or otherwise in matters of procedure, etc. that is inorganic. Have Talossan governments been "playing by their own rules"?

Question 2: Are there so many absurdities and convolutions that a new Organic Law is warranted?

The Committee is free to suggest extending the reach of the Committee beyond the above Questions. The Seneschál shall certainly ponder such missives.

Report of the findings of this Committee shall be made to the Ziu, King, Seneschál, and People of Talossa no later than July 1, 2003.

Done under my hand on this 2nd day of November of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



A PD concerning amendments to the Organic Law

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 11/03/2002 01:52:20 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS in the past six months, I have three times on Wittenberg VIII posted a listing of ten proposed OrgLaw Amendments,

WHEREAS in said posts, I have asked of those Talossans in the know whether or not these Amendments have ever been considered by the full Talossan people,

WHEREAS I have received no satisfactory response,

WHEREAS the combing-through of our laws to see which ones are still on the books and which ones are not cannot begin until our 1997 Organic Law is updated,

WHEREAS this is NOT an indictment on the Secretary of State or anyone else,

I, THEREFORE, hereby DIRECT the Secretary of State to hold simultaneous referenda on the below ten proposed Amendments the beginning and ending dates of which shall coincide exactly with the next General Election to be held from 15 December, 2002 to 14 January, 2003.

ADDITIONALLY, I DIRECT the following persons to check the Talossa Database System for any proposed Amendments my eyes may have missed. Only Amendments post-December, 1999 need be looked-for: Martì-Páir Frenette, Andréiâ Xhemuna , Albrec'ht Stôl, Tomás Garcier, Chirischtôval Cavéir , Ián Metáiriâ, R. Rôibeard Donatüs, and Art Verbotten.

This group is to have their findings to the Secretary of State in time for them to be posted to the ballot for the refenda.

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Attn, all Talossans: 1997 OrgLaw Amendments since December 1, 1999

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h/OrgLaw Absurdities Committee Chairman on: 08/02/2002 00:33:39 EDT

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> Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

> Message Detail:

> Azul, my fellow Talossans:

> 26th Cosa

> RZ6 - The Designation of the Royal Family Name (Amendment) Act

> RZ13 - The Closing of the Casino Talossa Act

> RZ22 - The Closing of the Casino Talossa II Act

> 27th Cosa

> RZ10 - The Corrected Disenfranchisement Act

- > 28th Cosa
 - > RZ5 - The Swearing of the Senechál Amendment

 - > RZ19 - The Senäts election ammendment

 - > RZ27 - The second Organic Law re-numbering ammendment

 - > 29th Cosa
 - > RZ2 - The Regency Ammendment

 - > 30th Cosa
 - > RZ8 - The Senate Mega-Constitutional Reform

 - > RZ9 - The Provincial Government Ammendment
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Done under my hand on this 2nd day of November of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two,
and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



RE: Birthday Greetings

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/04/2002 16:46:05 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> On behalf of the Kingdom of Talossa, and in keeping with our traditionally strong ties with our neighbor across the river, I would like to express the most felicitous birthday greetings to the First Lady of the United States of America, Mrs. Laura Bush.

Amen!!!

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Seneschál dal Regipäts Talossán

> HUZZAH!

> Michael J. Pope

> Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Talossa

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RE: Anniversary Greetings

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/05/2002 16:39:02 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> On behalf of the Kingdom of Talossa, and in keeping with our traditionally strong ties with our neighbor across the river, I would like to express the most felicitous wedding anniversary greetings to the President and First Lady of the United States of America, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bush.

Hear, hear!!

PM Válcadác'h

> HUZZAH!

> Michael J. Pope

> Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Talossa

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A PD concerning a new person in the post of Immigration Minister

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/05/2002 23:28:18 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Gödafriëu Válcadác'h has resigned the post of IMMIGRATION MINISTER,

I, THEREFORE, REPOSING special trust in the character and savvy of MICHAEL J. POPE do now APPOINT him to the post of IMMIGRATION MINISTER.

Done under my hand on this 5th day of November in the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

RE: A PD concerning a new person in the post of Immigration Minister

Posted By: King Robert I on: 11/06/2002 16:25:54 EST

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

> I, THEREFORE, REPOSING special trust in the character and savvy of MICHAEL J. POPE do now APPOINT him to the post of IMMIGRATION MINISTER.

We, Robert I, King of Talossa, etc. etc. etc., do hereby enthusiastically, positively, and with STEEL-HARD FIRMNESS, set Our Royal Hand and Seal upon said Prime Dictate, effective immediately!

Congratulations to Immigration Minister Mic'háglh Pop--the best man for the job.

Robert I

RE: A PD concerning a new person in the post of Immigration Minister

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/06/2002 16:45:09 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Congratulations to Immigration Minister Mic'háglh Pop--the best man for the job.

100% agreement! Hear, hear!!

PM Válcadác'h

> Robert I

RE: A PD concerning a new person in the post of Immigration Minister

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/06/2002 16:57:11 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> > Congratulations to Immigration Minister Mic'háglh Pop--the best man for the job.

> 100% agreement! Hear, hear!!

> PM Válcadác'h

> > Robert I

Thank you both for your trust and support!

[end of post] -GV 5 April, 2003



I am banging my head against a wall right now.

Posted By: Maricopa SoS/PM Válcadác'h***All Talossans, our left hands do not know what our right hands are doing!!! on: 11/07/2002 14:20:09 EST
Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

RZ22 - The You Are Where You Live Act, Part Deux , being in the 23rd Cosâ, Clark #3 (November, 1997) was approved by the Ziu, yet I have not seen any mention of this ever in my time in Talossa! :-)

23rd Ziu, RZ42 - The People To Provinces, Part IV (I Think) Act was also approved.

25th Ziu, RZ113 - The You are Where You Live Act, Part Four was approved by the Ziu. This also answers my questions concerning Martin Bertagnon and Poláinâ Clertxál. It says:

WHEREAS new citizen Poláinâ Clertxál wishes to be assigned to Maricopa Province, and
WHEREAS there is no system for assigning people to provinces outside of North America and Europe;
THEREFORE as a step in the right direction the Ziu allocates places to provinces thusly:

1. Those citizens living in Brazil and Spanish-speaking Latin America shall be assigned to Maricopa Province.

2. Those citizens living in Eretz Israel, Georgia, and Armenia shall be assigned to Vuode Province.

3. Those citizens living in Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in China (i.e., the Turkic nations) shall be assigned to Atatürk Province.

4. The Attorney General shall collate all previous You Are Where You Live Acts into one You Are Where You Live Act. Further bills amending said collated Act shall be known as "An Act Amending the You Are Where You Live Act".

Thank God for the Talossa Database System!!! Ben and Metáiriâ, look at section 4 of this legislation, please. :-)

I go on through the Database System and find this:

27th Ziu, RZ5 - The Revised citizenship assignments reform act of 2000

Ye gods, an eleventh OrgLaw amendment!!

27th Ziu, RZ10 - The Corrected Disenfranchisement Act

I think that's everything.

Maricopa SoS/PM Válcadác'h

RE: I am banging my head against a wall right now.

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/07/2002 15:02:49 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> 25th Ziu, RZ113 - The You are Where You Live Act, Part Four was approved by the Ziu. This also answers my questions concerning Martin Bertagnon and Poláinâ Clertxál. It says:

Before this bill passed (but after it was proposed), I issued a PD placing Paola into Maricopa Province. I recall Ceváglh Scurznicol complained about my overriding the Ziu, but I explained that I was merely expediting the process for Paola in anticipation of the bill's passage (which seemed assured).

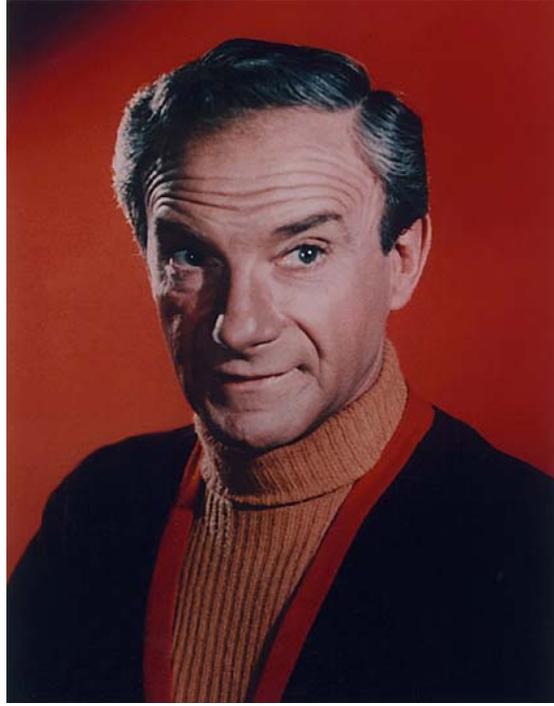


A PD of mourning for Jonathan Harris: 1914-2002

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/07/2002 15:33:50 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Jonathan Harris was born in the Bronx in 1914,

WHEREAS his career spanned seven decades,

WHEREAS he did Broadway's Heart of the City in 1942,

WHEREAS he played the comically sinister Dr. Smith for three years on the 1960's science fiction series, Lost in Space, a retelling of the Swiss Family Robinson story,

WHEREAS as Dr. Smith, he continually insulted Robot, calling him that "primitive pile of pistons" and bullied his young master Will Robinson, which captured the hearts and funny bones of hordes and hordes of devoted fans,



WHEREAS after Lost in Space, his career continued with The Banana Splits Adventure Hour, Space Academy (1977-79),

WHEREAS he was the voice of the Cylon baddie "Lucifer" on TV's Battlestar Galactica,

WHEREAS additional credits include 27 Pieces of Me (1994), Once Upon a Dead Man (1971), and Catch Me if You Can (1959),

WHEREAS he kept working all the way into the 1990's on such things as Darkwing Duck, A Bug's Life, and Toy Story 2,

WHEREAS he passed away on Sunday, November 3, 2002 in Encino, California, just three days shy of his eighty-eighth birthday,

WHEREAS he is survived by a wife of sixty-four years and a son,

WHEREAS Jay Nordlinger, a columnist with National Review Online, had this to say about Mr. Harris,

: We were talking of entertainment, I guess. The actor Jonathan Harris has died
: ? he?s the one who played Dr. Smith on Lost in Space. In a marvelous ?
: perfect (and flagrantly euphemistic) ? phrase, the AP?s obituarist, Anthony
: Breznican, described Harris as ?the flamboyantly fussy actor.?

: In fact, here?s Breznican?s lead sentence: ?Jonathan Harris, the flamboyantly
: fussy actor who portrayed the dastardly, cowardly antagonist Dr. Zachary Smith
: on the 1960?s sci-fi show ?Lost in Space,? has died. He was 87.?

: The report goes on to tell us that Harris was ?born Jonathan Charasuchin in
: the Bronx to Russian-Jewish immigrant parents.? Who knew?! ?Harris adopted the
: stage persona of a classically trained British actor with his grandiloquent
: accent, crisp enunciation, and professorial manner. When people would ask him
: if he was from England, Harris would confess: ?Oh no, my dear, just
: affected.??

: Sweet.

I, THEREOFRE, DECLARE Tuesday, November 12, 2002 to be a Day of Mourning and Remembrance of Jonathan Harris, an original who became a cultural icon and an American treasure.

Done under my hand on this 7th day of November of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

RE: A PD of mourning for Jonathan Harris: 1914-2002

Posted By: IM on: 11/07/2002 15:39:24 EST

Posted by: IM

Message Detail:

WONDERFUL, JEFF! BRAVO!

When *I* become PM, I'm having YOU write all my PDs of mourning! :-)

Thanks,

IM

RE: A PD of mourning for Jonathan Harris: 1914-2002

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/07/2002 15:46:15 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> WONDERFUL, JEFF! BRAVO!

Hear hear!! Excellent pictures, and fine background research on Harris' acting career. (He was on the Banana Splits? I didn't know that!)

I call for the National Archivist to include the pictures in the official copy of the PD.

> When *I* become PM, I'm having YOU write all my PDs of mourning! :-)

> Thanks,

> IM

And how!

RE: Just affected

Posted By: R. Rôibeard Donatüs on: 11/07/2002 17:11:47 EST

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

> When people would ask him

> if he was from England, Harris would confess: "Oh no, my dear, just

> affected."

I caught that too in the paper yesterday. As an entire nation of 'just affected' people, Talossa will miss him.

Ben

RE: Just affected

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/07/2002 17:13:20 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> > When people would ask him

> > if he was from England, Harris would confess: "Oh no, my dear, just

> > affected."

> I caught that too in the paper yesterday. As an entire nation of 'just affected' people, Talossa will miss him.

The guy I quoted (from National Review Online) was quoting the Associated Press obituary. I love that line.



Hear, hear!!

Posted By: the Seneschál on: 11/11/2002 23:59:27 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Today 84 years ago my favorite war in history ended.

> Anyway, it's Veterans Day (or for you north-of-the-border types, Remembrance Day). Remember our veterans!

Remember their heroism! Remember their sacrifice. Remember that the freedom we all share and enjoy has been paid for...in blood.

> Also, born today in 1885 was Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. MY kind of American, who once said:

> "Compared to war, all other forms of human endeavor shrink to insignificance. God, how I love it!"

> Take THAT, Saddam! ;-)

LOL!!

PM Válcadác'h

> Def Min Metáiriâ



I do not support the removal of Justices Ardítà and Velméir . Not yet, anyway.

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/12/2002 00:16:42 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I am waiting on Ken and Matthias to get onto Wittenberg and explain themselves.

Until then, my government shall not support any designs on their removal from the bench. If I have inadvertently given any impression to the contrary, I apologize.

> Def Min Metáiriâ

In future, Mr. Minister of Defense, please do not post anything on your opinions on this matter as a member of the Cabinet. Do so as whatever else you wish, but not as a member of my Cabinet.

Metáiriâ, I sincerely share your concerns. The inactivity of two of our three Justices is sufficient cause for the thoughts you harbor.

However, it would be most improper and downright rude, if nothing else, to throw them both out without giving them sufficient chance to "redeem" themselves.

Yes, our Organic Law gives every citizen the grace to be as active or as inactive as he or she wants. However, I look at the Uppermost Cort and what it does as being even more important and critical than what I do as Seneschál. I also feel the same way about the Immigration Ministry and the Office of Secretary of State. Inactivity in any of these posts makes us less of a nation and more of just a bunch of guys with a disco group.

Inactivity, I submit, makes us more like Pengu***ea.

PM Válcadác'h



A Speech to the Nation concerning Uppermost Cort Justices Ardítà and Velméir

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/13/2002 12:55:35 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



Azul, my fellow Talossans!

For the longest time, Uppermost Cort Justices Matáiwos Ardítà and Ken Velméir have not appeared on Wittenberg, and have therefore seemed to not have any interest or activity in the affairs of Talossa.

Recently, this issue was raised by the esteemed Ián Metáiriâ who called for the resignation or removal of Justice Ardítà from the Cort and the possible removal of Justice Velméir as well.

My Government never endorsed the removal of either Justice simply because we wanted and needed to hear from the Justices themselves. The people of Talossa seemed to have agreed.

Justice Ardítà has had horrific computer problems as of late, and he, by virtue of being on the Cort, has refrained from participating in the discussions we have had on Witt which can get very heated at times. He feels, as do I, that an Uppermost Cort Justice or any judicial official for that matter must show complete impartiality in everything they do as Talossans. I believe Justices Ardítà, Velméir, and Valadéir have done just that, even if Valadéir is more vocal on Wittenberg than the others.

I do also believe we need to take into account the Real Lives of our Justices. Ken is married and has a busy life as a chamber of commerce President/CEO in California, and Matthias has his own things going on. However, this does not mean our Cort Justices have not been active "behind the scenes". Indeed they have been on the uptake on everything presented to them, be it new prospectives, lawsuits, etc.

Recently, Ián Metáiriâ has toned down his calls for the resignations of Ardítà and Velméir, but he has succeeded in bringing up a valid point: the lack of communication between the judiciary and populous is something which needs to be addressed?

I do not by that mean that the Cort needs to keep Talossans informed on all minutia of details. What, I believe the Cort needs to do a better job of is having its official opinions (meant for public consumption) available to all. In addition, when questions are presented to the Cort, we DO need more than just Justice Valadéir's take. However, I wonder if silence from Ardítà and Velméir should have been interpreted as agreement with Valadéir.

My government and I will be working with the Uppermost Cort on getting together all extant Cort records and making communication between the Cort and the people it serves what it needs to be.

There is absolutely no justification for the removal of Uppermost Cort Justices Matáiwos Ardítà and Ken Velméir from the bench, and my Government shall vigorously fight any attempt to do so. Unless either of them wants to resign, there is no reason for either to make that move.

This subject is closed.

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál, el Regipäts Talossán



the impending return of Matáiwos Ardítà to Wittenberg

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/13/2002 15:41:49 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Once Matthias has his Witt User ID and his password, he will once more be a part of the Wittenberg scene.

PM Válcadác'h



A Warning about Traitors Lurking on Witt

Posted By: R. Rôibeard Donatüs on: 11/13/2002 19:27:38 EST

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

Azul, loyal Talossans!

A certain well-known and cancerous traitor, who was the ring-leader of a bunch of malcontents who tried to discredit Talossa some time back, and who led an 'exodus' of disgruntled would-be dictators out of our fair land in opposition to our democratic government, is apparently lurking on Wittenberg and has contacted at least one Talossan citizen, apparently in order to further some ridiculous plot or scheme.

As King, with a constitutional responsibility to look out for the common defence of the realm, let me remind Talossans that no Talossan citizen, let alone any officer of the Talossan government, should have any contact with these people whatsoever, no matter how brief or how cordial, if their commitment to Talossa means anything. These people are footnotes to history, at best; discredited, rotting corpses at worst. They are obviously here to worm their way into someone's confidence, perhaps in order to launch some sort of ridiculous 'comeback' scheme and cause more personal animosity and grief. If any of us gives them even the time of day, they will continue to pester and prod until someone in Talossa is stupid enough to give him what they want.

They are very good at this.

In the spirit of the holiday season, and as I said about traitors before in another context, "O come let us ignore them."

Robert I

King of Talossa

100% agreement

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/14/2002 04:03:43 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I concur 100% with His Majesty on everything in his post! It is my opinion that this person or persons has or have never stopped lurking Witt since the exodus.

I have no clue as to what he/she/they/it may be up to, but I have no doubt it is anything but good for Talossa.

PM Válcadác'h

My, how times have changed. – GV 17 October 2007



catching up with SoS business -- taking some of the burden off Marti-Páir's shoulders -- a Question to the Uppermost Cort

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/14/2002 15:54:42 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

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REPOST: catching up with SoS business -- taking some of the burden off Marti-Páir's shoulders -- a Question to the Uppermost Cort

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/15/2002 00:22:10 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

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RE: REPOST: catching up with SoS business -- taking some of the burden off Martì-Páir's shoulders -- a Question to the Uppermost Cort

Posted By: Ken Velméir on: 11/15/2002 13:40:20 EST

Posted by: Ken Velméir

Message Detail:

Justices Ardítà and Velméir have discussed the issue, and have declined to hear the case.

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> PM Válcadác'h



Welcome back, Ken!!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/15/2002 00:19:53 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> In an effort to keep my job over what I have heard were the calls for my head by my friend Ián Metáiriâ, I have just registered on Witt and will begin posting again.

> I look forward to getting back into the swing of things.

With the new Chamber building and the new baby on the way, no wonder you have been out-of-sorts Talossa-wise!

It's great to have you back!

> - Ken Velméir (rumors of my "death" have been greatly exaggerated)

lol

PM Válcadác'h

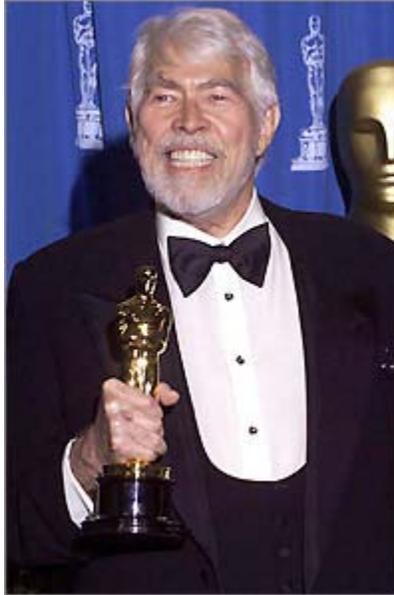


James Coburn is Dead - Request for PD

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/19/2002 09:35:15 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:



Sad news, gang - James Coburn is dead!

Fans recall him as Our Man Flint, and he also had roles in over 100 films, including The Magnificent Seven, Charade and Hudson Hawk (where he played a renegade CIA officer saddled with a team of New Wave agents).

Mr. PM, can we please have a PD of mourning?

Message Link:

Actor James Coburn Dies at 74

A PD of mourning for James Colburn

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/20/2002 20:54:29 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<<http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?g=events/ts/111902jamescoburn&a=&tmpl=sl&ns=&l=1&e=3&a=0>>

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS James Coburn was born in Laurel, Nebraska on August 31, 1928,

WHEREAS he grew up in Southern California and made his stage debut opposite Vincent Price in a La Jolla Playhouse production of "Billy Budd",

WHEREAS he later moved to New York City where he studied acting with Stella Adler and appeared in the classic 1950s television shows Studio One and General Electric Theatre,

WHEREAS he returned to Los Angeles where he appeared in such television westerns as Wagon Train, The Rifleman, and Wanted: Dead or Alive,

WHEREAS his motion picture debut came in 1959 in Ride Lonesome and Face of a Fugitive,

WHEREAS in 1960, he caught the imagination of the public with his portrayal of the knife-throwing "Britt" in The Magnificent Seven, in which, in spite of his having few lines, he exuded a rugged presence which this Seneschál still remembers from seeing the movie on TV some years back -- I cannot imagine what he must have been like in that role in a real cinema!,

WHEREAS he played villains and sidekicks until the late 1960's when he starred in the humorous "Flint" films,

WHEREAS his other work includes "The President's Analyst" (1967), Goldengirl (1979), and the Sam Peckinpah films Major Dundee (1965) and Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid (1973),

WHEREAS he got a form of arthritis which crippled his left hand, rendering him unable to do anything whatsoever during the 1980s,

WHEREAS he told the Associated Press in 1999 that he had "healed himself" via sulfur-based pills which did cure the pain, but still left his left hand gnarled, but which left him pain-free and able to work again,

WHEREAS his work throughout the 1990s included such eclectic things as Young Guns II, The Nutty Professor, The Cherokee Kid, and Maverick.,

WHEREAS he also was the voice of corrupt CEO Henry J. Watermoose in the popular animated comedy Monsters, Inc. (2001),

WHEREAS his greatest performance may very well be that of Glen Whitehouse, the violent drunk in Affliction (1998) where Colburn starred opposite Nick Nolte, a role which brought Colburn his only Oscar (Best Supporting Actor). Of this film, he said "Some of them you do for money, some of them you do for love, This is a love child.",

WHEREAS he had just completed two more films, the just-released The Man from Elysian Fields and American Gun which should be released soon,

WHEREAS he passed away on 18 November, 2002 at his home in Beverly Hills, California of a heart attack,

WHEREAS he survived by his wife, Paula, his son, James H. Coburn IV, and his daughter, Lisa Coburn.,

I, THEREFORE, do now DECLARE Sunday, 24 November, 2002 to be a Day of Mourning and Remembrance for the actor James Coburn, an American icon and treasure whose body of work will be forever remembered.

Done under my hand on this 20th day of November of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

[end of Prime Dictate]

James COBURN

Posted By: IM on: 11/21/2002 09:53:09 EST

Posted by: IM

Message Detail:

Nicely stated, except for the occasional stray "I" :-)

OK, now for Michael Nutjob Jackson and murderous Iranian Clerics???

(It would've been kinda neat to put all 3 events into one PD) ;-)

IM

RE: James COBURN

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/21/2002 10:14:06 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> Nicely stated, except for the occasional stray "I" :-)

> OK, now for Michael Nutjob Jackson and murderous Iranian Clerics???

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Nah, Coburn deserves his own!

HUZZAH, PM Válcadác'h, for nicely encapsulating the prolific career of James Coburn.

Anyone see Payback? Coburn played a mob boss, and when Mel Gibson shot up his alligator-skinned luggage, he said "Now, that's just mean!"



Request for yet another PD!

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/20/2002 10:45:00 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

As long as you are writing PDs, Mr. PM, perhaps you could write one condemning pop music freak Michael Jackson for his reckless endangerment of a baby the other day. He dangled a baby (he claims it's his) over a balcony.

Disgusting.

RE: Request for yet another PD!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/20/2002 11:45:35 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Evil man.

I will do just that.

Jeff

RE: Request for yet another PD!

Posted By: Chirisch Cavéir on: 11/20/2002 11:31:31 EST

Posted by: Chirisch Cavéir

Message Detail:

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> Disgusting.

I agree. This guy is weird and "Dangerous", but not in a clever, pop-marketing way. I saw the pic of the baby dangling; is he NUTS? This sort of thing gives normal parents shivers.

ARGH

RE: Request for yet another PD!

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/20/2002 11:39:25 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> This sort of thing gives normal parents shivers.

According to the New York Post, Jackson's manic expression turned to panic when the baby started to squirm and he appeared to realize what might happen. Instead of steadying the baby with his left hand, though, he instead made sure the towel didn't slip.

But yeah - I still get a little nervous at the playground when the babies are climbing up the ladder to the slide!

BTW, this morning we were getting the kids ready to go to daycare. I heard Danielle tell Geoffrey "you're a monster and I'm a genius". They know about monsters (we have Monsters, Inc on video - with JAMES COBURN), but I have no idea where she learned the word "genius"!

Of Jacko, Coburn & Iranian Clerics

Posted By: IM on: 11/20/2002 11:31:18 EST

Posted by: IM

Message Detail:

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> Disgusting.

I've seen the footage more than once and frankly it makes me cringe! What the hell was going through his head, the nutjob?! I mean, he's always been off but this is reckless!

IM

RE: Of Jacko, Coburn & Iranian Clerics

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/20/2002 11:40:32 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> I've seen the footage more than once and frankly it makes me cringe! What the hell was going through his head, the nutjob?! I mean, he's always been off but this is reckless!

Why hasn't he been arrested? If a non-famous, non-freakazoid had done this, wouldn't someone have called the cops?

RE: Of Jacko, Coburn & Iranian Clerics

Posted By: IM on: 11/20/2002 13:56:00 EST

Posted by: IM

Message Detail:

> Why hasn't he been arrested? If a non-famous, non-freakazoid had done this, wouldn't someone have called the cops?

Apparently no laws were (technically) broken. However, social services may very well look into Jacko's bizarre version of parenting.

Can you imagine growing up having to look at that horrible, deformed face with the melting nose and bleached skin looking at you every day?! Not to mention when you get older finding out about all the really bizarre behaviors "daddy" has exhibited over the years.

Not to mention the untold millions of \$\$\$ in hush money paid to the young boy he molested.

Sicko perv nutcase.

IM

A PD of condemnation of Michael Jackson

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/21/2002 11:39:06 EST
Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS on Tuesday, November 19, 2002, the pop singer Michael Jackson was in Berlin, Germany to attend an awards ceremony,

WHEREAS he had with him his youngest child, Prince Michael II,

WHEREAS he and child were on a balcony at the Adlon Hotel where Jackson was waving to adoring fans,

WHEREAS in an attempt to give the crowd a better look at the baby, he dangled the child over the railing of the balcony with nothing keeping him/her from falling to his death than Michael's tenuous grip!,

WHEREAS Michael later said, "I made a terrible mistake. I got caught up in the excitement of the moment. I would never intentionally endanger the lives of my children.",

WHEREAS this proves once and for all Michael Jackson is a certified nutcase,

I, THEREFORE, CONDEMN the pop singer Michael Jackson and forbid him to apply for Talossan citizenship until he prostrates himself in sackcloth and ashes before a Living Cosà and begs for forgiveness, the Ziu's right to vote him down in his citizenship application being reserved,

I, THEREOFRE, DO also officially classify the pop singer Michael Jackson with the following: Class-11 NUTCASE.,

Done under my hand on this 21st day of November of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

[end of Prime Dictate]

I have now seen the infamous video on TV and have come to the conclusion that Michael was indeed being nothing more than utterly insane and just plain stupid. This will surely go down as the most-bizarre subject matter for a Prime Dictate during my administration. -GV, 26 May, 2003

RE: A PD of condemnation of Michael Jackson

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/21/2002 13:42:53 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:



Thank you, PM Válcadác'h.

I am gratified to report that the Child Protection authorities in California are reportedly opening an inquiry into Jackson's fitness to be a parent.

The photo above is Jackson on an outing to a Berlin zoo yesterday, with two children, allegedly his son and daughter. As you can see, both are wearing purple veils. Psychologists fear that Jackson

may be inflicting his own psychosis on his children by forcing them to wear veils or towels over their faces in public - he is teaching them the world is a scary, scary place and that you must always be protected from it when you go out in public.

> WHEREAS Michael later said, "I made a terrible mistake. I got caught up in the excitement of the moment. I would never intentionally endanger the lives of my children.",

Good parents should never get "caught up in the excitement of the moment" to the detriment of their children's safety. His very admission here ought to be grounds for investigating his fitness as a parent - and a damning piece of evidence that he is not.

RE: A PD of condemnation of Michael Jackson

Posted By: IM on: 11/21/2002 14:04:50 EST

Posted by: IM

Message Detail:

> Thank you, PM Válcadác'h.

> I am gratified to report that the Child Protection authorities in California are reportedly opening an inquiry into Jackson's fitness to be a parent.

Well, that's good! Actually, there should be a medical science inquiry as to whether he's still considered to be HUMAN (after all the work he's had done to himself).

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I've seen this before, with a newspaper headline: "Jacko's Burqa Babies." ;-)

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I can't imagine what it would be like having such a screwed up guy raising me. I mean, WHY do these kids have to hide their faces?! Are they as ugly as their "dad" has become, through his own acts of self-mutilation? He's proving himself to be more than an oddball, but rather a dangerous nutcase!

IM

RE: A PD of condemnation of Michael Jackson

Posted By: Ken Velmír on: 11/21/2002 17:13:59 EST

Posted by: Ken Velmír

Message Detail:

Of course, the more important issue here is, who cares!!!

There are far more important things in the world than what a aged pop icon is doing with his off spring. Lets spend our time on something more important, like the Osbornes! ;)

- Ken

RE: A PD of condemnation of Michael Jackson

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/21/2002 17:34:53 EST
Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

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LOL!!

Of course, I don't care about Wacko Jacko - or should I say Crazy Psychotic Jacko. It's the baby I was concerned about - what kind of life is he going to have with his ghoulish daddy?

Come to think of it, how do we know that "Prince Michael II" is really his son? Nobody knows who the mother is - Jackson just shows up one day with a baby and claims it's his son and everyone is supposed to just accept it.

That's like how it was with Dr. Kevorkian - he could just show up at the mourge with a corpse, claim it was an assisted suicide, and nobody questioned him.

[end of post] -GV 2 August, 2003



Welcome back, Matthias!!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/21/2002 11:47:49 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> After a long time away it is good to be back. Let me look around these posts and see what kinds of things need my immediate bickering, fighting and grumbling.

It's great to have you back, Ardítà!

PM Válcadác'h

> MM

RE: Welcome back, Matthias!!

Posted By: Justice Ardítà on: 11/21/2002 12:56:02 EST

Posted by: Matthew Ardítà

Message Detail:

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> PM Válcadác'h

> > MM

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MM

RE: Welcome back, Matthias!!

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/21/2002 13:08:33 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> I got my pw yesterday but have been in bed all week with a nasty illness. Upon my return one of my supervisors asked me what I have, I told him 'I do not know, but now your mom has it.'

LOL!!

That reminds me of something a platoon-mate said in the Marines. He asked a guy if he had any naughty pictures of his girlfriend. The guy, offended, said "no". "Wanna buy some?"

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A mosque at the end of the rainbow

Posted By: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h on: 11/22/2002 14:14:48 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I have to wonder at how much Ireland sympathizes with the Palestineans and terrorists.

What disturbs me even more is what I heard on CNN from an Isreali woman in Jerusalem when she voiced her disgust over the failure of both the left and right wings to do anything substantial about the Palestinian situation. If that is the way she feels, then it stands to reason there are many, many more people than just her who see things that way.

If that is so, then who will Isreal look to other than her own government to guarantee peace, security, and safety??

If the United States ever turns her back on Isreal, it will not go well with either country.

Jeff

RE: A mosque at the end of the rainbow

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 11/25/2002 10:31:35 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> If the United States ever turns her back on Isreal, it will not go well with either country.

As Foreign Minister, I encourage you to make sure Talossa never turns her back on Israel.

RE: A mosque at the end of the rainbow

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/25/2002 16:57:22 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> > If the United States ever turns her back on Isreal, it will not go well with either country.

> As Foreign Minister, I encourage you to make sure Talossa never turns her back on Israel.

Hear, hear, and AMEN!!!

PM Válcadác'h



A PD concerning the riots in Nigeria

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/22/2002 23:20:37 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS on 16 November, 2002 the Nigerian newspaper ThisDay published in an editorial a comment stating that Mohammed might have considered marrying one of the contestants in the Miss World beauty pageant which was to be held in Nigeria,

WHEREAS many Muslims took offense at the comment,

WHEREAS instead of peacefully boycotting the publication or doing other civilized things to get a retraction and apology, more than a few Muslims decided to take to the streets and riot,

WHEREAS the paper did, in fact, publish a front-page apology the next week, but the Muslims still decided to riot,

WHEREAS, according to the Red Cross, more than 100 people have been killed and another 500 have been injured,

WHEREAS many Christians were attacked,

WHEREAS Christians retaliated, though self-defense surely was a major factor

WHEREAS mosques and churches have been torched,

WHEREAS, according to CBS News "Young Muslim men shouting "Allahu Akhbar," or "God is great," ignited makeshift barricades of tires and garbage. Others chanted, "Down with beauty" and "Miss World is sin."",

WHEREAS a favorite stunt of the Muslim rioters has been "necklacing", the placing and igniting of a gasoline-filled tire which has been placed around a person's neck,

WHEREAS the Muslim and Christian causes are not helped by atrocities like these,

WHEREAS Nigerian tourism has been dealt yet another blow,

WHEREAS on 22 November, the Miss World pageant was moved to London, England,

THEREFORE, the Government of the Kingdom of Talossa CONDEMNS the Muslim rioters as well as the Christian rioters,

THEREFORE, the Government of Talossa CONDEMNS the Muslim clergy of Nigeria for not stepping in and stopping the savagery which the Muslims clearly started and instigated,

THEREFORE, the Government of Talossa also ENCOURAGES all Talossans to realize not all Muslims and not all Christians are psychopath terrorists and rioters,

THEREFORE, the Government of Talossa EXTENDS a standing invitation to the Miss World organization to hold its beauty pageant on Talossan soil because in Talossa, WE CELEBRATE BEAUTY!! We celebrate not just physical beauty (no crassness intended), but also the beauty of the soul and spirit,

Done under my hand on this 22nd day of November of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Message Link:

Miss World leaves Nigeria



A Thanksgiving Speech to the Nation

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/26/2002 03:21:22 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



Azul, my fellow Talossans!

I thank God that I can celebrate in a non-crass way the outward beauty of women as well as their inward beauty and not have to worry about the pent-up morality police taking me away to the slammer.

I thank God that I can walk to my bus stop in relative safety on a consistent basis.

I thank God that I can be a part of a country that does not need to take certain things seriously because there is another country that does a very good job for us in those areas.

I thank God that I can concentrate on more than just fulfilling the survival instinct.

I thank God for my cat.

I thank God that I can turn a little valve, and Lo!, clean water comes out...every time!

I thank God that I have a roof over my head, food on my table, and clothes on my back with umpteen changes to spare in my closet.

I thank God that I can make at least a part of my living making music...which never feels like a "job".

I thank God for all the friends and family I have because there are billions and billions of people whom nobody knows or cares about.

I thank God for the civilizing influence of my education which taught me to be more human in the best sense of the word.

I thank God for all the soldiers, law enforcement officials, secret agents, firefighters, and others who each and every day risk their lives so that I can whine and moan about when choir rehearsal goes too long and it be a big deal to me.

I thank God for everything good!!

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál
The Kingdom of Talossa



Attn: National Archivist, KRI, Uppermost Cort -- of the First Organic Law and pre-Clark legislation

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 11/26/2002 14:30:07 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

What laws have we that were proposed/passed/repealed ere the Clark came about?

Many thanks!

PM Válcadác'h

RE: Attn: National Archivist, KRI, Uppermost Cort -- of the First Organic Law and pre-Clark legislation

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 12/02/2002 12:23:03 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> What laws have we that were proposed/passed/repealed ere the Clark came about?

You mean pre-Clark laws?

I'd be surprised if any are still in force...

RE: Attn: National Archivist, KRI, Uppermost Cort -- of the First Organic Law and pre-Clark legislation

Posted By: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h on: 12/02/2002 12:46:00 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> > What laws have we that were proposed/passed/repealed ere the Clark came about?

> You mean pre-Clark laws?

Yes.

> I'd be surprised if any are still in force...

But we need to be certain, though.

Many thanks!

Jeff



A Speech to the Nation concerning the Grey Congress Party and my Government

Posted By: The Seneschál on: 12/03/2002 19:49:39 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



Azul, my fellow Talossans:

Within the past twenty-four hours, Deputy Seneschál Chirischtôval C. Cavéir and Tomás Gariçéir resigned from the Progressive Conservative Party and have started their own political party: El Parti del Congreßeu Grischún (the Grey Congress Party). Herein referred as the GREY, acknowledging the abbreviation on the upcoming voter form, this party sports Mr. Cavéir as it's candidate for Seneschál and Tomás Gariçéir for Deputy Seneschál.

Please know, all Talossans, that Chirisch Cavéir has not resigned as my Deputy Seneschál. Indeed, should a PC-Grey Coalition be formed, I would be delighted for Cavéir to continue as Deputy Seneschál.

Please also know that Chris and Tomás do not carry any coals against me or any member of the Progressive Conservative Party. It's simply that they believe Talossa's best interests can be served by making this move. While I happen to disagree, I believe that a PC-GREY coalition would stand Talossa in good stead, though a PC majority in the 31st Cosâ would make for the best Talossa of all.

The GREY has raised some serious questions concerning the direction of Talossa and her government. I shall address these.

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál
Kingdom of Talossa



An apology to Ieremiác'h Ventrútx concerning talossa.com

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/05/2002 00:23:33 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

A few days ago, I stated you had taken control of talossa.com from M-P and made it sound as though you had done so without any warning and was up to something nefarious.

I was wrong.

It is as clear as a bell to me now that the whole thing was nothing more than sincere and honest miscommunication at very worst.

Mr. Griffin, please accept my sincere apologies!

Peace.

PM Válcadác'h



"Moratorium"

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/06/2002 23:57:19 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

When the Grey Party says a legal censure against U. S. politics on Witt was not what it intended with its use of the word, I believe it.

"Moratorium" I have never before heard used in anything but a governmental/legal context with legal and real ramifications.

The vitriol which boiled over last month was unfortunate, and that is what, I believe, the Greys were trying to address. Merely that and nothing more.

NO MORE BLOODY D&D Ziu!!!

PM Válcadác'h

At some point, sooner or later, in the life of anyone involved in any sort of public speaking in any forum be it a news conference or internet discussion group a moment that can only be described with the phrase "I said that??". The last line of the above post is a textbook example.

Since throwing this impassioned Wittenberg fireball in the direction of the EM200 proposal, I have come to my senses. As I write this, EM200 is now in referendum, a stage which promises to be much-easier for it to pass than it was to pass the Ziu. That being said, there was at least one issue which, in the course of the debates on EM200 which lasted for more than six months, was dealt with and it is the other topic which is being voted up or down in this month's referendum, that being the Royal Veto override in the Ziu. Sane heads prevailed on all sides of the issue, and the entire Ziu (well, almost the entire Ziu :-)) came to the conclusion that a return to the 200-seat Cosá was indeed a good idea whose time had come at last.

BRING BACK "D&D" TALOSSA!!! -GV 2 August, 2003

Soon after I added the above note, Marti-Páir Furxhéir assumed once more the duties of Secretary of State, and using his prerogative, rescheduled the EM200 referendum until about the same time as the upcoming General Election.

-GV 27 August, 2003 ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

A PD concerning the governorship of Maricopa Province

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h/Governor Válcadác'h of Maricopa on: 12/09/2002 00:01:38 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Before I issue the Prime Dictate below, I need to first wear my Maricopa provincial governor's hat, for it's time I do what I am about to do.

In the most-recent election for the governorship of Maricopa province, the only person who voted was the incumbent, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h. Had even one other person voted for someone other than me, I would have, using my powers as Governor, made my vote for myself null and void and voted for whoever voted for himself.

It is not cool for the Seneschál to hold a Governor's post, especially since he has done nothing really as Governor to better the province. This is not fair to Maricopa's citizenry.

I, therefore, do now APPOINT Ken Velméir as Governor-Designate of Maricopa Province.

I do also decree that www.maricopaprovince.net be the official website of the province and that Gödafrieu Válcadác'h shall be the official webmaster of Maricopa Province.

Now for what else needs to be done.

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, do now resign the post of Governor of Maricopa province. Ken Velméir is now the Governor of Maricopa province.

I ask the new Governor to allow me to remain on as Secretary of State.

Putting on my hat as Seneschál:

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I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Gödafrieu Válcadác'h has resigned the post of Governor of Maricopa province having named Ken Velméir as his Governor-Designate,

WHEREAS Ken Velméir is now the Governor of Maricopa province,

WHEREAS Maricopa province needs time to regroup itself and become a viable province once more,

I, THEREFORE, do extend the term of Governor Velméir of Maricopa province to such a time that the next gubernatorial election shall commence on 1 February, 2004 and end on 29 February, 2004.

Done under my hand on this 8th day of December of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,
Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

[end of Prime Dictate]

This is probably something I should have done a lot sooner than I did, but it didn't occur to me until then that that is something I could have done. Hopefully, Governor Velméir will do a far-better job in that post than I. I have no doubt that he will. -GV, 15 February, 2003 ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The OrgLaw -- in PDF!

Posted By: Chirisch Cavéir on: 12/13/2002 16:07:45 EST

Posted by: Chirisch Cavéir

Message Detail:

It's all formatted nicely. Keep in mind, the issues that haven't been resolved haven't been included.

Message Link:

The Organic Law of Talossa, 1997

If you wish, I will make you the Scribe of Abbavilla

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/13/2002 16:57:24 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> It's all formatted nicely. Keep in mind, the issues that haven't been resolved haven't been included.

I need only the word from you, and I will PD it done.

Outstanding work, Chris!! It looks beautiful!

PM Válcadác'h

A PD concerning the third Scribe of Abbavilla

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/13/2002 19:03:48 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Chirischtôval C. Cavéir has produced a glorious and wonderful .pdf copy of the 1997 Organic Law,

WHEREAS I need to delegate more,

WHEREAS I have offered him the post and he has accepted to the delight of yours truly,

I, THEREFORE, and REPOSING special trust in the character, web savvy, and style of CHIRISCHTÔVAL C. CAVÉIR, do now APPOINT him as the third Grefiéir d'Abbavilla (Scribe of Abbavilla) who shall preside over la Scriueria d'Abbavilla (The Scribery of Abbavilla).j

I, do now redelineate, and expand a little the duties of the office to include the following and ONLY the following:

El Grefiéir d'Abbavilla shall be the keeper and maintainer of the absolute chief and master hard copy and electronic copy of Talossa's current constitution.

I do now DIRECT Grefiér Cavéir d'Abbavilla to proceed with the following:

Whenever the current constitution is amended, changed, or when a new constitution is made, two hard copies shall be sent: one to the National Archives and one to the Monarch. These two hard copies shall, along with the electronic copy to be made available to all Talossans, be the absolute and final authoritative copies of the current constitution. On each page of these two hard copies shall be affixed your signature and the date in red ink as well as the word "original".

If the electronic copy is somehow compromised, the two hard copies in the hands of the Monarch and the National Archives shall serve as the absolute and authoritative copies of the current constitution until a new electronic copy is made available.

Until you say otherwise, the copy of the 1997 OrgLaw currently housed at www.maricopaprovince.net shall serve as the official copy thereof.

The first Scribe of Abbavilla was Daviu Foctier.
The second Scribe of Abbavilla was Gödafrieu Válcadác'h.

Done under my hand on this 13th day of December of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán
Message Link:

The 1997 Organic Law

[end of Prime Dictate]

I was only too glad to let this job go to someone else. And clearly Grubi is the most-qualified in all of Talossa to do it. -GV, 15 February, 2003



A PD concerning the imminent release of "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/17/2002 16:42:49 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<<http://www.empireonline.co.uk/img/features/events/thelordoftherings2/large/large2.jpg>>

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS whether it is deserves a place in the classroom as an object of study or not, "The Lord of the Rings" by J. R. R. Tolkien is a cracking good book,

WHEREAS it is in the process of being set to cinematic form under the direction of the esteemed and very cool Peter Jackson,

WHEREAS the first installment, "The Fellowship of the Ring" was released on 19 December, 2001,

WHEREAS the second installment, "The Two Towers" shall be released tomorrow, 18 December, 2002,

WHEREAS the third installment, "The Return of the King" is set to be released sometime at the end of 2003,

WHEREAS no Prime Dictate was promulgated to commemorate the release of "The Fellowship of the Ring" last year,

I, THEREFORE, do now DECLARE today, Tuesday, 17 December, 2002 as "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" Day in the Kingdom of Talossa.

I, THEREFORE, do also DECLARE Wednesday, 18 December, 2002 as "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" Day in the Kingdom of Talossa.

I, THEREFORE, do also encourage all Talossans to pick up the Extended DVD version of "The Fellowship of the Ring" and then get out to the theatres (not necessarily tomorrow), and see "The Two Towers" in its full cinematic glory. Beware of "fullscreen format". Buy "widescreen" format, see the whole movie, and be happy.

Done under my hand on this 17th day of December of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-third

God Save The King,

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

Wow, what a great movie! -GV, 15 February, 2003



Attn: M-P!! Ián Valadéir did not vote for the Black Hand!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/18/2002 01:16:34 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

The Database System says he did just that. I know he voted PC. :-)

PM Válcadác'h

RE: Attn: M-P!! Ián Valadéir did not vote for the Black Hand!

Posted By: Martí Páir Furxhéir on: 12/18/2002 05:02:15 EST

Posted by: Martí Páir Furxhéir

Message Detail:

> The Database System says he did just that. I know he voted PC. :-)

Oops... that was Wes Aquliâ... I mixed the two up (typed the wrong citizen number)

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Why have you not said this before now?

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/19/2002 10:41:57 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Azul,

> It is my belief that all referendums up to the ones called for in the 30th and 31st COSA are illegal as they have already been voted on! I remember conducting these as SoS and whether or not they had passed or not (I have a generally vague impression).

A "generally vague impression" does not cut the mustard with things of a legal nature, Daviu. Either you have conclusive records of the referenda or you don't. Period.

>I will check my records tonight...

Please do.

>Furthermore, my copy of the orglaw was updated to include these amendments.

Why in my two years and more in Talossa have I never seen this?

>I will all confirm this tonight when I get home.

If you have conclusive records of any of these, then my corresponding referenda are indeed illegal.

> Back and causin' sh*t!

Yes, you are! :-) Find those records.

PM Válcadác'h

> Curious D-

> > Please vote PĚR !!!

> > Under the previous Senate laws, it was possible for a province to decide that senators were elected for life.

> > Also, the previous laws were saying that EVEN IF A SENATOR LOSES IT'S QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME A SENATOR HE DOESN'T LOSE HIS SEAT.

> > This means that even if a Senator resign his citizenship, he remains Senator.

> > Has such, imagine if Even Glaçâ would have been elected for life...

> > He would still be Senator as long as he voted every two clarks !!!

> > This is UNACCEPTABLE !!!!!

> > So, the reform corrects that...

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It's time to meddle.

Posted By: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h on: 12/20/2002 00:14:14 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Ar Pats, Part Thirty-Five

> ?The Pot-Pie Blob?

> Soon after the General Election of April 2002, Secretary of State Daviü Foctéir resigned to hand the office over to his deputy, Martì-Páir Furxhéir. The PC had been re-elected yet again, due largely to Frenette: as Deputy SoS, he had phoned Talossan citizens around the globe to get their votes, bypassing the normal party get-out-the-vote channels. The results showed the PC was still popular, but that turnout was disastrously low. 23 Talossans failed to vote;

Are we sure it was 23?? For the longest time, the Database System has listed 59 citizens. 23+25 who voted last time around equals 48. How did you arrive at 23?

>three ex-Senescháls lost their citizenship due to apathy: Gary Schwichtenberg (he regained his citizenship in May)

What is this?? If this is so, I have not heard of it. If this is so, then we need to get Gary's vote and welcome back to Maricopa!

>, Alberto Manassero--and the fabled Dan Lauriéir.

> Frenette was not only running Talossa?s bureaucracy, but running his own business. The June Clark was delayed again and again, till finally Chirisch Cavéir sued Frenette in the Cort to force him to publish it. His harsh rhetoric accusing Frenette of erecting a ?fascist state? went over badly with the Cort, who reminded them sternly that all work in Talossa is done by busy, unpaid volunteers. So was the Cort; for a long time Ián Valadéir was the only Justice consistently involved with Talossa?s daily life. This led to demands from the PC--above all Ián Metáiriâ, who yearned to return to the Cort himself--that Justices Velméir and especially Ardítà, be sacked. The star of this show proved to be Deputy PM Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, who appealed for calm and looked statesmanly.

This happened after I became PM.

> Válcadác'h?s boss, PM Mic'háglh Pop, had been in office for more than three years (the longest continuous tenure of a PM in Talossan history) and was looking to take over as the RT?s National Archivist. When Válcadác'h arrived in Talossa in June--Ben met him at the airport waving the RT flag--the PM chose this moment to retire. Pope bowed out with grace, giving Válcadác'h the instruction to ?Take care of our Kingdom.? All parties heaped praise on Pope as Valadéir welcomed him to the ranks of ?Talossa?s elder statesmen.? At the Mussolini Province restaurant where most of the OrgLaw was written, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h was sworn in as Talossa?s 26th Seneschál

26th?? How do we arrive at this number??

>on the evening of 25 June 2002 with Dixhêt Conâ, de facto Opposition Leader,

It might be better-written as "de-facto Opposition Leader Dixhêt Conâ". Just my two cents... :-)

>holding The Loom of Language, an ancient book on which PMs had traditionally been sworn in on since 1981. As Dixhét Curgà pointed out, it had been seven years since a PM was actually sworn in on Talossan soil.

> Válcadác'h's government proved astonishingly active. Constantly chatting on Witt, and always issuing a barrage of

Insert the word "non-frivolous", please.

>PDs, Jeff kept up the "official" side of the office while his policy of phoning Talossans worldwide, just to keep in touch, was a masterstroke. Yet his government was rocked by a burst of premarital jitters when Queen Amy announced she was calling off the impending Royal Marriage "under American law," set for August, and on 29 June officially abdicated her Queenly duties. Luckily for all, after much encouragement from the King and other Talossans, Amy soon announced that she would "be ever honoured to put heavy patriotic objects on my head." More serious for Talossa's future was Attorney General Ián Miaschür's sudden and abrupt renunciation of his citizenship on 1 July. He denounced RT inactivity, the lack of any credible opposition to the PC, and Talossans' monotonous commentary on American politics on Witt.

> Most Talossans were simply too busy to notice; while the government shut down during August

"Shut down" is not accurate and gives one the impression that Talossans decided not to care about things for one month. August, 2002 was the first Month of Recess since the birth of Mic'háglh Pop's twins three years earlier.

>(with SoS Frenette awaiting the birth of his first child), the King and Queen were married, "under American law," at a gala festival in Talossa's Vuode Province on 24 August. In attendance were more than a dozen Talossans, including Curgà and Gariçéir. TalossaFest 2002, held the next day, was a huge success, and the day after that, the Royal couple left for their honeymoon tour of the US East Coast where they met, for the first time, former PM Mic'háglh Pop.

> The cultural renaissance that began with the departure of the traitorous Liberal Party continued in September when Gariçéir placed the entire Treisoûr--the Talossan language Dictionary--online, followed soon by Madison's online edition of the Talossan grammar. Numerous citizens were now engaged in the work of updating the Treisoûr, and chats about grammar and vocabulary were peppering Witt with welcome Talossa-centric discussion.

> At the same time, the US election was approaching and Witt posts were also filled with "democratic" and "republican" partisan bickering, which took on an increasingly bitter tone. In that context, Rôibeard Donatüs returned to a theme he had pushed for years, in an impassioned speech on 9 October. Declaring "massive, widespread apathy" a threat to the RT, he announced that the PC was built not to fight apathy but to fight "monsters like Glaçâ and Anglatzarâ." He declared the PC's "near-monopoly" a major problem in Talossa, claiming its "monolithic unity and political dominance serves no purpose." He also blasted the PC's cautious stance on immigration, noting that the country's stringent laws had turned away good prospectives while failing to keep out the aforementioned "monsters." The speech was supposed to prod a national dialogue, but only Válcadác'h bothered to respond, joining Frenette in tinkering with immigration reform. Few in the PC were interested in bold initiatives.

> When Republicans won a landslide victory in the US November election, PC members bitched at each other against the advice of Válcadác'h and Valadéir. Chirisch Cavéir shouted "fuck America!" and called Bush supporters "greedy, selfish fucks." Metáiriâ dipped to the occasion, denouncing Democrats as "pukely" and "dumbass," and crowing "F*ck you, assholes!?" PC unity itself began to totter

when Metáiriâ declared he was 'sick of the idiocy spewed over and over and over again against the US Republican Party within the PC Party.' Questioning why he was in the same RT party as Cavéir to begin with, he quoted Wes Aquliâ's 1989 comment to say the PC had again become a 'pot-pie blob,' with no coherent agenda beyond keeping the Opposition out of power.

> By mid-November Cavéir and Gariçéir had launched a rather creepy advert blitz showing their own faces mounted onto Italian uniforms in an oddball parody of Talossa's fascistic ancient past; on 3 December the pair resigned from the PC and set up a comic, nationalistic Parti del Congreßeu Grischn (Grey Congress Party) emphasizing nativist Talossan issues like the language and Berber mythology. A bigger shock came the next day when Rôibeard Donatüs and Wes Aquliâ, only dimly aware of the PCG, declared their own 'xenophobic rabble-rousing' schism, resurrecting Aquliâ's La Mhà Nheagrâ or 'Black Hand' (MN). Its ethos was virtually the same as the PCG's, but its more detailed programme called for huge immigration reform and a return to the old 200 seat Cosâ.

> The January 2003 election began with a free-for-all between the PC, PCG, MN, and a revived ZPT led by a revived Ken Velméir, denouncing each other's platforms in a sudden and hilarious supernova of interest in RT affairs....

That is all you are saying about the revival of the legendary Black Hand party??

You also forget Støtanneu and L'Oraclâ!

> [To be continued!]

Indeed...

Jeff



A possible solution to the adverts thing

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/20/2002 23:03:41 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

The advert system, the way it is currently set up, allows anyone of any party to put literally THOUSANDS of adverts into the que.

The question here is not the amount of adverts, but the "impressions" individuals get.

There are currently seven parties registered for this election.

In every Witt reply, etc., there shall be a slot for each party. When I get a Witt reply, I will see seven adverts, one from each party, though the particular adverts from each party will, of course, change.

I cannot imagine the coding nightmare this would be. And then there is the question of the exact arrangement of the slots on the page and which party would get the "center" or the "top" slot, etc. Perhaps the locations for each party could be randomized each time.

Ye gods, the coding!!!

J. P. seeks to limit the number of adverts a party may submit for exposure. That's wrong.

Ben, Ken, and Valadéir seek NOT to limit how many adverts a party may post, but to regulate the ratio of impressions each party gets in relation to all other parties. That's not, I believe, any sort of infringement on free expression, but there may be legal issues concerning the Org Law I am not aware of.

One thing is for certain, my agenda for this next term is too important to let this issue damage the upcoming coalition. We may have a PC-ZPT coalition, folks, and I will NOT allow the side issue of adverts get in the way of the desperately-needed organization of our laws and such.

Therefore, I officially take a neutral stance on the issue of election adverts and shall, as PM, abstain on any proposed legislation or OrgLaw amendments which may come up which deal with this issue.

I am sorry to be wishy-washy about this problem, for it is certainly an important one, but there are bigger fish to fry here.

I shall as Seneschál say no more of this matter.

PM Válcadác'h



RE: Winter blahs my ass!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/23/2002 19:06:06 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> It's not depression, it's not sadness. It's the fact that I'm a freaking minority in Talossa.

Welcome back, Dave. :-/

>I don't care about the election or LOTR. I told you my interests many times before. I'm the bottom of the Talossan barrel.

As long as you keep saying that, Dave, we'll believe you.

>I play sports

I am not much into sports, not team sports, anyway. I have not had a chance to digest your melee concept.

>and watch movies about gangs, the mafia, snipers, and hired hitmen.

I once had a roommate who was very cool, but he would always gravitate his TV viewing to all these movies about criminals, rapes, robberies, etc. He was street smart where law enforcement issues and crime was concerned, and his opinions I value greatly to this day, but I had no desire to wallow in that negativity as he did. I don't do well with that sort of subject matter. I'm not trying to stick my head into the sand, but I like to "get away" every once in a while.

That's why, Dave, I like LOTR, because, unlike the real world, you know in Middle Earth who are the good guys and who are the bad guys (though Osama is clearly one of the bad guys).

>While you read books about some little dwarf carrying his tiny ring, I'm reading about United States Marines in Vietnam. I'm reading range cards and ballistics tables.

I'm glad someone is! :-)

>I watching shows about gangland turf wars and how they caught Capone. Maybe I don't belong in Talossa.

It's not, Dave, that I, for one, abhor your interests, it's just your FRIGGIN' BAD ADDITUDE!!! You have not given us a chance to show who we are or what we are about. You have turned at least a few people off concerning your future citizenship.

I am sure Mic'háglh Pop would love to talk with you about the USMC and such. I imagine Metáiriâ might as well, but YOU, my friend, need to change your attitude. Give us non-militaria types the grace to accept you and where you are coming from. Try to interact with us; you might learn something. :-)

I tell you this much, Talossans will change just to please you or anyone else. We will never be so desparate for new people that we will stoop to that.

Peace, Dave. Peace. And Merry Christmas. :-)

Just my two cents worth...

PM Válcadác'h



A PD concerning the establishment of the Immigrationate

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/27/2002 04:08:41 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS making Talossa known to as many quality people as possible is critical for our long-term survival as a community,

WHEREAS times change and Talossa must stand ready to change with the times as far as attracting new Talossan prospectives,

I, THEREFORE, do ESTABLISH the Immigrationate as a permanant think-tank whose sole purpose it is to assist the Seneschál and Immigration Minister in bringing new ideas to the table and to the forefront,

The members of the Immigrationate shall serve at the pleasure of the Seneschál.

The members of the Immigrationate shall discuss amongst one another any and every hair-brained idead, scheme, etc., etc., good, interesting, indifferent, or whatever related to bringing in a permananet and steady stream of quality prospectives to our nationette so long as said ideas are not immoral or illegal or unethical.

The Minister of Propoganda, the Immigration Minister, Secretary of State, the Foreign Minister, the Sovereign , and the Mencei shall also serve in the Immigrationate whose decisions shall have no legal binding.

The members of the Immigrationate shall therefore consist of the following:

Chirisch Cavéir , chairman
Mic'háglh Pop
Martì-Páir Furxhéir,
R. Rôibeard Donatüs,
Dixhêt Conâ,
Ieremiác'h Ventrútx,
Ián Valadéir, and
Andréiâ Xhemuna

The chairmanship of this think-tank shall always go to the Minister of Propoganda.

The Mencei shall at all times be the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Immigrationate.

I encourage myself and future Senescháls to not make the Immigrationate too big or too small.

I CALL upon the Senäts to select a Mencei as soon as possible so he/she may begin his work as a member of the Immigrationate.

I CALL upon the Immigrationate to have a "state of our ability to attract new prospectives" report from each member and/or the group as a whole posted on Witt by 28 February, 2003. Do NOT let petty differences be an obstacle to the issuance of these reports. Accord among this think-tank is not a requirement.

Done under my hand on this 27th day of December of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Two, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-fourth

God Save The King,

Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



Attn KRI: an Appeal for a Warrant of Prorogation -- Attn: M-P!!

Posted By: The Seneschál on: 12/27/2002 04:19:31 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:



WHEREAS Talossa will be heading into coalition government for the first time since heaven-knows-when,

WHEREAS The Scribe of Abbavilla will be hard at work updating the Organic Law following the referenda of December, 2002-January, 2003,

WHEREAS we need extra time to form an effective and stable government,

WHEREAS the Immigration needs time to get on its feet,

WHEREAS we need a Mencei,

WHEREAS the Opposition will need a good OppLeader,

WHEREAS all parties need time to get their legislative agendas ready for action,

WHEREAS M-P could surely use some time to catch up with things after the election is over and done with,

WHEREAS we need a breather,

I, THEREFORE, do now APPEAL to Your Majesty, to, ere 1 February, 2003 and after 14 January, 2003, as prescribed in the Organic Law, issue a Warrant of Prorogation which shall kill the publication of Clark #1 of the 31st Cosâ of the Kingdom of Talossa.

Art. XII:Sec. 2. Warrant of Prorogation (exception to the preceding section). At any time after elections, but before the first Clark of the new Cosâ has been published, the King may issue a Warrant of Prorogation on the advice of the incoming Seneschál. Such a Warrant quashes the publication of the first Clark of the new Cosâ and allows the Seneschál one further month in which to form a government or prepare his government's legislative agenda. If a Warrant of Prorogation is issued, the incoming government loses one month of its six-month term, and may only issue and vote on a maximum of five Clarks before new elections are called.

Respectfully submitted,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál
Kingdom of Talossa

not to nitpick but...

Posted By: UC on: 12/27/2002 05:56:44 EST

Posted by: UC

Message Detail:

> the King may issue a Warrant of Prorogation on the advice of the incoming Seneschál.

With all due respect Jeff, but the Elections are not over yet so you cannot be sure you will be the next PM. So while I think at the moment this is a good idea, it is best to wait until the Elections are over.

You are right to be a nitpick.

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/27/2002 14:48:33 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> > the King may issue a Warrant of Prorogation on the advice of the incoming Seneschál.

You are indeed correct, sir!

PM Válcadác'h

> With all due respect Jeff, but the Elections are not over yet so you cannot be sure you will be the next PM. So while I think at the moment this is a good idea, it is best to wait until the Elections are over.

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Attn KRI: Disregard my appeal for a Warrant of Prorogation

Posted By: The Seneschál on: 12/27/2002 14:59:28 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

My appeal was made too early and is therefore illegal and inorganic.

Thanks to UC for picking up on that.

PM Válcadác'h



RE: PD are for emergencies only

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 12/31/2002 11:43:16 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Bills are debated, PD are imposed.

Correct.

> Bills are voted on, not PDs.

Correct. And PD's become law immediately while we have to wait at least a month for a bill to become law.

> Plus, we tend to lack bills... The current Talossa Database System requires at least 1 bill per clark, even if the law doesn't require it (it is a design flaw).

Then put in filler bills to satisfy the system. :-)

> Why make PD instead of Bills ????

Because it's easier, faster, and more convenient.

> PD can be debated, discussed, AND THEY ARE STORED IN THE DATABASE SYSTEM AND SEARCHED ON, unlike PD which are not right now.

That needs to be fixed, though you know that already. :-)

> Plus, a bill is respecting democracy...

You forget one thing: [boldfacing is mine]

Art. X:Sec. 5. Prime Dictates (PD's) are public declarations which affect government policy and have the force of law. They take effect upon their countersignature by the King, function as laws for all purposes, and may be repealed by a majority vote in the Cosâ >. If a Prime Dictate is vetoed by the King, the Cosâ may introduce the text of the PD as a regular bill and, if it receives two-thirds of the vote, it becomes law over the King's objection. A PD may never be used to amend the Organic Law. PD's shall be published at the earliest possible opportunity in the Clark.

Why does the subject matter, a simple think-tank, even warrant this discussion?

How is Talossa fundamentally changed by a simple think-tank?

You are being a nit-pick. :-)

PM Válcadác'h

PDs are NOT for emergencies only

Posted By: Chirisch Cavéir on: 12/31/2002 13:07:34 EST

Posted by: Chirisch Cavéir

Message Detail:

> You forget one thing: [boldfacing is mine]

> Art. X:Sec. 5. Prime Dictates (PD's) are public declarations which affect government policy and have the force of law. They take effect upon their countersignature by the King, function as laws for all purposes, and may be repealed by a majority vote in the Cosâ >. If a Prime Dictate is vetoed by the King, the Cosâ may introduce the text of the PD as a regular bill and, if it receives two-thirds of the vote, it becomes law over the King's objection. A PD may never be used to amend the Organic Law. PD's shall be published at the earliest possible opportunity in the Clark.

Seeing as the Cosa isn't in session, this move makes sense. I agree with the PM here.

RE: PDs are NOT just for breakfast anymore

Posted By: R. Rôibeard Donatüs on: 12/31/2002 23:46:30 EST

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

> > You forget one thing: [boldfacing is mine]

> > Art. X:Sec. 5. Prime Dictates (PD's) are public declarations which affect government policy and have the force of law. They take effect upon their countersignature by the King, function as laws for all purposes, and may be repealed by a majority vote in the Cosâ>. If a Prime Dictate is vetoed by the King, the Cosâ may introduce the text of the PD as a regular bill and, if it receives two-thirds of the vote, it becomes law over the King's objection. A PD may never be used to amend the Organic Law. PD's shall be published at the earliest possible opportunity in the Clark.

> Seeing as the Cosa isn't in session, this move makes sense. I agree with the PM here.

More than that--PDs are one of the "perks" of office belonging to the Seneschál. He can sire as many of these puppies as he likes. If he issues too many of them, that's a political issue, not a constitutional one--the Ziu can vote him out on the VOC if they feel he's overstepping his authority, and voters can punish his party if they feel the same way.

PDs are a good thing.

Besides, I can veto 'em. ;-)

Ben

RE: PDs are NOT for emergencies only

Posted By: Mic'háglh Pop on: 12/31/2002 13:30:56 EST

Posted by: Mic'háglh Pop

Message Detail:

> Seeing as the Cosa isn't in session, this move makes sense. I agree with the PM here.

I do, too. As former PM Cavéir point out in his subject line, there is nothing about PDs that make them inherently "for emergencies only." As a former PM myself, I strongly support the responsible use of PDs.

PDs are just as democratic as bills, because for both bills and PDs, the Cosa has the final say. A simple majority of the Cosa is enough to put the kibosh on any PD. For that matter, a simple majority of the Cosa can put the kibosh on any Seneschál they consider to be abusing the power of issuing PDs!

The PDs are an essential ingredient in ensuring that our system is "strong Ziu-strong PM", rather than "strong Ziu-weak PM" (if the PD were eliminated) or "weak Ziu-strong PM" (if the Cosa could not overrule a PD.) It is a finely balanced instrument for the PM to wield like a surgeon weilds a scalpel.

Furthermore, the PD in question establishes an advisory body to make recommendations to the PM on immigration policy and on encouraging immigration. The PM ought to be able to set up any advisory body he deems appropriate to help him do his job. Ultimately, the PM alone is responsible for his performance in office, so by all means let him have the tools he needs to perform.

Mic'háglh Pop
Minister of Immigration
former Seneschál



I speaketh again on the adverts issue.:

Attn: Ben, Daviu, and Grubi

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/01/2003 02:06:06 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

If I understand things aright, Ben contends that the Grey Congress Party is unfairly blocking other political parties from equal/decent/good/whatever access to the eyes of voters by submitting a literal horde of adverts.

The Grey Congress Party contends that the extra effort put into the creation of such ads should be rewarded as it already is: with proportionate exposure.

Technically, Ben is correct. By submitting scores of adverts compared with maybe fifteen at the most from its nearest competitor, the Greys have indeed been blocking the competition.

However, if the Black Hand, RCT, PC, Lidless Eye, ZPT, and the BA would start churning out adverts, things would get more on an even-keel.

It must be noted that Ieremiác'h Ventrútx has been rather occupied with at-home issues as of late. Given that, I can understand why he would not be taking time out to do adverts right now.

Where, then, is advert makers Albrec'ht, Daviu, UC, Dixhét(??), and...Gödafrieu Válcadác'h?? For my part, I need to get off my tookuhs and get my .png's converted to .gif or .jpeg, get them to my website, and then get the links to UC or M-P for insertion into the ad rotation.

Again, I ask: Is it possible to do adverts, even primitive ones, on Microsoft Paint??

Ieremiác'h Ventrútx is correct when he rues the lack of equal exposure to the ads, but when I think of what it would take to implement such an idea, a couple of questions come to mind.

1. Do we set a limit on how many ads a party can submit?

No way!! Grubi and Tomás are absolutely right: the adverts, political and otherwise, are a quintessential part of our Talossan culture and artistic expression, and must not be subject to what would be an arbitrary stopper.

I, for one, have marveled at the coolness and genuine cleverness of the Grey adverts. Kill the Turkey Liberation Front, PLEASE!! I have been very happy with every advert of every political party seen so far, even the re-runs which are still cool!

2. Measure exposures to each political party by unique user?

Wonderful. Let's give Marti-Páir a cerebral hemorrhage via the stress caused by making his Witt administration life ten-times as difficult as it is now. I cannot imagine the coding nightmare that would be!

I'm sure M-P could elaborate more on this.

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It has been remembered and kept in mind by both sides that Wittenberg is a private enterprise run

by Marti-Páir Furxhéir. It is he who has had, has, and will have for as long as he is running Witt, the final and absolute say in what goes on however-which way.

The truth is this:

1. Ben and Cavéir feel most passionately about their views on this matter.
2. Neither Ben or Cavéir, I believe, are "out to get the other" in this. The Greys do not have some "master plan" at domination of anything, and Ben is not out to communize anything.

Lack of "equal time" is a problem, but stifling the cultural and creative expression of our wonderful election adverts is as much of a problem.

Besides, who in Talossa has ever been swayed by a political advert??

Again, I say, my agenda for my time as your Seneschál is too important for adverts to get in the way. The PC has not put adverts on our platform because there are far-graver matters to attend to.

Let's get the Immigrationate going, and let's get to the business of getting on with the business of getting our legal records in order.

To that end:

Scribe Cavéir of Abbavilla:

So far, it appears six of the seven referenda will pass. Assuming former SoS Daviu has no other records at hand, you will most likely be pasting in six amendments to the Organic Law. The election ends on 15 January. The February Clark voting begins on 1 February. Can you get the OrgLaw ready and updated in time? I can post it to www.maricopaprovince.net if you need me to.

If you are unable to get things together in time, I can appeal for a Warrant of Prorogation which will give you an extra month.

Former SoS Foctier:

Get to Scribe Cavéir of Abbavilla as quickly as you can every referendum result you have, every OrgLaw version you have, and anything else Scribe Cavéir of Abbavilla needs!!!

Vote PC, thus keeping me as PM, and thus assuring our legal organizational agenda's future!!

Happy New Year!!

PM Válcadác'h



A PD establishing establishing the 2003 Alpha Group

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/01/2003 20:57:37 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS it is premature to think I can actually get something done as Seneschál past 31 January, but I do want to avoid appealing for a Warrant of Prorogation,

WHEREAS the time will soon come for the administrative components of my agenda for Talossa to kick in,

WHEREAS pre-planning is needed,

WHEREAS the sooner this is commenced, the better,

THEREFORE, I do now ESTABLISH the 2003 Alpha Group to assist me with the needed pre-planning for the Giant Reorganization of our Laws and Precepts which is soon to come and which will engulf us all,

The members of this Alpha Group shall consist of the following:

PM Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Chairman

R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Ián Valadéir

Ián Metáiriâ

Ken Velméir

Matáiwos Ardítà

Mic'háglh Pop

Martì-Páir Furxhéir

Chirisch Cavéir

Daviu Foctier

Hêrí Donatüs

Xheniféir Donatüs

2003 Alpha Group members, expect an email from me within twenty-four hours which will get things going.

Many thanks, everyone!

Done under my hand on this 10th day of September of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Three, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-fourth

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

2003 Alpha Group members (good lord, what a dorky name), I beg you to calm down!

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/02/2003 02:15:36 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

My Scribe of Abbavilla and my King (who knows more about Talossan law and about the Talossan archives than anyone else ever could) are getting more and more to the point of bitter hatred and I need them both!

What am I to do?

Ben and Grubi, by the time you read this, you will have already gotten my email of directives to the 2003 Alpha Group (that name is soooo corny).

I tell you what, if the two of you do not call a truce soon, I will issue a PD making the both of you "2003 Alpha Magic Circle Club Members" FOREVER!!!

Frankly, on the adverts thing, I think the Greys are in the clear here. This opinion is not shared by my fellow PC members, but that is not an issue on which we have decided to campaign.

Let's see now...

Our Organic Law has not been updated in more than three years, yet there have been ten amendments proposed since then, the referenda on most of which is still in a measure of doubt...

[This is getting fixed, by the way.]

Let's see now...

There is no central place where a citizen can see what the provincial assignments laws are because we are not certain just how many laws there are about this...

[The 2003 Alpha Group is beginning the work on fixing this and so many other problems, by the way.]

Let's see now...

The Talossa Database System has proven to be eminently reliable, yet we have no hard-copy backup in case of disaster or hacking....

[That will be fixed ere 2003 is over, by the way.]

You know something, how many adverts being seen by how many people at whatever time/place, etc. is really not a big deal.

J. P., drop the stupid lawsuit.

Ben, please lay off. Chris has had a lot on his mind lately. I phoned him tonight. Usually, he's a polly parrot, but this evening, he did not sound so cheery.

Chris, don't worry about it. The election will be over in fifteen days, and your work as Scribe and other things will keep you busy. And Ben, you will be busy, too. And this issue will get resolved in time.

I do not mean to minimize the views you both have for the advert situation, and you both know my views on the advert question. Our immigration is still suffereing, our laws need organizing, our apathy needs to be buried forever, and the insignificant-by-comparison issue of adverts rears its ugly head.

Let's get to work, people!

PM Válcadác'h

Message Link:

Progressive Conservative Platform

RE: 2003 Alpha Group members (good lord, what a dorky name), I beg you to calm down!

Posted By: Chirisch Cavéir on: 01/02/2003 13:24:46 EST

Posted by: Chirisch Cavéir

Message Detail:

> I tell you what, if the two of you do not call a truce soon, I will issue a PD making the both of you "2003 Alpha Magic Circle Club Members" FOREVER!!!

Only if we get satin jackets with fancy embroidered patches.

> Frankly, on the adverts thing, I think the Greys are in the clear here.

I thank you for your support, sir.

> Our Organic Law has not been updated in more than three years, yet there have been ten amendments proposed since then, the referenda on most of which is still in a measure of doubt...

Absolutely, sir!

> There is no central place where a citizen can see what the provincial assignments laws are because we are not certain just how many laws there are about this...

We should have the laws not only listed, but put into appropraite categories. Actually, we should have it listed as a Code of Talossa, so that we can refer to specific sections of the Talossan Federal Code (or Royal Code, or Head Code, Chest Code, etc). This is an undertaking I would like to participate in.

> Chris, don't worry about it. The election will be over in fifteen days, and your work as Scribe and other things will keep you busy.

Honestly, I look forward to it. I'd love to see if getting the Anuntzia (sp?) into a PDF would be feasible.

> I do not mean to minimize the views you both have for the advert situation, and you both know my views on the advert question. Our immigration is still suffereing, our laws need organizing, our apathy needs to be buried forever, and the insignificant-by-comparison issue of adverts rears its ugly head.

> Let's get to work, people!

I concur. I hope that, once the election is behind us, that we can approach our "everyday" Talossan jobs with as much fervor!

[end of post]

I still get a chuckle out of the whole thing. This short-lived committee went over like a lead balloon. It is probably the government organization of any kind in the history of Talossa with the shortest duration.

What is so unbelievable about this is that the 2003 Alpha Group is legally as-deserving of being put on one's resume as being Regent, PM, or Monarch!! Notice I said "legally". I imagine there will be at least a few former members who will show off their Alpha Group memberships on their dossiers with pride. Horror of horrors... :-)
-GV 2 August, 2003

Strike the smiley face from the above note, and my real feelings will be more in evidence. -GV 27 August, 2003

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A PD to dissolve the 2003 Alpha Group

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/02/2003 16:08:16 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS I created the 2003 Alpha Group in the hopes of starting the process of getting our administrative house in order,

WHEREAS I was immature appointing people to a committee of this magnitude without their prior consent,

I, THEREFORE, do now DISSOLVE the 2003 Alpha Group, the purpose of which, however, has not been done away with. I shall simply pursue it by other means as well as on Wittenberg as much as possible so that the populous may see the workings of what is about to happen.

I, also, EXTEND my apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the 2003 Alpha Group.

Many thanks, everyone!

Done under my hand on this 2nd day of January of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Three, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-fourth

God Save The King,

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

[end of Prime Dictate]

Future Senescháls, this is what happens when you put people on a big committee which was premature to begin with without first consulting them. The 2003 Alpha Group went over like a lead balloon.

-GV, 15 February, 2003

RE: A PD to dissolve the 2003 Alpha Group

Posted By: R. Rôibeard Donatüs on: 01/02/2003 18:00:03 EST

Posted by: R. Rôibeard Donatüs

Message Detail:

> I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

Yeah, what was that all about, anyway? ;-)

Ben

RE: A PD to dissolve the 2003 Alpha Group

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/03/2003 00:19:48 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> > I, Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

> Yeah, what was that all about, anyway? ;-)

It was an attempt, a late-night one at that, at organizing the organizing of the upcoming administrative stuff.

Like having a meeting to plan when a group is going to have a meeting, it simply did not work. :-)

However, membership in the Magic Circle Club is still very-much open. ;-)

PM Válcadác'h

> Ben

RE: A PD to dissolve the 2003 Alpha Group

Posted By: Tomás Gariçéir on: 01/02/2003 16:58:00 EST

Posted by: Tomás Gariçéir

Message Detail:

Wow, that was quick! :)

RE: A PD to dissolve the 2003 Alpha Group

Posted By: JEiffler on: 01/03/2003 06:57:43 EST

Posted by: JEiffler

Message Detail:

> Wow, that was quick! :)

I'm still putting it on my resume. ;-)

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The peaceful Palestinian people

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/05/2003 23:51:46 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

<http://us.news1.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20030105/thumb.1041798669.mideast_israel_palestinians_jrl804.jpg>

Once again the poor, downtrodden, Palestinians have showed their true colors.

Today in Tel Aviv, Isreal, two Palestinian blew themselves up killing twenty-three innocent people and wounding a hundred others.

Talossa CONDEMNS this barbarous act of cowardly terror and barbarism perpetrated by BUTCHERS!! This is no worse or better than the Jewish terrorist who murdered Rabin, a BUTCHEROUS act of BARBARISM and terror which Talossa CONDEMNS as vehemently as she has that of the Arab world.

This is no worse than what Timothy McVeigh did to his own American bretheren which Talossa also CONDEMNS!! Timothy McVeigh=Palestinian suicide bombers=Rabin's assasin=thugs=BUTCHERS!!

The PLO has condemned this attack, but their words ring hollow in the trail of blood (both Palestinian and Isreali) that organization could have prevented over the last...few DECADES or so!

May all terrorists of whatever race, nationality, or whatever be driven into the sea!!!

PM Válcadác'h



Attn, all Talossans!: A PD of mourning and remembrance of Gerard Cál, the Father-in-Law of SoS Frenette and the grandfather of Dandelion Korallia Frenette

Posted By: The Seneschál on: 01/06/2003 15:48:51 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS Gerard Cál was born in Ontario on May 30th, 1931

WHEREAS he had an electric motor repair store in Ste-Thérèse, Québec, Canada where he worked most of his life with his wife,

WHEREAS at his store he met a vast proportion of the local population who went to repair their fans, drills and pool motors,

WHEREAS almost all of the clients liked him,

WHEREAS his garden was also legendary, giving the best tomatoes and cucumbers in the world, earlier than everyone each year in a quantity vast enough to feed almost a neighbouroud, which is not a small measure since Ste-Thérèse is the Pickle capital of Québec

WHEREAS his garden was also renown for the beauty of the vast diversity of flowers always arranged in a tasteful matter surrouding a statue of the Virgin Mary

WHEREAS he was a great, honest, wise and patient man who trully knew how to listen and say the right thing without even saying a word,

WHEREAS such men are rare,

WHEREAS he passed away at home on the night of Sunday January 5th to January 6th after a long sickness which stripped him of his health

WHEREAS he will be buried Wednesday January 8th by the same priest who will baptism his grand-daughter on Sunday the 12th.

WHEREAS He is survived by his Wife Pierrette Blondin, his Daughter Mariä-Crestin Cál, his grand-daughter, Talossan dandelion Korallia Frenette, and Talossan Secretary of State Martì-Páir Furxhéir.

I, THEREFORE, DECLARE Wednesday, January 8, 2003 to be a Day of Mourning and Remembrance of Gerard Cál.

I DO ALSO, on behalf of His Majesty and all the people of Talossa, EXTEND to Marie-Christine, you, Korallia, and all your family our deepest and most-profound sympathies. I, for one, cannot imagine what you all must be going through right now.

Know this, though: the thoughts and prayers of all Talossans are with Marie-Christine, you, Korallia, your family, and friends in this time. I just wish I personally had better words with which I could give you comfort and solace.

If you need a leave of absence or anything like that, consider it already granted for as long as you need it.

Done under my hand on this 6th Day of January of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Three, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-fourth

God Save The King,

Gödafríeu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán



a PD concerning the gathering together of our Laws

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/07/2003 00:26:44 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

I, Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán, with all duly vested executive authority and stuff, do hereby PROMULGATE this PRIME DICTATE.

WHEREAS in May, 1998, the esteemed Chirischtôval C. Cavéir got passed 24th Cosa, RZ2 -- The Codification Act,

WHEREAS this is a sound piece of legislation, and my government, if put back into office shall immediately work to fulfill the mandate of this most noble Law of the Ziu.

WHEREAS the former citizen and Member of Cosa, Matáiwos Caricâ, got passed in 1999 25th Cosa, RZ21 - The Talossan Canon of Laws Act,

WHEREAS said Canon of Laws Act outlines a scheme of organization I do not agree with, though it bears a good look anyhow,

WHEREAS I am legally bound to abide by said Canon of Laws Act unless I can get said Act to be made null and void,

WHEREAS I do not want to wait for the March Clark to get this done because I will be asking the King for a Warrant of Prorogation assuming I am able to do so,

WHEREAS Talossa needs to be unshackled from the restrictive chains of Caricâ's noble, but possibly ill-guided bill,

I, THEREFORE, do now REPEAL 25th Cosa, RZ21 - The Talossan Canon of Laws Act.

I also ENCOURAGE Talossans to peruse this Act to gain ideas on how we need to organiza our Laws and stuff.

I do, though I make no pretense it is legally-binding, AFFIRM the above legislation by Chirisch Cavéir as a Law of the Ziu we need to abide by at long, long last.

Done under my hand on this 6th day of January of the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Three, and of el Regipäts Talossán the Twenty-fourth

God Save The King,

Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Seneschál del Regipäts Talossán

[end of Prime Dictate]

There is an inconsistency here borne of the time zone difference between me (Central Time) and Wittenberg (Eastern). When I issued the PD, I dated it as the 6th of January, which it still was when I posted it to Witt by way of my computer in Houston, Texas, USA at about 11:30 CST.

-GV, 15 February, 2003

Laws should be put in the Database first...

Posted By: Marti Páir Furxhéir on: 01/07/2003 11:17:42 EST
Posted by: Marti Páir Furxhéir

Message Detail:

all the laws should be entered in the Database... The annutzia has a lot of valids laws and they should first be entered.

Those who have a copy of the Annutzia can do so by going to :

http://talossa.net/insert_bill.php

Just make sure to fill all the fields correctly (Cosa, Clark, Bill, Proposers, etc...).

If you want to perform that task, choose a Cosâ with no bills yet (for example :
<http://talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=21>)

And enter the bills.

All the bills from the 22th Cosâ and up are already in the Database.

BTW: If you do intent to do that, please post reply !!! Two persons shouldn't work on the same Cosâ...

Let's start with the 21st and move down...

Once ALL the bills will be online for a Cosâ, I will show the person how to enter the voting records.

THIS IS IMPORTANT FOLKS

For pre-online Clark legislation, I disagree.

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/07/2003 12:52:52 EST
Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

For all pre-online Clarks, let the scanned copy of the printed original from L'Anuntiza be put into the Database System. Let's avoid human error incurred in data entry.

PM Válcadác'h



a directive to the Immigrationate

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/07/2003 13:45:43 EST

Posted by: Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

Please put all Immigrationate activities on official hold until further notice.

I wish for all your efforts to be put into the administrative agenda of my (we hope) next administration without distraction.

Many thanks!

PM Válcadác'h



Márcüs Poβidênc's referenda votes??

Posted By: PM Válcadác'h on: 01/10/2003 00:15:40 EST

Posted by: Gödafriëu Válcadác'h

Message Detail:

> Therefore, I am hereby using Wittenberg to notify you, immediately, that Márcüs Poβidênc has indeed voted and has voted MN. Since you are currently active on Wittenberg, I presume you will please enter this datum in the official record at your earliest opportunity.

Let's give him some more time on this. He has a lot on his mind right now, though I do hope he can get it in by the 15th.

> P.S. Thanks for the forward of the magazine interview on Talossa; I spoke with the reporter yesterday for a lengthy period. Naturally, we should not reveal the name of the publication on Wittenberg or in any public forum. RBM

Please forward me the email as well.

Thanks!

PM Válcadác'h

