

competition is but one of these endeavours – Talossa’s chess-playing community is gearing up to take on the world, any day now.

Why you would want to join Talossa

- Do you lack patriotic feeling towards the country in which you live, and wish you could choose your national or ethnic allegiance? *Talossa can be your nation.*

- Are you a language enthusiast or a conlanger, fascinated by how one man virtually unaided built a fully-functioning Romance language, now spoken (to various degrees of fluency) by dozens of people? *Talossa can be your linguistic test-tube.*

- Have you always wanted to lead your own political party, engage in verbal jousting in a national legislature, or even get elected President of a country? *Talossa can be your field of electoral triumph – or defeat.*

- Are you fascinated by Talossa’s quirky culture – born of a group of friends in Milwaukee, but enriched by the influences of proud Talossans across the globe? *You will be saying “Zooks!” and swapping anecdotes about Peculiarism and designs for the 12-itri banknote in no time.*

- Or perhaps you just want to meet a bunch of odd but interesting people? *Talossa will*

give you more “interesting” than you can possibly handle.

All right! How do I join!

Easy as pie. Write an email to our Immigration Minister at immigration@republicoftalossa.net. The Minister will explain how to get in touch with other Talossans in your area or online. There is no monetary cost to become a citizen, although your sanity may never recover. *However*, Talossan citizenship is not for everyone – every new citizen has to be approved by the nation as a whole in a referendum. We warn you that you will have to be pretty cool indeed to join.

More information

www.talossa.com – official website of the Talossan Republic

www.talossaonline.com – website of our Wittenberg discussion forums, where Talossans from around the world get together to shoot the breeze and have furious arguments.

http://jeffrags.com/?page_id=39 – information on Ladîntsch, the Talossan national language

***Noi esperent voi vidarë bentôpt! /
We hope to see you soon!***

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SECEDE FROM REALITY



Become a citizen of the REPUBLIC OF TALOSSA

The Republic of Talossa, a tiny nation in North America currently celebrating its 28th year of sovereign nationhood, asks: are you the kind of person we want to become a citizen?

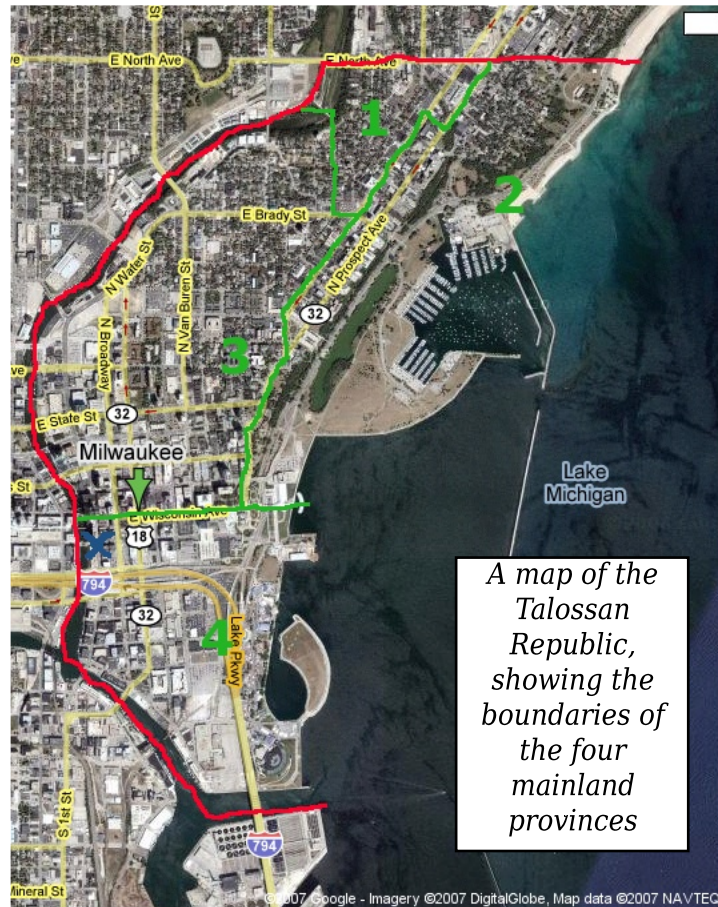
What is Talossa?

Talossa is not an “internet community” or a fantasy projection. It is a real, honest-to-goodness piece of land, on the western shores of Lake Michigan in North America, within the bounds of the City of Milwaukee.

The founder of the nation, Robert Madison, declared Talossa (where he lived) an independent state, with himself as King, on December 26 1979. The United States government has never complained.

Talossa has one “overseas province” – the island of Cézembre, off the north-west coast of France, annexed by King Robert in 1982. The French government doesn't seem too fussed either.

Most inhabitants of the Talossan homeland seem unaware or uninterested that their part of the world has been an independent nation since 1979. The actual participating citizenship of Talossa has never been more than a few dozen at any one time. Once consisting entirely of the King's immediate neighbours and friends, it is now open – via the magic of the internet – to all those enthusiastic about becoming patriotic Talossans.



What do you do in Talossa?

The short answer is: “everything other, larger nations do – in our own way.” We have our own:

Government and politics: Talossa has a functioning multi-party political system for most of its history. The history of Talossan politics has been of the continuing efforts of the citizens of Talossa to grab more say in its own destiny from the founder-King. This effort came to a climax on

June 1, 2004, when the majority of active Talossan citizens declared the Republic of Talossa. Robert Madison has since renounced his claims to the throne and left Talossa.

Language: The majority language of the Talossan Republic is English, although with many odd dialectical terms such as “Zooks!” or “votation”. The Talossan language (or Ladîntsch), an artificial tongue designed by ex-King Robert, is gradually catching on as a patriotic and artistic endeavour. Ladîntsch is basically a Romance language, similar to French and Italian, with a Celtic and Berber twist. To prove it, here's the previous paragraph translated:

El glheþ maxhorità dâl Repúblicâ Talossán, c'è l'Angleascâ, ivënpö cün plürs mocts strôinscheuxés mundarteshti, squasi "Zooks!" eða "votation". El glheþ Talossán (eða Ladîntsch), 'n glheþ artificiál zesegñhadâ përl el Regeu formár Rôibeard, zevient populár come 'n endevör pättriôtic és muséu. Ladîntsch, c'è fundamáintschálmînt 'n glheþ Romançal, similár àl Françál eða àl Talián, cün idiosüncrôïçâs Celta-Taloçáits.

Blind patriotic loyalty: Every Talossan knows full well that *ár naziunetâ amadâ* (our beloved small country) is not only a real nation among the nations of the world, but the greatest. We prove this by thrusting our standards and emblems into the face of the world at every opportunity. Sporting