



### *A Few Words From The President*

Summer is coming to a close, and soon we enter what I call “parade season”, during which we appear in a few local public events over the border in the U.S. Molossia is a somewhat well known entity within the local area, and we like putting our face out there, so to speak, to raise public awareness of our nation. In September the First Lady, Chief Constable and I will appear in the Dayton Valley Days Parade in nearby Dayton Nevada, and not long after that in late October we will also appear in the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City, which takes place around the anniversary of Nevada’s statehood. It is good to get out of our nation and make public appearances, a sort of “local diplomacy”, if you will. We have even met with the Governor of Nevada on a few occasions, one chief executive to another. We are always seeking to enhance awareness of our nation, plus, who doesn’t love a parade? Come see us at Dayton Valley Days and Nevada Day!



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### *New Nicea State Visit*

20 August 2016 XXXIX

On 20 August 2016 XXXIX, Imperial Prince Brandon I of New Nicea visited Molossia for the first State Visit between our two nations. New Nicea's home territory is located just outside Elko, Nevada, while the government temporarily resides in Medford, Oregon. The Imperial Prince arrived at 10:09 AM MST. His Excellency and His Highness made the State Visit official by exchanging medals in Republic Square, the Imperial Prince granting The President a knighthood in the Chivalric Order of James I. Following the ceremony, discussions were held in the Office of the President pertaining to micronational matters and especially to the development of New Nicea. After discussions The President, First Lady and Chief Constable took His Highness on a tour of Molossia, accompanied by a large group of tourists, visiting variously from nearby Reno, Carson City and distant Tuolumne, California. During the tour the group saw all the sights of our nation. Following the tour the Imperial Prince and our other guests bid farewell to Molossia as they returned to their homes. Thus ended a successful diplomatic meeting, a milestone for both of our great nations.



The President and the Imperial Prince in Republic Square



Receiving The Knighthood

# Bonsai Rock Voyage

7 August 2016 XXXIX

On 7 August 2016 XXXIX, the Molossian Navy deployed to nearby Lake Tahoe, located in the Sierras about 80 Imperial Nortons (80 km/50 mi) from the Molossian Home Territory. The target of the Navy's explorations was Bonsai Rock, a partially submerged glacial boulder with four small pine trees growing out of it, resembling a Japanese bonsai tree. Home base for this voyage was Sand Harbor on the east shore of Lake Tahoe, scene of several of our Navy's missions. At 11:39 MST the Navy set sail from Sand Harbor, paddling forth to the distant rock. The voyage took 40 minutes, skirting the shoreline of Lake Tahoe, avoiding submerged boulders and battling occasional waves. At long last the Navy arrived in the vicinity of Bonsai Rock, an area heavily populated with giant boulders, shallow lagoons and mysterious grottos. After circumnavigating Bonsai Rock itself, the fleet anchored in a quiet cove while the sailors set out to explore the area. Part of this survey included deploying the



The Fleet Deployed

Bonsai Rock



Launching The Seahorse 2



Navigating Close Quarters

Molossia's Flag Among The Rocks



## Our Newest Hero!

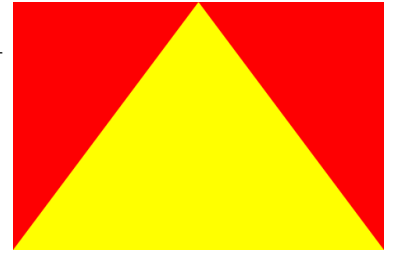
On Saturday, 20 August, His Excellency, The President held a ceremony at the Hero's Monument in Red Square, recognizing Molossia's Chief Constable Alexis Baugh as a Hero of Molossia, an honor well overdue!



# The Principality Of Trinidad

## Sovereignty In The South Atlantic

Molossia is certainly not the first self-declared nation, nor, as everyone knows, is it the only one. The recent visit of Imperial Prince Brandon I of New Nicea brought to our attention an early micro-nation founded by an adventurer, James Harden-Hickey - styled as Prince James I - the Principality of Trinidad. The Principality of Trinidad was declared in 1893, when the American James Harden-Hickey claimed the uninhabited island Trindade and Martim Vaz in the South Atlantic and declared himself as James I, Prince of Trinidad. According to Harden-Hickey's plans the island would, after being recognized as an independent country, become a military dictatorship under his leadership.



The Flag of the Principality of Trinidad



Prince James I of Trinidad

He designed postage stamps, a national flag, and a coat of arms; he established a chivalric order, the "Cross of Trinidad;" he bought a schooner to transport colonists; he appointed M. le Comte de la Boissiere as Secretary of State and opened a consular office at 217 West 36th Street in New York, and even issued government bonds to finance construction of infrastructure in the island.

In July 1895, the British tried to take possession of this strategic position in the Atlantic, basing their claim on the 1700 visit by English astronomer Edmund Halley. The British planned to use the island as a telegraph cable station. However, Brazilian diplomatic efforts, along with Portuguese support, pressed a successful claim to Brazilian sovereignty, based on the island's discovery in 1502 by Portuguese navigators.

In order to clearly demonstrate sovereignty over the island, now part of the State of Espírito Santo, a landmark was built on January 24, 1897. Nowadays, Brazilian presence is marked by a permanent Brazilian Navy base on the main island.

After losing his Principality, Prince James I faded into obscurity, eventually dying by his own hand in El Paso, Texas, his dreams of sovereignty unfulfilled.

## Seen Around Molossia...



Wild horses invade our nation!



Molossians Alexis Baugh and Nathan Harrison on the first day of the new school year.



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### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Flag Day - September 9th** - Remembers the day the Molossian flag first flew over our sovereign territory, in 1998. It still does.

**Moonpie Festival - September 15th** - Adaptation of the Chinese Moon Festival, marking the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Celebrated by eating Moonpies, of course!

### September Birthdays

**No Molossia Birthday's This Month!**

### THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

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

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	35° C / 95° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	7.7° C / 46° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	21° C / 70° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	0 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

Hello all! September has arrived and everyone is settling into their new routines. Many changes have happened to our household over this last month, kids have moved out, went off to college, and our home is opening up more than ever. We have frequently been using a term here in Molossia, "the new normal". People live their life and whatever their situation may be it is normal to them. Then when it changes, slowly the new circumstances begin to be normal for them. That is what is happening to us, we are adjusting to our new normal. People would say that our home here in Molossia is anything but normal, but isn't that the whole idea? What is special to some is mundane to others and vice versa. I know it's super special to live in Molossia but it is very normal to us! Have you had changes to your life recently and are experiencing your "new normal"? If so, tell us about it on Facebook or Twitter #newnormal @molossia. We love to hear from you!



Thank you all and until next time,

Create your own normal!

~Adrienne