



### A Few Words From The President

The holidays are a time for family and here in Molossia that pretty much means everyone. Molossia is a family nation - all of our citizens are also all our family members. Now just because we're all family doesn't mean that we all always get along or always feel or believe the same things. Besides being family we all of course are still individuals, with our own wants and needs and beliefs. But being family we are all something more, a nation of citizens that all look out for each other and take care of each other. I think this is the best that a nation can hope for and be, different people joined by that commonality of kinship and ready to do just about anything for each other. Beyond Molossia, I think this kinship is one of the factors in the success of many small nations. These other nations, like, for example, Denmark, are some of the happiest countries on earth. Their small size makes them as much communities as nations. So, too, with Molossia. We are thankful for our wonderful family and our marvelous family-nation!



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## Molossian Holidays



As the holiday season, Thanksgiving (although not an Year are upon us, it's nice to take a look at all the oth-



Emperor Norton

sians celebrate many holidays annually at least one a some are adopted from other cultures. Though the celebrated, it is not an official Molossian holiday. nese) New Year is the symbolic start of our year, even in late January or during February. Before that, Day, honoring the first micronationalist, Joshua Nor-



Founder's Day



Halloween

In March is the annual Day of the Dude, celebrating by bowling, and 30 April is Heroes Day, remembering the Heroes of Molossia. Founder's Day is Molossia's biggest holiday, celebrating the birth of our nation on 26 May 1977 I. A variety of other days follow, including Space Day on 5 May, Navy Day, celebrating our Navy, on 4 June, President's Day, honoring His Excellency, The President on 30 July, and The Running of the Dogs, celebrating Molossia's canine citizens on 26 August. Just three days later on 29 August we remember the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, followed by Moonpie Day in September. The Day of Merriment, 15 October, celebrates our beloved First Lady, followed shortly thereafter by Halloween and Día de Muertos, honoring Molossians who are no longer with us, and Guy Fawkes, adopted from Britain. This brings us back to Thanksgiving, an American holiday but celebrated equally in Molossia by gathering families and feasting. Christmas and Boxing Day round out the year with merriment

and family love. Yes, Molossians have a lot of holidays, but we also have a lot to celebrate in our wonderful nation!



Christmas

# Guy Fawkes Night

5 November 2019 XLII

On 5 November 2019 XLII, Molossians celebrated our ninth annual Guy Fawkes Night. Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is a popular event in Great Britain, dating back to the foiled Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and 13 of his cohorts conspired to blow up Parliament and King James I of England. After the plot was uncovered and the conspirators executed, the 5th of November became an official holiday in Great Britain, adopted likewise a few years ago in Molossia, in recognition of our English roots. Prior to the holiday, Molossian citizens gathered in Government House and created their own Guys, to burn in effigy. That done, on the 5th of November the bonfire in Norton Park was lit and Molossians gathered for the evening festivities. Dinner was shepherd's pie, Molossian style, accompanied by hot apple cider and apples dipped in caramel. Then the Guy Fawkes rhyme was recited by the company, after which the Guys were committed to the bonfire, one by one, the President's going in last. The evening was concluded with gentle revelry around the fire until it became coals and the celebrants dispersed. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Guy Fawkes Night!



The Many Guys of Molossia



Guys Ready



The President's Guy Goes In



Guys in the Fire

## MOLOSSIA HOLIDAYS



A crossword puzzle grid with the following clues:

**ACROSS**

- 3. New Orleans Festival
- 4. First Lady's Birthday
- 6. A day for giving gifts
- 7. The President's Birthday
- 8. The day we became a nation

**DOWN**

- 1. Also known as Bonfire Night
- 2. Honoring Leboswski
- 5. Night for Tricks and Treats



## CHRISTMAS IN MOLOSSIA

Christmas is one of the most important holidays of the Molossian year. It is for the most part a secular, rather than religious, with the focus being on the family, and giving and receiving. The celebration usually begins on Christmas Eve, with various holiday activities, including watching movies, baking (and eating) cookies, drinking eggnog and playing board games as a family. Christmas Eve dinner consists of our traditional meal of lasagna, reflecting the Italian heritage of Molossia. The evening ends with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", and with tracking the arrival of Santa Claus using NORAD's website. Christmas morning, December 25th, begins early, as the family descends upon the presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the present-opening ends, Christmas breakfast is made and served, and afterward everyone settles down to enjoy their gifts. Christmas dinner, usually ham, turkey and mashed potatoes, takes place in the later afternoon, largely wrapping up a lazy, relaxing day.



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The National Christmas Tree

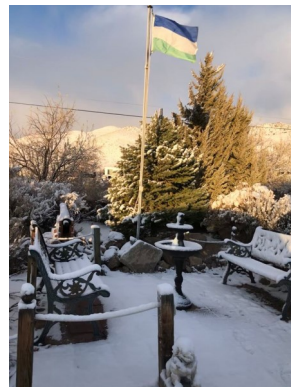


## KRISTNASKO EN MOLOSSIA

Kristnasko estas unu el la plej gravaj festoj de la Molossia jaro. Ĝi plejparte estas sekulara, prefere tiu religia, kun la fokuso sur la familio, kaj donanta kaj ricevante. La festo kutime komenciĝas je kristnaska vespero, kun diversaj feriaj agadoj, inkluzive de spektado de filmoj, bakado (kaj manĝado) kuketoj, trinkado de eggnog kaj ludado de tabul-ludoj kiel familio. Kristnaska vespermanĝo konsistas el nia tradicia manĝo de lasagna, reflektanta la italan heredaĵon de Molossia. La vespero finiĝas per la legado de la "Nokto Antaŭ Kristnasko" kaj per sekvado de la alveno de Santa Claus per la retejo de NORAD. Kristnaska mateno, la 25-an de decembro, komenciĝas frue, ĉar la familio descendas sur la donacoj sub la Nacia Kristnaska Arbo. Post kiam la nuna malfermo finiĝas, kristnaska matenmanĝo estas farita kaj servata, kaj poste ĉiuj ekloĝas por ĝui siajn donacojn. Kristnaska vespermanĝo, kutime ŝinko, meleagro kaj purigitaj terpomoj, okazas en la posta posttagmezo, plejparte envolvante maldiligentan tagon.

## LA VETERO EN MOLOSSIA

Molossia estas dezerta nacio, sed nia nacio ne similas al la sahara dezerto. La sahara estas varma kaj seka, dum en Molossia ni havas ĉiujn kvar sezonojn. Ĉi tio estas ĉar nia nacio estas ĉe alta alto, apud la montoj. Vintro estas malvarma kaj ni ofte havas neĝon kaj pluvon. Printempo kutime estas tre ventema, kun oftaj neĝo kaj pluvo. Somero estas varmaj kaj sekaj, kaj aŭtuno kutime estas tre agrabla, kun komfortaj temperaturoj. Dum la tuta jaro Molossia estas bela, kvankam ne gravas la vetero!



Neĝo en Molossia

## Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Tours of our nation are currently planned on the following dates only:

Saturday, 18 April 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST (First Tour of 2020)

May 2020 - TBD

June 2020 - TBD

July 2020- TBD

Saturday, 15 August 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST

September 2020 - TBD

Saturday, 10 October 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of the Year)



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## December Calendar

- **Christmas Day - December 25th** The biggest holiday of the year, celebrated with presents, music, Christmas movies, Christmas cookies and lasagna for Christmas Dinner . The Christmas Eve meal is a more traditional fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc.
- **Boxing Day - December 26th** Celebrated with our own version of "Shepherd's Pie".



• **Bradley Harrison's Birthday - December 18th**

• **Penny Baugh's Birthday - December 27th**



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	22° C / 72° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-11° C / 13° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	15° C / 42° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	4.8 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

Hello all and welcome to another December! Here in Molossia we are super excited about Christmas this year because we will have the new little one joining us! Christmas seems more fun when you share the joy with children. Their eyes light up and they sparkle with enthusiasm. Don't you want to feel that excited about life everyday? I know I do! Everyday cannot be Christmas morning but everyday can still be an exciting opportunity for new adventures. Even if it's just another day at work. How can you turn the mundane into the unusual? Someone once said "Find the Funny" and I like that idea. How can I find the fun and humor in day to day tasks? It feels pretty easy to us. Just the other day our washer went out. I know, a national crisis! But, as it was getting worked on we turned the outer shell into a jack in the box and made each other laugh. Crying wouldn't have fixed it anyway, so why not have some fun. How can you turn little things into a fun situation? What are you most excited for this Christmas season?

Thank you all and until next time:

Make your day merry and bright!

~Adrienne

