Moose and the Coronavirus
Earlier this week, the following Official Communication was distributed to all Fraternal Units via Smarter Mail.

Moose International has been monitoring the recent developments regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) that has been forefront in the news for the past month or so. The health and safety of our members is always the top priority for the Fraternity and discussions have taken place regarding precautions and contingencies for the events that will bring members together in the coming weeks.

In an effort to ensure the safety of our members, if the Chapter Board of Officers deem it appropriate, Chapter meetings can either be cancelled or held with less than a quorum through the end of April 2020.

If the meeting is held, simply submit your Form 114 as usual with the necessary information and checks. If the meeting is cancelled, please write “Meeting Cancelled” in the Date of Chapter Activity Night field and submit the Form 114 with the appropriate checks. This will ensure the Chapter receives credit toward the coveted Award of Achievement.

In addition, minutes indicating the meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 should be maintained in the Secretary/Treasurers Minutes Book.

In the event, your election meeting is cancelled, please conduct this election as soon as is feasibly possible, even if it means the first meeting in May. Please remember that the Elected Officers have until July 31 to be installed into office to qualify for their personal honors.
This may also affect the payment of Chapter bills. As is customary, the Moose International Statement of Account as well as regular recurring bills (i.e. Internet & telephone services), and donations to Moose Charities can be made without Chapter approval. Once meetings resume, the checks will be approved via minutes of the Board of Officers meetings.

Watch your Smarter Mail for updates to your State/Provincial Midyear Conferences as a few have been cancelled as well as updates from Moose International.

Lodges/chapters should take all precautions necessary to keep their members safe and use available communication vehicles to inform members of any developments locally that may impact their members. If there are questions regarding the coronavirus, lodges/chapters should refer members to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for information (https://www.cdc.gov/).