

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Due to COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the State Governor's Office, the Virginia Moose Association Mid-Year Conference scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Norfolk has been cancelled. We are working out details for a possible virtual/hybrid conference on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to be held at a lodge in the Richmond area. Please keep this date available.

Our Virginia House Girls and Family Teachers at Mooseheart have expressed their desire to Executive Director Gary Urwiler to remain together until their graduations instead of transferring individually to other homes according to their age bracket. The Girls are getting older and have outgrown the size of the Virginia Home. Therefore, the Girls along with their Family Teachers have been moved to a larger home on campus. Since the Virginia Home is a smaller facility, International plans to temporarily use it in a very vital role as they continue to bring new students to the Mooseheart Campus. They cannot protect the staff and students already there without having a home where new students can be quarantined before entering the Mooseheart population. The Virginia Home will temporarily become that home. The Virginia Home will be instrumental in helping to bring in the students who are sitting on the waiting list – waiting for the opportunity Mooseheart provides. The plan is to use the Virginia Home in this manner until the waiting list is diminished and a new set of younger students can be formed to inhabit the Virginia Home.

Please be assured that the Virginia Moose Association is continuing our Christmas tradition with the "Virginia Girls" and their Family Teachers, and keep them in your hearts and prayers during these unprecedented and trying times.

Wishing everyone and their families a safe and happy Thanksgiving,

Fraternally,

Artie Ransone  
VMA Secretary