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Nobles and Daughters:

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) called the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a pandemic. Meanwhile, the United States now has more than 1,000 people infected with this coronavirus, but testing in the country is still ramping up, meaning that number could continue to climb. WHO defines a pandemic as the worldwide spread of a new disease for which most people do not have immunity.

First, I would like all members to take this seriously as there currently is no known vaccine for COVID 19 and people are dying at an alarming rate. A public health emergency gives the state power over quarantine, while a civil preparedness emergency grants the governor broad powers over state institutions, allowing him to restrict travel, close public schools and buildings and more.

With upcoming events within the domain, I caution all of you to take the steps necessary to protect yourselves and others. For those hosting events I urge you to look at the possibility of postponing them until more is known about the transmission of this virus. I know we all want to have normal lives, but we need to err on the side of caution for health's sake. Please discuss all events with your Divans and Deputies to gauge the situation and proceed accordingly.

I have no doubt that we all will get through this. Let us be careful and cautious as we proceed with our daily routines. As I receive information, I will share it with you so that this body can stay informed.

Please utilize the below listed sites to keep yourselves and your membership updated and knowledgeable regarding COVID 19.

<https://www.cdc.gov>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/critical-preparedness-readiness-and-response-actions-for-covid-19>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Fraternally,

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