

President's Message



The weather outside is frightful. And it ain't much better inside where we all have to be, due to the Omicron infestation. On the bright side, Spring is only a couple of months away. The weather will warm up because that's the way celestial planetary orientation works. And maybe everyone who can get it, will get it and the worst of the virus will be over. And the vaccinated ones will survive to fight another day. Hats off to those of us who are in Florida, Cuba, Virgin Islands, Arizona and other places of warmth and conviviality. We can be confident that as soon as possible we'll be planning events by the dozens to make up for all we've missed. And when spring comes, we'll be able to gather outside and tell lies, insult the Newfies and listen to historical stories that are mostly true. Keep your heads down, your wits about you and your triple coated, double filtered N95 mask crazy glued to the front of your head. Better days coming.

Jim Quigley



Message from the Club Manager

I feel like I could just cut and paste my message from last February, expect for one thing...we are travelling! Not totally sanctioned by the government but at least they allow us to make the decision. So, with 3 shots in our arm and enough masks and sanitizing agents to operate on an elephant, we have completed 2 trips, currently on the 3rd and have a 3-week trip to Cuba planned for the end of February into mid-March. Most of us stick to the indoors this time of year anyway, so I guess a lockdown is better now than in the warmer months.

Your new membership card(s) for 2022 will be sent out next month, when we return from St Thomas, Virgin Islands. Like last year, just print them off, sign them and you are good to go.

As much as we are accustomed to seeing the word CANCELLED when it comes to Club events, for the next month, we have several events planned, being COVID-19 friendly, of course. We also have backup plans in place, too. **Feb. 5 – Whiskey Tasting with Frank Scott from the Lunar Rogue.** This is an exciting Zoom event for those who are interested. We are lucky to have a person like Frank here in the city. Since not everyone is “into” whiskey, stay tuned for a similar wine night by Zoom in March.



Feb. 12 - Oakland Lodge for our winter BBQ. If restrictions are still in place, our backup plan will be **Chowder Night** (pickup from me or drop off, as per last year's method) and **Zoom Game night.** Of course, it will be a thick and creamy shellfish chowder (another chowder for those who don't care for shellfish) a fresh biscuit and a choice of two desserts.

Feb. 20, we bring back a hit from last winter; **Lobster Cold plate (or Turkey),** with some salads and delicious chocolate desserts in honour of St. Valentine. More information on this will come up in a few weeks.

March is still in the planning stages, since things, as you know, are so much in the air. We do know Dueling Pianos at the Delta was postponed to March 25.

Many local restaurants are again closed to the public but still have amazing take-out menus. Why not choose one or two and arrange to pick up something and have a nice evening inside. Continue to be safe and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Francis Perry



DATES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR

Feb. 5

7:00 – Zoom **Whiskey Tasting**
Night with Frank Scott

Feb. 12

Oakland Lodge Winter BBQ
or if needed due to restrictions,
Chowder Night – Take-out
(pickup in the early afternoon)
and **Game Night** (8:00)
RSVP by Feb. 6, please specify
for both, if you wish.

Feb. 20

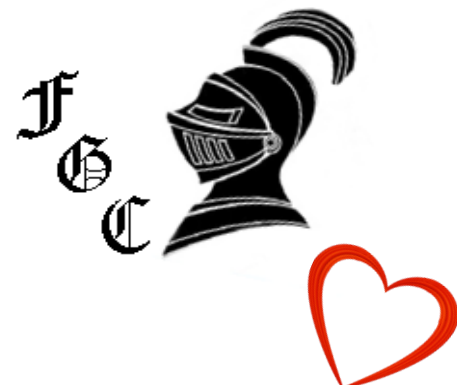
Lobster or Turkey Cold Plate –
Take-out (pickup in the early
afternoon) **RSVP by Feb. 13.**

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*"There is nothing on this
earth more to be prized than
true friendship."*

~ Thomas Aquinas

*Happy Valentine's Day,
my friend!*



DISPATCHES

February 2022

Photo of last year's Game Night



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