**A Few Words From Your President - Re: COVID-19 Pandemic**

Covid-19 has been in our midst since March 17, 2020 and it is not showing any signs of leaving in fact the number of cases are showing signs of resurging as we head into Fall and Flu Season so this means no let up on what we have been doing to combat this Pandemic for the past six months in fact we shall have to apply more diligence in our efforts to get the upper hand, you should all be aware of what we are doing, we will post flyers around the Lounge to remind everyone, rather than put them in letter form.

I feel that we are doing the best we can to control the Covid-19 outbreak given the fact that we only have a small area which makes it difficult to maintain distances and the likes, there is one thing that I am a little perturbed about and that is the attitude of a few who seem to think it is all a big joke ( I don’t know which planet you are from) but any virus that has killed over 9,000 people in Canada and is approaching 1,000,000 worldwide is no laughing matter from where I am standing.

**Our Lounge has a capacity for 80 people, the Health Department allows us to operate at 50% which equates to 40 people at any one time. I have heard that someone opened the exit door to let some friends in, they couldn’t use the entrance door because there were 40 names in the book, we were full, and they were just trying to sneak in without being seen. If we see anyone doing this regardless of whether it be a Guest or Member there will be consequences, it is acts like this along with table hopping, not distancing, not following arrows and other instructions that will seriously hamper the efforts that the rest of us are trying to do, it can result in a fine to the** **Legion, a closure to the Lounge and most importantly a fine to me.** So I am asking you all to be more aware of your surroundings, use the sanitization stations, wash your hands regularly, practice safe distancing and use a bit of common sense in assessing situations e.g. if you come in from the balcony to get a drink and there are no customers at the bar then just walk over, you do not have to follow the arrows in this scenario, also if you have to pass a line at the bar in order to get to the washroom turn your face away from the lineup.

I realize that these are very trying times and look like being that way for a long time but we are all in the same boat so let’s all get on the same wavelength be Patient, be Calm and above all Don’t Worry be Happy!

**Cheers Art**

