Lunch Break at Silo Cigars

When you live here in Knoxville, you know that this city is not just the University or downtown. True, there is a lot of excitement and diversity from Gay Street to Old City, but if you look around you'll notice that there are many things happening in a variety of places in our local community. Very quickly if you begin traveling west, you'll come to a little place known as Farragut, Tennessee. It is a small town that borders the city of Knoxville and has many businesses and attractions that have grown rapidly these last couple of years. Some would argue that it is a fair piece to drive just to go out west to do some shopping. But, if you've lived in a place like New Jersey or New York like I have, the fifteen minute car ride via the interstate to get over to the West Side really isn't that bad. As a matter fact I drive out to Farragut several times a month just to go to a little place called Silo Cigars, because I want an exceptional smoke that can't be found in the city proper.

Silo Cigars is a modest little tobacconist that is home to the best boutique humidor here in Knoxville. Many times I have traveled with great anticipation out west with the sole intention of looking at their great selection of over 500 brands of cigars. I am proud to say that I literally drool when I walk into their cigar heaven of smokes. There are so many fabulous sticks crammed into their humidor that I have often wondered how the owner Paul Warner is able to keep his cigar-smoking sanity when he is working in his shop. I know that if I ever worked at Silo my daily cigar budget would triple and I would need a second job just to be employed there.

So just last week when I ended up craving an after lunch time cigar, I made a quick beeline over to Silo just in time to grab one of the last comfortable settees before the metal fold-up chairs were produced. Even with a dozen well worn leather chairs you never know how big the lunch time crowd is going to get or what time the Australian Rugby league is playing on the big screen television. American football is just so passe.

The place was filling up and there was already a bunch of regulars clamoring about the latest news that was happening in the world when I was able to commandeer my chair, my drink, and of course a fine, hand rolled Habanos – “a La Sirena Trident will do nicely,” I said to myself. I sat for a moment or two and let the leather seat warm a little bit and was just about to slip into a food coma because of the turkey sub that I consumed a few minutes before, when a shout went out. “Hot Damn!!!”

It was Paul's enthusiastic yell that went bellowing throughout the shop and startled the you-know-what out of me. “HEY GUYS,” Paul yelled out gleefully. “We just got in the new Le Bijou 1922!” As if an atomic bomb went off in the place and sucked all the air out of everybody’s lungs, it became deadly silent. I wet my lips and gulped. Down the shop Paul walked like some proud Olympic torch barer holding out in front of him the new cigar in full view. The My Father Le Bijou 1922 Torpedo Box Press had captured the eyes of all that were present in the cigar shop. He came forward and began to tell us about the makeup and construction of the new stick. We eyed him and the cigar like he was holding a bacon wrapped Twinkie.

Always ready to try new things and be the first to smoke the best of the best, I got me one of those beauties and began to smoke the hell out of it. My taste buds were catapulted into outer-space, and I was very well satisfied with this stogie. Sometimes you never know what you're going to get when you

try a new cigar, so you need to take the advice of an expert tobacconist. That is why I trust the staff at Silo Cigars- they know their smokes and have never steered me wrong when it comes to satisfying my cigar smoking palate. Check out my cigar review at http://knoxcigarreview.com/le-bijou-1922-torpedo where I go in-depth on the make-up and characteristics of this particularly prized cigar.

The rest of my lunch break was spent swapping stories and smoking a great cigar. To all of you if your looking for a cigar to smoke when you're out in west Knoxville remember there is a little place out in Farragut that has it all - a great lounge, awesome staff, and one of the best stocked humidors that can be found around these parts. Silo Cigars is not only a great cigar shop, but it makes a great one-of-a-kind pit stop for after lunch rejuvenation.