Smoked Queso with Brisket or Sausage

A rich, silky queso kissed with wood smoke, melding Velveeta and smoked gouda with Rotel, creamy poblano or jalapeño soup, and a bold hit of Holy Voodoo seasoning. Finished with fresh cilantro and pico de gallo, it's an irresistible, smoky game day dip.

Ingredients

- 1 (2 lb) block Velveeta cheese
- 16 oz smoked gouda (cubed or shredded)
- 2 lbs brisket (cooked and chopped)
- 1 tube hot breakfast sausage
- 2 cans Rotel
- 1 can cream of poblano or jalapeño soup
- 1/2 cup cilantro (chopped)
- to taste Meat Church Holy Voodoo seasoning
- to taste pico de gallo
- for serving tortilla chips

Instructions

- 1. Preheat smoker or pellet grill to 350 degrees with your preferred wood (oak, hickory, mesquite, or pecan).
- 2. If using sausage: cook the hot breakfast sausage in a Dutch oven over medium heat, then drain the fat. If using brisket: add the cooked, chopped brisket directly to the Dutch oven.
- 3. Slice the Velveeta into 1-inch cubes. Cube or shred the smoked gouda.
- 4. Add Velveeta, gouda, Rotel (with all liquid), and the cream soup to the Dutch oven. Season to taste with Holy Voodoo and stir to combine.
- 5. Place the Dutch oven, uncovered, in the smoker. Stir every 15–20 minutes until the cheeses are fully melted and the mixture is smooth and incorporated.
- 6. Remove from the smoker and stir in the chopped cilantro.
- 7. Top with additional cilantro and pico de gallo, and serve warm with sturdy tortilla chips.

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