



JUNE 2023

# VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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## President's Report

Here we are, at the start of Summer, Memorial Day is behind us and the school season is coming to an end. Now the focus for family and friends are vacations, barbecues, or just hanging out and enjoying the warm weather.

The next great holiday is our Independence Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We celebrate across this great country with picnics, parades, barbecues, and a certain reverence to our flag and its meaning.

We at Vikings of the Smokies celebrate by participating in the Town of Farragut annual Independence Day parade with our Viking Float, followed by a Lodge picnic at the Pryse Farms Community Clubhouse. I hope that you will either join us on the float - or at the picnic following!

On Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge will be hosting a culinary skills day, whereby members may learn how to make unique Norwegian baked goods such as Lefse, Kranskake, Fattigmand, Krumkake. The plan is to teach those interested how to prepare the ingredients and make the individual items. This will be a great opportunity to earn our culinary skills pins! See page three for all the details!

Enjoy your summer!

*Paul Abelquist*

# Tuesday, July 4th



**The Lodge is celebrating Independence Day by once again participating in the Farragut Parade - followed by a picnic.**

The parade will begin at 9:30. Lodge members may choose to walk the approx. one mile parade route or ride on the Viking Ship float!

The parade begins in the Farragut High School parking lot and will enter Kingston Pike at Stadium Drive and continue to Boring Road, ending in the old Ingles Grocery parking lot.

At the conclusion of the parade, all Lodge members are invited to gather at the Pryse Farms Clubhouse in Farragut (744 Pryse Farms Blvd) for a picnic luncheon beginning at 11:30.

**Please rsvp to Linda Turmo at (865) 233-7411 or email at [turmolat@charter.net](mailto:turmolat@charter.net) no later than Sunday, July 2nd, so we may accurately plan for the meal.**

**THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT**

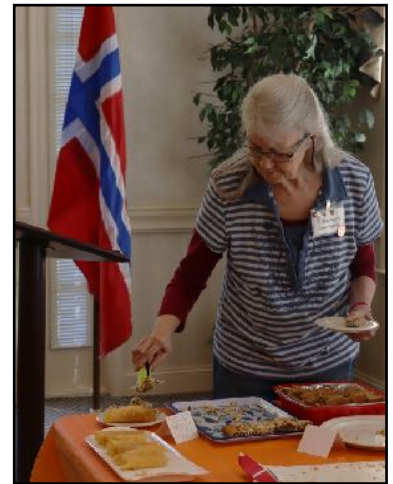
**For more information on how to participate in the Parade, please contact Dee Bumpers or Ole Kolberg**

# SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION 2023

More than thirty members of the Vikings of the Smokies celebrated Syttende Mai with a festive dinner in Maryville on Sunday, May 21st, at Shannondale. Along with the BBQ, sa tasty smorgasbord of desserts and side dishes was appreciated by all who attended.



A very special Tusen Takk goes to Elizabeth and Trygve Myhre who coordinated the event and created the wonderful placemats!



## From the Treasurer:

Our net loss for January through May 2023 was \$177, compared to a net income of \$297 for the same period in 2022.

Total income was \$614, which included \$423 from the SON for share of membership dues, \$127 income from the Children's Museum International Festival for the sale of lefse, and \$64 for lodge refreshments. This compares to \$652 income last year from \$526 for our share of SON membership dues and \$126 for the Children's Museum International Festival. Note that our share of SON membership dues has decreased \$103 - 20% from last year at this time.

Total expenses of \$663 include \$251 for SON insurance, \$250 for Alyssandra Abelquist's Masse Moro fee, \$152 towards the next District 5 Convention, \$113 for Syttende Mai, and \$25 for Wendell Leimohn's bereavement. This compares to \$35 expenses last January through May, which included \$208 for the next District 5 Convention, \$78 for Pizza & Movie, \$44 for Refreshments, and \$25 for Ski-for-Light expense.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trygve Myhre

## Viking Volunteers Are Still Needed for 2023 Gleaning Project



As part of the Lodge's public service activities - Viking volunteers are again needed to support the St. Andrews Gleaning Project at Dixie Lee Farmers Market for 2023.

Twice a month, two or three Lodge members are needed to collect unsold produce at the conclusion of the Dixie Lee Farmers Market from the vendors, weigh them and then transport to the local food bank, located in Farragut.

The total time commitment is 90 minutes, from 11:45am until approximately 1pm.

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Paul Abelquist**

# Join Lodge Members for a Norwegian Baking class!

**Saturday, August 19th  
9am at Faith Lutheran Church**

Learn to make Lefse, krumkaka and  
Kranskake and more!

This hand on baking class will begin at 9am, with a short introduction to traditional Norwegian bakery items and specialized equipment such as a lefsa griddle, krumkaka iron, almond cake pans. Kranskake rings .

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to make a variety of baked goods such as lefse, almond cake, kranskake, krumkake and fattigman.

Printed copies of all the recipe will be available, along with information on where to purchase the specialized pans. Participants are asked to bring an apron, as well as a container to take home samples.

The cost of the class is \$10 per person and space is limited to 15 people.

**Please RSVP to Dee Bumpers at (865) 385-9657**

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