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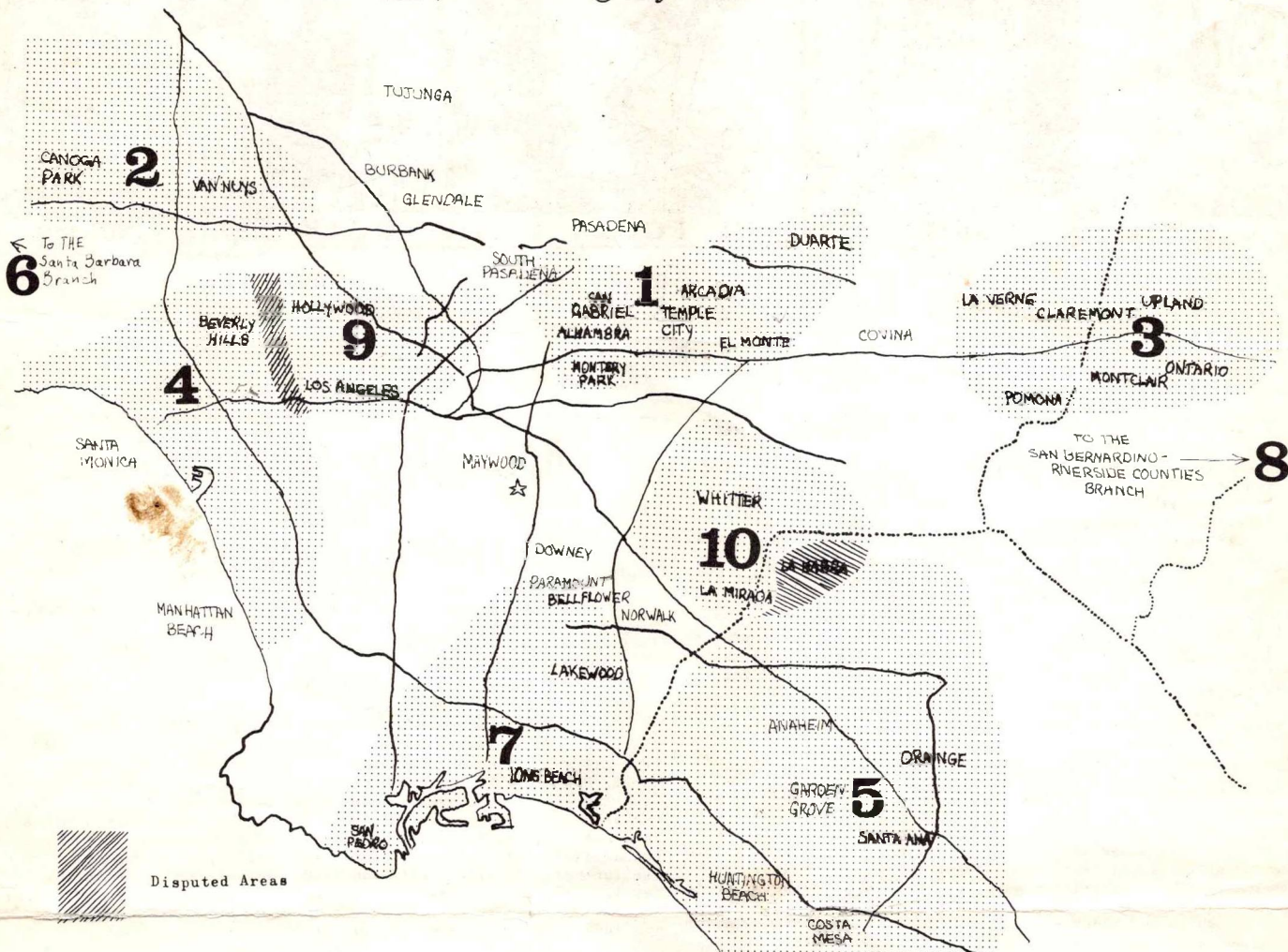
The monthly bulletin of The Mythopoeic Society

interested in the study and discussion of the fictional and mythic works of  
J.R.R. TOLKIEN, C.S. LEWIS, & CHARLES WILLIAMS

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## BRANCH LOCATIONS

If you have been wondering where all the branches are located, here is a visual help. The branches are numbered in the order of their formation:

- 1 The San Gabriel Valley Branch - October 1967
- 2 The San Fernando Valley Branch - October 1968
- 3 The Pomona Valley Branch - May 1969
- 4 The West Los Angeles Branch - July 1969
- 5 The Orange County Branch - January 1970
- 6 The Santa Barbara Branch - February 1970
- 7 The Long Beach Area Branch - February 1970
- 8 The San Bernardino-Riverside Counties Branch - March 1970
- 9 The Hollywood-Wilshire Branch - April 1970
- 10 The La Mirada-Whittier Branch - May 1970

The main purpose of the Society is to discuss literature. This it is doing, as is shown on the reverse side of the bulletin. The Society, as I have said innumerable times, has some truly great people in it. By having such positive and interesting authors and books to discuss, the Society has attracted a like kind of people. Only a handful of people besides myself have visited all or nearly all of the branches. This is regrettable. I would not expect every body to visit all the branches. That would be a lot of driving and would take at least three months to visit them all. But knowing basically who is in each of the branches, how I wish more people could meet and get to know people from other branches. We have special activities that are intended for the whole Society: The Spring Picnic, Bilbo and Frodo's Birthday Picnic, The Annual Kite Fly, The Pleasure Faire, and supremely at Mythcon. One of the main reasons for having Mythcon is so that all Society members and others interested in the same things can meet, discuss, socialize, and get

to know each other over a period of several days. Because of this I consider Mythcon very important in the life of the Society; the most important function of the year, and an important show of its unity. In the mean time, you are encouraged to visit other branches that meet on other days than your own branch. There are some interesting topics picked in the different branches, and if you would like to get in on them, by all means do so. A member has only to pay his monthly dues at his own local branch. He is not expected to pay at other branches. So if you can go visiting, by all means do!

### book hunt

It is true that finding copies of Charles Williams novels is not always an easy thing to do. The most direct solution is to order them directly from the publisher. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 255 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49502, publishes five of the seven Williams novels: Many Dimensions, Place of The Lion, War in Heaven, Descent into Hell, and Shadows of Ecstasy. Each is in paperback at \$1.95

Williams two other novels, The Greater Trumps and All Hallow's Eve, have recently been published in paperback at \$1.45 each by Bard Books/Avon, which is a division of The Hearst Corporation, 959 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10019.

Vroman's book store in Pasadena carries the Eerdmans books. Their stock is kept up regularly.

The Narnia books by Lewis are published hardbound in America by Macmillan. The price has gone up to \$5.25 each. The paperback edition can be ordered from England at 3/6 (42¢) each, or \$3.75 for the whole set of seven. Order from Blackwells, Broad Street, Oxford, England. Expect several months delivery

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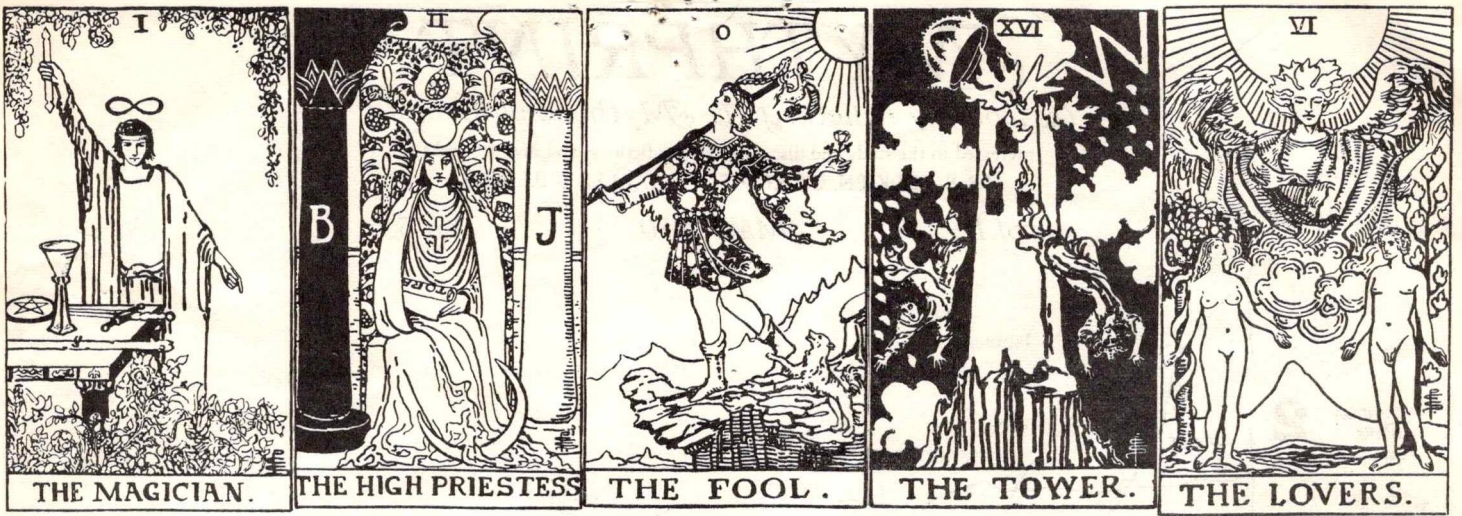
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DATED MATERIAL







# THE GREATER TRUMPS

by  
CHARLES WILLIAMS

The Greater Trumps by Charles Williams is here suggested as a book to be read personally and also for consideration in voting as the individual branches pick their topics.

A new edition of the book has recently been published by Bard Books/Avon in paperback at \$1.45. It contains a useful preface by William Lindsay Gresham on the nature of the Tarot cards. It is probable that most larger paperback bookstores might carry it.

It would seem that Williams was ahead of his time in his awareness of mystic symbols and motifs, particularly in this book which uses as a base the Tarot cards, since in just the last few years the interest in the Tarot cards has greatly increased. Here, as in several other of his books, Williams starts with an occult or numinous object(s): in Many Dimensions it is the magical Stone of Solomon, in Place of the Lion it is the Platonic Archetypes, in War in Heaven it is the Holy Grail, in Descent into Hell it is a succubus, in All Hallow's Eve it is an abortive form of spiritualism - necromancy. Williams starts with these ancient motifs, he never is writing about these elements, but weaves them into his story in that strangely unique way all his own.

The Greater Trumps is in my opinion one of William's best. It deals with an attempt by a family of modern gypsies to steal the original deck of Tarot card which have fallen into the hands of an English family. The gypsies wish to unite the primal deck with a set of three dimensional dancing images that match the cards. By fusing the two long separated elements together, they hope to fathom the meaning of the Great Dance and the Universe. The idea of the Great Dance is supremely written about by Lewis in Perelandra. Both Lewis and Williams knew this ancient and medieval concept of Universal harmony, which we "moderns" or "post-moderns" are just now dimly beginning to regain an understanding. The character Sybil, by her direct unselfishness and profound love, is able to see what the occultists are blind to see. She alone can see the figure of the Fool in motion, moving among the other figures of the dance. It is the interpretation of the meaning of the Fool that is one of the most profound and sublime things Williams has expressed in his works.

## MYTHCON NEWS

**SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIPS:** If you would like to support the Tolkien Conference III - Mythcon I, but are unsure this far away from the Labor Day weekend when the Convention will be held, where you will be or what you will be doing, then you can take out a Supporting Membership. Supporting Memberships are \$3.00, and will assure you a copy of the program book and other printed material available at the Convention. Your Supporting Membership can be converted into a regular membership later if you wish, so show your support of the Convention NOW by not delaying one way or another.

By joining now, it will assure that the College where the Convention will be held, will not schedule another group to use the campus for the same period. If we can show a larger response now, it is unlikely the College will consider another group. If another group came, there would be a sharing of the facilities - which would be undesirable to us from several points of view. Thanks to the following people who have joined already. More names next month.

### CONVENTION MEMBERS

Chairman - Glen GoodKnight  
Treasurer - David Ring  
Publicity - Bernis Zuber  
Program Continuity - David Hulan  
Masquerade Production - Bernis Zuber and Doris Robin  
Masquerade Judging - John and Bjo Trimble  
Art Show - Bruce Pelz

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| 1. Steve McIntosh             | 21. Loraine Franklin |
| 2. Lynne Brown                | 22. William Mosher   |
| 3. Dr. Robert S. Ellwood, Jr. | 23. Christine Smith  |
| 4. Gracia-Fay Ellwood         | 24. Gordon Geddes    |
| 5. Maltewillis Beard          | 25. Patricia Geddes  |
| 6. Bruce McMenomy             | 26. Alpajpuri        |
| 7. Craig Vaughn               | 27. Richard West     |
| 8. Jim Morgan                 | 28. Ethel Wallis     |
| 9. Chris Mitchell             | 29. Cindy Rebek      |
| 10. Galen Peoples             | 30. Dwain Kaiser     |
| 11. Mike Urban                | 31. John Rice        |
| 12. Dale Ziegler              | 32. Albertina Walski |
| 13. Karen Trimble             | 33. Debi Groven      |
| 14. Virginia Manzer           | 34. Ed Finkelstein   |
| 15. Sherry Thomas             | 35. Sandra Jackson.  |
| 16. Cathy Case                | 36. Don Dakan        |
| 17. Jon Hodge                 | 37. Joyce O'Dell     |
| 18. Jim Hall                  | 38. Shandra Archer   |
| 19. Patricia Tressel          | 39. Chris Howard     |
| 20. Lois Newman               |                      |

May 24

### Work Party

A work party to prepare the June mailing, and other Society work will take place at the apartment of Glen GoodKnight, 6117 Woodward ave. Apt K, Maywood, Ca. This is a work party rather than a work party. Please call to check just before coming, or the day before. Phone: (213) 773-3808.

## Monthly Schedule

May 1

### The La Mirada - Whittier Branch

Topic: This is the formational meeting. The purpose and structure of the Society will be explained, a general discussion of the three authors will be held, and a special collection of mythopoeic artwork will be shown.

Location: The home of Floyd Hill, 14917 Gagely, Apartment 3, La Mirada, Ca. 90638. Ph. (213) 941-7958

May 2

### Renaissance Pleasure Faire

The Pleasure Faire will run the first three weekends of May. This is a different kind of entertainment, like traveling back into time. May 2, Saturday, is the day Society members are urged to come. At Noon there will be an opening parade around the whole Faire. If you can wear a Mythopoeic costume, join the parade under your branch banner. Look for the Mythopoeic Banner at the beginning of the parade. The admission is \$3.50 for adults, and really well worth the price. For further information call 356 FAIR. Tickets are \$3.00 before May 1. To get there take the Ventura Freeway out to Agoura, turn off at Kanan Road. Turn left at the stop sign, cross over the bridge, and then follow the signs to the fair.

May 3

### Special Discussion

Till We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis will be discussed in the Special Seabury Discussion Series at the apartment of Glen GoodKnight, 6117 Woodward ave. Apt K, Maywood, Ca. 90270. Ph. (213) 773-3808. Everyone is welcome if they have read the book. Time: 2:45 pm.

May 9

### The Hollywood - Wilshire Branch

Topic: "Gandalf" - a character from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Location: The home of Jennifer Weil, 1826 N. Harvard Blvd. #6 Hollywood, Ca. 90027. Ph. (213) 462-8491.

### The Long Beach Area Branch

Topic: The Harvard Lampoon Parody Bored of the Rings.

Location: The home of Craig Vaughn, 623 W Wardlow Road, Long Beach, Ca. 90803. Ph. (213) 427-2933, ask for Steve.

### The Pomona Valley Branch

Topic: "The Numenarians" - a theme from The Lord of the Rings

Location: The home of Judy Bell, 326 Verdugo Way, Upland, Ca. Ph. (714) 982-2580.

May 16

### The San Fernando Valley Branch

Topic: Smith of Wootton Major by J.R.R. Tolkien

Location: The home of Bonnie Bergstrom, 7126 Sophia ave. Van Nuys, Ca. 91406. Place hard to find without directions, be sure to call (213) 785-8550.

### The Santa Barbara Branch

Topic: War in Heaven by Charles Williams.

Location: The home of Mrs. Lou Smitham, 3149 Calle Fresno, Santa Barbara, Ca. Ph. (805) 687-5403.

May 23

### The San Gabriel Valley Branch

Topic: "The Dwarves" - a theme from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Location: The home of Loraine Franklin, 508-A N. Electric ave., Alhambra, Ca. 91801. Ph (213) 284-3920.

### The West Los Angeles Branch

Topic: Descent into Hell by Charles Williams

Location: The home of Mike Urban, 1573 S. Oakhurst Dr., Los Angeles, Ca. 90035. Ph. (213) 276-8484.

### The Orange County Branch

Topic: The Last Unicorn by Peter S. Beagle

Location: The home of Rochelle Martinez, 540 E. Palmdale, Orange, Ca. Ph. (714) 637-4327.

### The San Bernardino-Riverside Counties Branch

Topic: Out of The Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis

Location: The home of Judith Pike, 6738 Dwight Way, San Bernardino, Ca. 92404 Ph. (714) TU 5-8914.

Each Branch meets at 8 PM

FOR NEEDED DIRECTIONS TO A MEETING, CALL THE GIVEN PHONE NUMBER IN THIS LIST, YOUR BRANCH OFFICERS, OR AT LAST RESORT GLEN GOODKNIGHT (213) 773-3808.