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## Editorial

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*The Mythic Circle* is a small annual literary magazine published by *The Mythopoeic Society*, which celebrates the work of C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, and other writers in the mythic tradition. (For more information about the Mythopoeic Society, contact **Edith L. Crowe, Corresponding Secretary**, The Mythopoeic Society, PO Box 6707, Altadena, CA 91003. E-mail: [correspondence@mythsoc.org](mailto:correspondence@mythsoc.org))

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*The Mythic Circle* exists primarily for the benefit of writers trying to develop their craft in the Mythopoeic tradition and publishes short fiction, poetry, and artwork (mostly illustrations of stories and poems.) We have, as yet, no hard and fast length limits, but we as a small publication, we must think very well of a story more than 5000 words long to publish it. Shorter stories have a better chance. By editorial policy we favor our subscribers.

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## Editorial and Commentary

### This Issue

In this issue, we welcome back some previous authors, namely Dag Rossman, with more of the story of Faragrim, the Draug. Joe Christopher also returns with a new perspective on an ancient myth. Ryder Miller shares a short poem relevant to contemporary problems. David Sparenberg once more shares more of his poetry, evoking myths of Earth and environment.

L. C. Atencio, with us for the second time, provides a lively cover illustration and brings two stories to vivid and detailed life. Tim Callahan provides three grand and vibrant scenes of conflict, one of them the back cover. Philip Reuss returns with a spooky illustration of a demonic challenger to the world order..

With us for the first time as short story writers are Tannara Young, Joanna Michael Hoyt and Scathe meic Beorh with their stories, one in a contemporary setting, the others in the distant past or in another world. With poems based on familiar and unfamiliar mythology, we welcome Seth Leeper, Alexander Dove Lempke and Shane Clack. Also new to *The Mythic Circle* is Gonzalo Canedo with his illustrations of half-seen presences in two poems.