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A Mythopoeic and Middle Earth Calendar for 1969

A MYTHOPOEIC AND MIDDLE EARTH CALENDAR FOR 1969
compiled by Glen GoodKnight

The year of 1969, if based on the Shire-reckoning, began on December 21, 1968. The week in the Shire begins on Saturday and ends on Friday, but since Midyear's Day is a day not counted as a day of the week, but falls between a Friday and Saturday, all day in the last half of the year are displaced one day. Thus if you wish to mark your calendar, all days after June 21 are moved down one. June 22, 1969, in the Shire reckoning, is Sunday not Monday, and so forth to the end of the year. In this calendar I have listed only the first day of Each Middle Earth month in the scheme. Each month is thirty days long. This makes 360 days, with the five intercalary days being Yule I, I Lithe, Mid-year's Day, II Lithe, and Yule I.

Of note: Tim Kirk has done a beautiful Middle Earth calendar. Not like this one, but with six scenes from Middle Earth in various colors. It is part of the Christmas supplement to Shaggy. It has the regular calendar system. It is well worth the fifty cents, and can be ordered from: Shaggy, 745 n. Spaulding, Los Angeles, California, 90046.

- January 1 Afteryule 11 - Snowstorm on Caradhras
 January 3 Fellowship attacked by wolves, reaches West-gate of Moria, SR 1419
 SEVENTEENTH BIRTHDAY OF J.R.R. TOLKIEN
 January 5 Gandalf falls in Moria with Balrog, SR 1419
 January 7 The fellowship arrives at the City of the Elves, SR 1419
 January 13 Gandalf pursues Balrog to Zirak-zigil, SR 1419
 January 15 Gandalf casts down Balrog and dies on Zirak-zigil SR 1419
 January 21 Solmath 1
 February 3 Gandalf returns to life. / Frodo and Sam see mirror of Galadriel SR 1419
 February 5 Fellowship leaves Lorien SR1419
 February 14 Fellowship passes the Argonath / Sr1419
 February 15 Breaking of the Fellowship, Boromir dies SR 1419
 February 17 Eomer overtakes orcs at edge of Fangorn Forest SR 1419
 February 18 Merry and Pippin meet Treebeard / Frodo and Sam meet Gollum / Faramir sees Funeral Boat of Boromir Sr 1419
 February 20 Betho 1 - Frodo begins passage of Dead Marshes / Aragorn meets Gandalf the White SR 1419
 February 21 Gandalf comes to Edoras and heals Theoden / Entmoot ends SR 1419
 February 22 Battle of Hornberg begins / Ents destroy Isengard SR 1419
 February 23 Frodo comes to the Morannon SR1419
 February 24 Theoden and Gandalf parley with Saruman, Pippin looks into Palantir SR 1419
 February 26 Frodo meets Faramir / Aragorn comes to Dunharrow SR 1419
 February 27 Aragorn takes Paths of the Dead / Frodo leaves Henneth Anûn SR 1419

March 1 Dawnless Day / The Muster of Rohan SR 1419
 March 2 Gollum visits Shelob SR 1419
 March 3 Frodo encounters Shelob SR 1419
 March 4 Frodo captured by Orcs / Faramir wounded / Theoden
 in Duradan Forest Sr 1419
 March 5 Sam finds Frodo ? Minas Tirith beseiged SR 1419
 March 6 Denethor's Pyre / Battle of Pelennor, Theoden and
 Witch King slain SR 1419
 March 8 Frodo's clothes taken to Barad-dur SR 1419
 March 9 Frodo and Sam overtaken by orcs on road to Udan
 Sr 1419
 March 10 Frodo and Sam escape SR 1419
 March 15 The Hosts of the West encamp near the Black Gate
 SR 1419
 March 16 THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RING SR 1419 // Birth of
 Eleanor the Fair, Beginning of the Fourth Age in
 Gondor SR 1421
 Date of the new year according to the new reckoning.
 March 22 Astron 1
 March 27 Ring Bearers honored on Field of Cormallen Sr 1419
 Mallorn flowers on the Party Field SR 1420
 THE ELVISH NEW YEAR
 April 2 Gandalf reaches Hobbiton SR 1418
 April 21 Thrimidge 1 - Crowning of King Elessar SR 1419
 April 28 Eomer and Eowyn depart for Rohan SR 1419
 May 10 Gollum escapes from Woodelves SR 1418 //
 Elrond and Arwen come to Lorien Sr 1419
 May 15 CHARLES WILLIAMS DIED 1945 AD
 May 19 Gandalf meets Radagast SR 1418
 May 21 Forelithe 1
 June 14 King Elessar finds sapling of The White Tree Sr 1419
 June 20 I Lithe - Arwen comes to Minas Tirith SR 1419
 June 21 MIDYEAR'S DAY - OVERLITHE - Wedding of Elessar
 and Arwen SR 1419 // Frodo resigns as Mayor of
 Shire SR 1420
 June 22 II Lithe (Saturday)
 June 23 Afterlithe 1 (Sunday)
 July 2 Gandalf imprisoned in Orthanc SR 1418
 July 10 Eomer returns to Minas Tirith SR 1419
 July 23 Wedmath 1
 August 1 Funeral of Theoden SR 1419
 August 5 Hobbits and Elves leave Minas Tirith SR 1419
 August 19 Overtaking of Saruman SR 1419
 August 22 Halimath 1
 September 3 Hobbits return to Rivendell Sr 1419
 September 8 Gandalf escapes from Orthanc SR 1418
 September 11 Frodo and Sam leave Shire for the West SR 1421
 September 12 Halimath 22 - Birthday of Bilbo and Frodo.
 Saruman comes to Shire SR 1419 // Frodo and Sam
 meet Gandalf, Elrond and Galadriel at Woody End
 SR 1421 // Sam leaves Shire for last time SR 1482
 September 13 Frodo leaves Bagend, Black Riders in Shire SR 1418
 September 16 Frodo meets Bombadil SR 1418

- September 18 Hobbits captured by barrow-wight SR 1418
 September 19 Hobbits reach Bree Sr 1418 // Bilbo and Frodo depart at the Grey Havens with Gandalf, Elrond, and Galadriel. End of the Third Age SR 1421
 September 20 Hobbits attacked at Inn and flee Bree SR 1418
 September 21 Winterfilth 1 - CHARLES WILLIAMS BIRTHDAY 1886 AD
 September 22
 September 23 Gandalf attacked at Weathertop SR 1418
 September 25 Gandalf and hobbits leave Rivendell to return to Shire SR1419
 September 26 Frodo wounded at Weathertop SR1418 // Frodo feels first return of pain SR 1419 // Frodo ill again SR 1420 // Sam returns to Bag End SR1421
 October 8 Glorfindel finds Frodo SR 1418
 October 10 Escape across the Ford Bruinen SR 1418
 October 14 Frodo recovers and wakes SR 1418
 October 15 Council of Elrond SR 1418
 October 20 Hobbits come to Brandywine Bridge SR 1419
 October 21 Bloothmath 1 - Hobbits "arrested" at Frogmorton Sr 1419
 October 22 Rousing of the Shire-folk SR 1419
 October 23 Battle of Bywater, Passing of Saruman, End of the War of the Ring SR 1419
 November 20 Foreyule 1
 November 22 C.S.LEWIS DIED 1963 AD
 November 29 C.S.LEWIS BIRTHDAY 1898 AD
 December 10 GEORGE MACDONALD'S BIRTHDAY 1824 AD
 December 14 The Fellowship leaves Rivendell SR 1418
 December 20 I Yule
 December 21 II Yule, first day of New Year in Shire Calendar
 December 22 After Yule 1
 December 29 Fellowship reaches Hollin SR 1419

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Look for The Mythopoeic Society to be taking an active part in Westercon XXII, a science fiction convention, to be held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, Calif. on the weekend of July 4th, 1969. For further information contact Chuck Crayne, 1050 W. Ridgewood Pl., Hollywood, California, 90038

Readers who are Tolkien fans may already be aware of The Tolkien Society of America. Ed Meskys, Thain of the Society, publishes the TOLKIEN JOURNAL, Box 233, Center Harbor, N.H. 03226. A yearly membership in the society (\$2) includes 4 copies of the journal and copies of the GREEN DRAGON when it infrequently comes out (a news flyer). Ed also publishes a more general fanzine, which also has some Tolkien material: NIEKAS.

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASF3) meets at 330 S. Berendo, every Thursday evening at 8 p.m.