

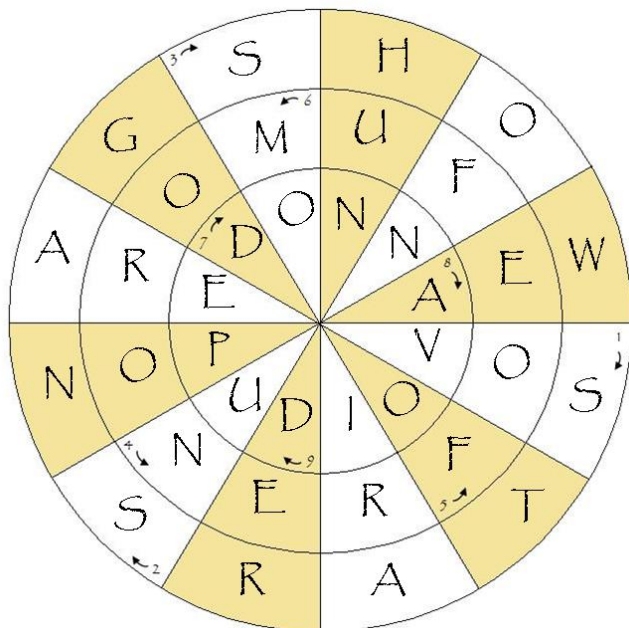
THE KNIGHT'S SHIELD

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Teams toss balls at the shield to win clues to fill into the crossword grid:

1. Celebrities or celestial bodies - STARS
2. Catches a thread, as for stockings - SNAGS
3. Reveals - SHOWS
4. Foam toy maker - NERF
5. Last half of a giant's chant - FOE FUM
6. Idiot - MORON
7. Person who considers herself important, "Prima _____" - DONNA
8. Sidestep - AVOID
9. Hoodwinked - DUPED

These can be filled into the shield-shaped grid as follows:



Reading the shaded portion gives the message **GODOFTHUNDERWEAPON** for the answer **MJOLNIR**. (SNAP also accepted the alternate answer **HAMMER**)