**Edge of Darkness – handouts**







A group of friends, playfully calling themselves the Dark

Brotherhood, held their first meeting in the early winter of

1900. Father Henesy became the recording secretary.

The members numbered six including Marion Allen, the

founder and their nominal leader.

In February of 1900 they purchased an old farmhouse outside

Ross's Corners, a place where they could conduct their

experiments in privacy. Representing themselves as a student

literary fraternity, they cleaned and furnished the place

while Marion Allen carved special warding (protective)

signs over the wooden doors and windows. At the time, the

others were amused at such precautions.

A series of experiments, innocent and apparently ineffective

attempts to contact the spirit world, are then detailed.

An entry dated February of 1913 notes Marion Allen's

acquisition of an artifact, purportedly Egyptian, described

as a small sarcophagus of gold with a hinged lid. Inside was

a large piece of amber entrapping a specimen of some

unknown species of arthropod. Allen is excited. The box

corresponds to a description he found in an ordinary reference

volume in the Miskatonic University library

Allen says that in another book, a thick Latin tome titled *De*

*Vermiis Mysteriis,* is an explanation of some purported powers

of the box. The small animal trapped in the amber is said

to contain a friendly spirit and guide to the spirit world.

A date is set to conduct a ceremony intended to summon this

spirit creature—a Saturday night in the middle of March.

The next entry is reproduced as **Player Aid #1**. Hand a photocopy

to the player of the investigator reading the book.

The next entries are the names of those belonging to the

Dark Brotherhood, followed by the dates of their deaths, all

by the same hand, but in various inks.

**Robert Menkin, March 1900**

**Harold Copley, August 1900**

**Marion Allen, August 1901**

**Crawford Harris, January 1913**

**Cecil Jones, March 1924**

**Ronald Henesy —**

A small newspaper clipping, dated in August of 1901 , is

pasted next to the entry marking Marion Allen's death.

Hand the player a copy of **Player Aid #2**.

The last entry is reproduced as **Player Aid #3**. It is written

in a noticeably weaker hand, and the ink is quite fresh.



Archangele, Niger Angele

Lumen tuum super nos per velum mortis diffunde

Dum caelum adspicere novis liceat

"Archangel, Dark Angel Lend me thy light Through Death's veil 'Til we have Heaven in sight!"



 





