<u>Installing and Playing Dark Ages</u>

Each of the three *Dark Ages* volumes has been shipped to you in a compressed format, specifically, using PKWare's ZIP format. This has been done to keep the many files organized, since each volume of *Dark Ages* has over 20 separate files.

On the "*Dark Ages*" disk(s) you will find these three files:
DARKZIP1.EXE,   DARKZIP2.EXE,   DARKZIP3.EXE

(For those experienced with ZIP compression, these are "self-extracting" ZIP files, which means you don't need access to the PKUNZIP.EXE program to play these games.)

Installing Dark Ages if You have a Hard Disk

You should copy each of these files to your hard disk and type the name of the file to uncompress it. For example, you should copy DARKZIP1.EXE to your hard disk drive C:, then change your DOS prompt to drive C:, then type "DARKZIP1". This game file will then uncompress into at least 20 unique game files, which might take up to a minute. Once the file is uncompressed you can type "DA1" to play the game!

This simple procedure should be followed for the other two compressed *Dark Ages* files, DARKZIP2.EXE and DARKZIP3.EXE. You might want to make a unique directory for each of the three *Dark Ages* volumes on your hard disk, although this is not necessary. Once all three volumes have been "uncompressed" you can erase the compressed files. To start any of the three games, type "DA1", "DA2" or "DA3".

Installing Dark to a 3½" Disk, or a 1.2Meg 5¼" Disk.

If you don't have a hard drive, or you would prefer to play from a floppy disk, you can uncompress each of the three *Dark Ages* volumes on a separate floppy disk.

For example, copy the first compressed volume of *Dark Ages*, DARKZIP1.EXE, to your floppy disk. Then change your DOS prompt to that floppy disk and type "DARKZIP1". This will cause the many files associated with volume one of *Dark Ages* to uncompress on your floppy disk (may take one or two minutes). Once uncompressed, just type "DA1" to play the game.

You should then copy DARKZIP2.EXE and DARKZIP3.EXE each to a new blank floppy disk and follow the same instructions. Start these two games by typing "DA2" or "DA3", respectively.

NOTE: This procedure will not work with 360k 5¼" floppy disks.

If you are having any trouble with this procedure please call 1-800-852-5659 and ask for Scott Miller, he will be more than glad to guide you through this process. Please be at your computer, if possible, when you make this call. Thanks!