

## DARK ELF SHIELD AND BANNER DESIGNS

### DARK ELF ARMY STANDARD

Almost every Dark Elf follows an army standard into battle. The standard is carried by a Dark Elf champion who has proved his skill and ability in battle. Before and after each battle bloody and horrific sacrifices are performed before the army banner, which quickly becomes splattered with the blood of the mutilated victims. Terrifyingly, the blood is absorbed by the banner and disappears without a trace, as if the banner itself were drinking the blood of the sacrifices that are made to it.

The banner on the left depicts a stylised form of a Hag Queen performing a blood sacrifice on Death Night. In the background can be seen the huge cauldrons which are used to collect the victims' blood, and in which the Hag Queen will later bathe. The four runes at the bottom are corrupted versions of the High Elf runes *Thalui*, *Elthrai*, *Oriour* and *Urithair*, signifying hatred, doom, blood, and destruction respectively.

