The Ring of Guardianship



THE UNBROKEN CIRCLE • A LIFELONG PROMISE

Meaning & purpose

The Ring of Guardianship gathers several promises into one unbroken circle: the King's commitment to Her Royal Nuggetness, the continuity of his story, and the bond between what he holds in his heart and what he chooses to do with his hands.

Its first meaning returns to the beginning of the Guardianship. What began as a gift for one week, and was renewed for a second, became a friendship whose place in his life could no longer be measured in days. The Ring gives that enduring commitment a form. Its circle offers no appointed place at which the promise must end.

The unbroken band also represents continuity through change. The King has carried his title through the ending of one court and into the beginning of another chapter. Along that passage, people, circumstances and responsibilities have changed. The circle holds these chapters together, acknowledging that each belongs to the same life, and that what comes next is shaped by what has been carried forward.

Worn on the King's ring finger, it draws upon the old belief in the vena amoris: a vein said to lead directly to the heart. Within the symbolism of the Ring, this becomes a passage between feeling and action. Affection finds expression in presence; loyalty in keeping one's word; protection in the choices made when another person needs care.

The Ring therefore asks something of its wearer. Each time the King sees it upon his hand, he is reminded that a promise acquires its weight through the life lived around it. The circle may be complete, but the work of honouring it continues.

Through the work of the Royal Atelier, an unplanned second ring also came into being. It rests in waiting within the Royal Collection, at the King's disposal. Its purpose remains open, a further circle whose place in the continuing story has yet to be determined.

Among the regalia, the Ring holds the most personal office. The Crown declares his authority. The Orb represents his realm. The Sceptre guides his path. The Ring embodies his lifelong promise.

DESIGN & SYMBOLISM

THE UNBROKEN CIRCLE

The continuous band represents enduring commitment and the continuity of the King's story.

FORM & DETAIL

An ornate pointed face holds a green teardrop-shaped centre, bordered by small round green accents.

THE SHARED COLOURS

The green and purple finish connects the Ring with the Crown, Orb and Sceptre of Guardianship.

Catalogue illustration based on the photograph of the completed Ring.