The Sceptre of Guardianship



TWO VIEWS • PURPOSE, CONSCIENCE & THE UNFOLDING PATH

Meaning & purpose

The Sceptre of Guardianship represents the journey of a life and, in the King's hand, the unfolding course of his reign. Its length speaks of time: the distance already travelled, the present moment held within his grasp, and all that remains beyond his sight.

Twisting forms wind around its shaft, tracing a passage shaped by uncertainty, hardship, encounters and change. Within the Sceptre's symbolism, the path is already written by higher powers whose nature remains unnamed. Those who walk it must nevertheless choose their steps, their conduct and how they will treat the people they meet along the way.

Above this winding passage rests an eye-shaped crest, representing the mysterious powers beyond the traveller's understanding. It stands at the journey's furthest reach: a reminder that its destination may exist long before its meaning becomes clear.

Its upward reach also recalls the standards to which the King holds himself. Compassion, integrity and protection remain higher than his immediate wishes. His authority carries responsibility for the lives his choices touch.

The shifting green and purple unite the Sceptre with the Crown and Orb. The Crown represents the authority he holds; the Orb, his realm and subjects; the Sceptre, the purpose and conscience that must guide him through both his life and his reign.

The Sceptre also honours a young man whom the King held as a little brother, and whose life remains part of his own story. Along our path, we learn through the choices we make, the lives we touch and those who touch ours.

The King may not always be at his side, but he carries their bond, their time together and their shared moments with him on the road ahead. The young man, in turn, carries the lessons taught by the King as he walks his own path.

The King holds the Sceptre, but does not stand above what it represents.

DESIGN & SYMBOLISM

THE WINDING SHAFT

Life and reign unfold along a continuing path. Its twists recall uncertainty, encounters and change.

THE EYE-SHAPED CREST

At the journey's furthest reach, the crest represents the unnamed powers beyond our understanding.

THE SHARED COLOURS

The shifting green and purple finish unites the Sceptre with the Crown and Orb.

Two views of the same Sceptre. Catalogue illustration based on completed-object photographs.