



Royal Arch Masons of Eastern Ontario Cross-Cassibo Travelling Sceptre Program

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The Travelling Sceptre Program was created by R.Ex.Comp. Reginald Cross and V.Ex.Comp. Clarence Cassibo in 1981, when R.Ex.Comp. Cross was the Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District No.13 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario and V.Ex.Comp. Clarence Cassibo was the Grand Superintendent's Secretary.

The program was started to promote inter-chapter visitation between the Royal Arch Chapters of the district. At that time there were 12 chapters in Ottawa District No.13:

- Carleton Chapter No.16 (Ottawa)
- Granite Chapter No.61 (Almonte) (amalgamated with Maple in 1991)
- Bonnechere Chapter No.114 (Renfrew) (amalgamated with Laurentian in 1999)
- Maple Chapter No.116 (Carleton Place) (amalgamated with Granite in 1991)
- St. Francis Chapter No.133 (Smiths Falls) (amalgamated with Prince of Wales in 2009)
- Glengarry Chapter No.143 (Maxville) (went into darkness in ____)
- St. John's Chapter No.148 (Vankleek Hill)
- Laurentian Chapter No. 151 (Pembroke) (amalgamated with Bonnechere in 1999)
- Kitchener Chapter No.210 (Russell) (moved to Richmond in ____)
- Ottawa Chapter No.222 (Ottawa)
- Prince of Wales Chapter No.226 (Perth) (amalgamated with St. Francis in 2009)
- Dochert Chapter No.248 (Arnprior)

In April 2003 the Royal Arch Districts were re-aligned by Grand Chapter with several chapters being transferred to other districts. As a result it was decided to expand the Travelling Sceptre Program to include all the chapters in the re-aligned District Nos. 12 & 13. The following table highlights the results of the district re-alignment:

District No.12	District No.13
• Grenville Chapter No.22 (Prescott)	• Carleton Chapter No.16 (Ottawa)
• Sussex-St. Lawrence Chapter No.59 (Brockville)	• Maitland Chapter No.68 (Kemptville)
• Maple-Granite Chapter No.61 (Carleton Place)	• Covenant-St. John's Chapter No.113 (Cornwall)
• Sanhedrin Chapter No.114 (Renfrew)	• St. John's Chapter No.148 (Vankleek Hill)
• St. Francis Chapter No.133 (Smiths Falls)	• Kitchener Chapter No.210 (Richmond)
• Prince of Wales Chapter No.226 (Perth)	• Ottawa Chapter No.222 (Ottawa)
• Dochert Chapter No.248 (Arnprior)	
Notes: Granite Chapter No.61 and Maple Chapter No.116 amalgamated to form Maple-Granite Chapter No.61 Bonnechere Chapter No.114 and Laurentian Chapter No.151 amalgamated to form Sanhedrin Chapter No.114 Glengarry Chapter No.143 went into darkness Covenant-St. John's Chapter No.113 has since gone into darkness St. Francis Chapter No.133 and Prince of Wales Chapter No.226 have since amalgamated to form Prince of Wales Chapter No.133	

The Program artefacts include the Sceptre, a Storage Box and the Historical Record of the Sceptre's travels.

Both the original and current Sceptre and Storage Box were fabricated by V.Ex.Comp. Clarence Cassibo. The original Sceptre was short and was replaced by a longer version when V.Ex.Comp. Cassibo discovered that someone added a metal post to the bottom of the original Sceptre in order to make it easier to hold.

The program is currently administered by R.Ex.Comp. David B Lyon who replaced R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor as the Program Coordinator in 2004. The Coordinator's duties include preparing and publishing the Travelling Sceptre Schedule, ensuring that the artefacts are delivered as per the schedule and when necessary publishing changes to the schedule.