

## **Right Worshipful Brother Bob McBride (cv)**

R.W. Bro. McBride is a retired elementary public school teacher and a direct descendant of a number of United Empire Loyalists. Living with his wife Grietje on a 100-acre farm just east of Peterborough in a stone house built in 1854, they are the parents of three married daughters and have four grandchildren.

Bob began his teaching career in Bowmanville in 1969 where he became the Head of the Geography Department in a senior public school before being promoted to a position in the Board Office in Cobourg, in charge of the Gifted Education programme. He then became a principal of a school on the lakeshore before transferring to Campbellford where he taught for fourteen years, the last ten as teacher-librarian, before retiring in June 2001.

Bob has a Bachelor of Science degree from Trent University, Master of Education degree from Toronto University and a variety of specialist certificates in education from York University. Bob also taught a Gifted Education course for Queen's University.

He has on-going committee responsibilities in Keene United Church having served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards for nine years before joining the Property Committee.

Bob was the Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master for 2007 – 2008. He currently serves on two Grand Lodge committees, as the Assistant Editor of The Ontario Mason Magazine and as the Team Leader and Editor of the quarterly academic journal, Reflections. He is also a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

He is also the Editor of the semi-annual Peterborough District Masonic Newsletter and the monthly Peterborough District Beacon that currently is distributed to over 780 Masons throughout Ontario, across Canada and the United States, in the British Isles and as far away as Australia and New Zealand. Bob also serves as the Peterborough District Historian.

A Past President of the Otonabee Township Historical Society, Bob has written a large variety of academic historical papers that have been published in various venues.

Bob is a member of Kawartha Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. He joined in May 1993, was Branch President (2001 – 2003) and currently Branch Education Co-Chair with Grietje, a Branch Trustee and the Branch Constitution & By-laws Chairman. Bob is also a member of the Grand River Branch.

In June 2004 he became the Editor of the UELAC semi-annual 60-page magazine, The Loyalist Gazette. In July 2008, Bob was elected as the UELAC Central East Regional Vice-President, serving nine Branches, and was re-elected for a second term in June 2009. In October 2009, he was appointed by the UELAC Dominion Council to serve as Acting Senior Vice-President for the remainder of the 2009 – 2010 term. In this role, he is also the Chairman of the UELAC Finance Committee.