

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

UELAC Honorary Fellow

Nathan Tidridge MSM FRCGS

Nathan Tidridge's interest in Canadian history covers a wide range of historical eras and aspects. In addition to exploring and having examined the Loyalist period, his fields of expertise also include Indigenous Peoples, treaties with the Crown and subsequent relationships and, in particular, the Canadian Monarchy.

His website on the Canadian Crown is a plethora of information:

<https://www.canadiancrown.com/>

As a Canadian Monarchist, Nathan has been the Education Coordinator of the Monarchist League of Canada and has met with luminaries and dignitaries such as King Charles III and Queen Camilla, Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Her Excellency, the Right Honorable Mary May Simon, Governor-General of Canada, His Excellency, Whit Grant Fraser C.C., spouse of the Governor-General, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario as well as numerous former Vice Regals and representatives of the Canadian Monarchy.

Nathan has authored books, chapters, and many articles exploring the Crown in Canada, including its relationships with Indigenous Peoples, as well as Canadian identity and local history. One of his most important works, *The Queen at the Council Fire: The Treaty of Niagara, Reconciliation, and the Dignified Crown in Canada*, was launched by the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Nathan has been published in *The Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star*, *Maclean's Magazine*, *The Public Policy & Governance Review* and has appeared on a number of television and radio programs.

Nathan currently serves as vice president of the Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada (2005-present), advisor to the Princes Charities Canada/Princes Trust Canada and as a Keeper of the Chapel Royal Tobacco Beds. He has been involved with a number of Boards and committees including

the Flamborough Heritage Society (2005-present day), Ontario Heritage Trust (2015-2021, Chair of the Heritage Programs Committee 2017-2021), Magna Carta Canada Education Committee (2015), the Flamborough Grant of Arms Committee (2009-2011), and the Chapel Royal Committee at Massey College (2015 – 2021).

Nathan's profession as a Master History Teacher at Waterdown District High School teaching Civics, Treaty Studies, as well as Canadian and World History, provides him with a firm base to use his teaching credentials to open doors and venues not otherwise as readily available to non-teaching professionals.

Nathan's position as a Master educator established him as an ideal intermediary to the potential younger members the Association needed in order to survive.

His training in academia also makes him well suited to not only the study and discussion of history, but also as an accomplished and celebrated Canadian resource who has developed an impressive list of contacts as well as authored critically acclaimed bodies of work.

As a valuable individual, Nathan unquestionably, added a great deal of visibility to the Association. Perhaps an asset of immeasurable value would be Nathan's daily connection to young people. His past experience as Education Coordinator for the Monarchist League could offer answers that have so far, eluded efforts to make inroads with potential young members.

Nathan was the Keynote Speaker at the 2013 UELAC Conference Gala Banquet at Burlington, Ontario, featuring a multimedia presentation and again at the 2023 UELAC Conference in Richmond/Vancouver, he presented a Hybrid Presentation. He offers these services to the Association, free of charge... a magnanimous gesture and one that needs to be emphasized.

- Nathan Tidridge represents the spirit of intent of the Honorary Fellow designation. Indeed, he is a kindred spirit in many aspects of the Association.

- His knowledge, interest, expertise, enthusiasm, and willingness to give of himself embody the qualities the UELAC seeks to find within its membership.
- Nathan's civic visibility and community involvement would all but guarantee he wouldn't merely be another faceless name on Association rosters... one who few have heard of and even fewer have seen.
- Far from a sincere gesture of honour, Nathan's involvement as an Honorary Fellow has been a source of inspiration and optimism. His approachability and relaxed mannerism instantly, place one at ease.
- One would be hard pressed to find a more fitting example of the definition of Honorary Fellow.



Compiled:

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