

Society Welcomes New Daughters of 1812 Chapter, August 27, 2018

Two members of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Dick Fickling and Mike Lyman attend the chartering ceremony of the Rappahannock Chapter of the U.S. Daughters of 1812. It was held August 27th at the Historic Christ Church in Irvington. The chapters area includes the Northern Neck counties. Dick Fickling provided photographic services. The newspaper, Rappahannock Record shows an article regarding the event.

Daughters of 1812 Chapter is chartered in the Northern Neck

KILMARNOCK—The Rappahannock Chapter #493 of the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 (USD1812) was chartered during a ceremony Monday, August 27, at the Historic Christ Church in Weems.

Chapter president Jo Ann Fickling welcomed all the members, prospective members and guests before thanking many for all the support and hard work required to make the day possible, reported publicity coordinator Susan Hudson.

Special guests included USD1812 Virginia state president Cynthia Steinbach, Foundation for Historic Christ Church education director and curator Robert Teagle, Society of the War of 1812 representatives Mike Lyman and Dick Fickling and Lancaster Virginia Historical Society director Karen Hart.

Following lunch in the Bayne Center, members and guests walked over to Christ Church for the installation ceremony officiated by Steinbach. She installed the chapter #493 officers and welcomed 22 new members to the USD1812. The officers are president Jo Ann Fickling, vice president Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, registrar Dinah Balderson, treasurer Carolyn Cook, recording secretary Hudson, assistant registrar Kathy Schultz and chaplain Martha Cameron.

The chartering members also include Virginia Burgess, Janet Cockrell, Hilary Derby, Patricia Haile, Laura Hazel, Melinda May, Anita Tadlock, Michele



From left, Virginia state president Cynthia Steinbach and Rappahannock Chapter #493 president Jo Ann Fickling present the chapter's official charter.

Tucker, Dorothy Vallone, Jean Ward, Ginevra Wolfinger and three sisters, Irene Walker, Shelva Gaskins and Madeline Withers. Missing from the ceremony were chartering members Marsha Benya, Judith Degen and Lee Casazza.

A short business meeting was held to vote on chapter bylaws and to discuss plans to have the first USD1812 community presence September 15 at the Heathsville Farmers Market. Members agreed it would be a wonderful opportunity to distribute information about the society.

USD1812 was founded in 1892 with the purpose to promote patriotism, preserve and increase knowledge of the history of the American people. This is accomplished by preserving documents

and relics, marking of historic spots, recording family histories and traditions, celebrating patriotic anniversaries, emphasizing heroic deeds of the civil, military and naval life of those who molded this government between the close of the American Revolution to the close of the War of 1812.

Membership is available to women ages 18 and older who can offer satisfactory proof that they are lineal descendants of an ancestor who, during the period of 1784-1815, rendered civil, military, or naval service to our country, rendered material aid to the U.S. Army or Navy, or who participated in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. If lineage cannot be established, there is still an opportunity to join the Chapter and participate in the activities as an associate. Call 438-6276.