



STAY SAFE + HEALTHY, NC NOTARIES!



* * NOTARY FLASHBACK * *

Oh, wow! One of our notaries posted this picture in our NC Notary Facebook Group, and when I saw it, it brought back so many memories about our notary program.

This is a picture of me and Ozie Stallworth, the Director of Electronic Notarization and Notary Enforcement, with some of our great notary instructors. I have no idea when it was taken, but it made me smile thinking how much our program has grown and how much of an impact each and every one of you make in our state.

I can proudly boast that we have 152,581 commissioned notaries and 3,481 commissioned e-notaries all across the state.

Notaries, you already know this, but you all are on the front line of defense again document fraud and attempts at forgery. Your work is extremely crucial to the economic environment of our state. I want to take this opportunity to say *thank you*.

As a notary myself, I am aware of how important this office is. Some of you are newly commissioned, while others have been notaries for years. Regardless of your tenure, each of you play a key role in business transactions involving domestic and international commerce for North Carolina.

This is why over the last couple of years, we have been increasing the resources and offerings to help you do your job efficiently and accurately. If you need assistance, you may reach out to us at notary@sosnc.gov or call us at 919-814-5400. We are always here to help.

So what's next? We have a lot of great things planned for this year and next:

- More Notary Fireside Chats
- Videos on a variety of different notarial topics
- Facebook Live Events

In the meantime, you can find great information here:

- The 2016 NC Notary Public Manual
- Monthly Newsletter Archives which can be found here:
https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/notary/newsletter_archive

I also want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe **Memorial Day** on Monday. Since it's the unofficial start of summer, many of you cannot wait to travel or do something fun at home this weekend. This time last year, we were heavy in the pandemic, so things looked a little different. Whatever you do, please stay safe.

Remember Memorial Day is a day to honor all of the men and women of our military who've sacrificed their lives in service. Let's all pause to honor their service and sacrifice.

Elaine J. Marshall

If you have any questions for us, please reach out to the Department at notary@sosnc.gov. We are always happy to help.



Remote Online Notarization Update

As we have discussed in this newsletter on multiple occasions, the Secretary of State's Office has been working with and providing technical support to a stakeholder group working on making a remote online notarization (RON) law permanent. The current emergency video notarization law has been extended through December 31st of this year.

The House version of the permanent Remote Online Notarization bill passed the House earlier this month.

House Bill 776 now goes to the Senate for consideration. The Senate has its own version which is very different, Senate Bill 680. We will keep you up-to-date on what gets negotiated between the two chambers.



eNotary Classes Available at Community Colleges

Notaries, many of you have inquired about opportunities to become electronic notaries. Here's a list of the educational institutions in North Carolina currently

offering eNotary classes:

AB Tech CC
Alamance CC
Beaufort CC
Blue Ridge CC
Brunswick CC
Cape Fear CC
Catawba Valley CC
Central Carolina CC
Central Piedmont CC

Coastal Carolina CC
Craven CC
Davidson County CC
Fayetteville CC
Forsyth Tech CC
Gaston CC
Guilford CC
Haywood CC
Johnston Tech CC

Lenoir CC
Mitchell CC
Pitt CC
Rockingham CC
Rowan Cabarrus CC
Sandhills CC
Southwest CC
Surry CC
Wake Tech CC



Fast Five Q & A

Q: My notary commission is up at the end of this year. Will I get any notification from the Secretary of State's Office reminding me to reapply?

The answer is no. As a notary, you may start the re-commissioning process 10 weeks prior to your commission expiration date, but you will not receive any type of reminder information from our Office. See page 14 in the 2016 North Carolina Notary Public Manual regarding the process for re-commissioning.

Q: Here's one of the many DMV questions that we regularly receive from our notaries. What are the six items that constitute a proper assignment of a title document?

Buyer's name and address
Date of delivery of vehicle to buyer
Odometer reading and certification (10 years old or newer)
Seller's signature in Section A
Notarization
Damage disclosure statement

Q. From our email account: How can I change my contact information with the Secretary of State's Office?

A notary can change his or her address (residence, business or other), telephone number, email address, or employer information by sending the Department a completed Name/Address Change form found here: www.sosnc.gov/forms/by_title/notary.

Q: From the Facebook group: How many chances do I have to take the online test if I do not pass it the first time?

We hope you pass the first time, but if you do not, you do have three chances to pass within 30 days of the first time you attempted to take the test. If you fail the third time, you will be required to go back to take the notary public course and pass the written final exam with a score of at least 80 percent.

Q: Another popular question: Am I allowed to record the signer's driver's license number in my journal entry?

The answer is yes, you may record the signer's driver's license number. However, do NOT record his/her credit card or Social Security numbers.

Do you have a question that you'd like us to answer for the **Fast Five**? Please send in your tips, practice ideas, and questions for us at notarynews@sosnc.gov.



COVID-19 + Notaries

Sunset for Emergency Video Notarizations Has Been Extended:

The sunset date for conducting emergency video notarizations is now December 31, 2021.

Register of Deeds Offices:

Notaries must contact the Register of Deeds Office in their county of residence about their hours of operation during the coronavirus pandemic. Some of these offices are accepting walk-ins while others are requiring appointments.



NC Notary Facebook Group

Have you joined our notary Facebook group yet?

The North Carolina Notary Network

Well, what are you waiting for? More than 8,628 notaries around the state are in the group. If you haven't joined yet, click the link and come on in!

The purpose of the group is to connect NC notaries as well as give notaries an opportunity to share information, tips and ideas with one another.

When answering questions for fellow notaries, we encourage sharing page numbers, statutes or even pictures of citations from the 2016 NC Notary Public Manual.

Click [here](#) to join today!



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY?

(Thanks to AARP for this Memorial Day quiz. The answers will be featured in the June newsletter)

On Memorial Day, U.S. flags are to be flown at half-staff until:

- A. 10 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 4 p.m.
- D. Sunset

When was Memorial Day moved from May 30 to the last Monday in May?

- A. 1925
- B. 1946
- C. 1971
- D. 1980

Which of these memorials to the fallen was the first to be established on Washington's National Mall?

- A. National World II Memorial
- B. Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- C. Korean War Veterans Memorial
- D. Vietnam Women's Memorial

Which of these major sporting events traditionally takes place every Memorial Day weekend?

- A. Indianapolis 500
- B. Belmont Stakes
- C. U.S. Open Tennis Championships
- D. NBA Finals

Which woman served as a battlefield nurse during the Civil War, earning the nickname "Angel of the Battlefield," and founded the American Red Cross in 1881?

- A. Dorothea Dix
- B. Clara Barton
- C. Cornelia Hancock
- D. Louisa May Alcott



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