



April, 2023

Save the date! For the 4th ANNUAL

eMortgage Closing

CONFERENCE

October 24th & 25th
Greensboro, NC
Grandover Resort & Spa

Kari Syles
Conference Chair

Elaine F Marshall
NC Secretary of State

Presented by the Department of the NC Secretary of State

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Save the Date, Notaries!

I want to personally invite you to join us at the Fourth Annual eMortgage conference this October in Greensboro! Can you believe we are on number four?

I was pleased to meet so many of you last year in Charlotte and look forward to you joining us at the Grandover Hotel on October 24 and 25.

Last year's conference was a success, and we have YOU to thank for it! Look for more content regarding eMortgage strategies.

Registration opens **THIS MONTH** on our website (with a tentative agenda), and we encourage everyone to make their hotel reservations at the Grandover as our room block will sell out quickly. We have negotiated a great rate of \$229 per night, and we will provide a list of local hotels in the area as well.

We are bringing the fun to the conference too by hosting a "playdate" on October 23 for those who want to enjoy all of the amenities that the Grandover has to offer. Look for more details about this day over the next couple of months.

If you have any questions, email us at conf@sosnc.gov.

See you in Greensboro!

Elaine F. Marshall

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Notary Chats

with
Secretary Marshall
& Ozie

Notary Chat: Durham, NC
Thursday, April 27
BULL CITY, you are up next!

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and Ozie Stallworth (Director of Electronic Notarization and Enforcement) are bringing the sixth NOTARY CHAT to Durham.

Although these *in-person* events are **FREE**, registration is required due to space constraints.

The next Notary Chat will be held on **Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 pm on Durham Technical Community College's Main Campus**. Thank you to Durham Technical Community College for allowing us to use your space.

Click [here](#) to register for this event.



EVN Is Back and REN Is On The Way

With the signing of House Bill 776 into law, Emergency Video Notarization (EVN) is restored until the end of June while work on Remote Electronic Notarization (REN) rules are underway. In the meantime, here is what you need to know now:

- **Emergency Video Notarizations** have resumed as a stop-gap measure to allow video notarizations while permanent REN procedures are being put in place. *EVN expires on June 30, 2023 at 12:01am. The General Assembly is considering another extension until permanent rules are adopted for REN, which will happen after the deadline expires.*
- There are new or increased fees that notaries public across the state can charge now. The maximum fee that can be charged per principal signature is now \$10 for acknowledgments, jurats, and verifications or proofs. For oaths or affirmations without a signature, the maximum fee is now \$10 per person, except for the identity of a principal or subscribing witness. The fee for electronic notarizations under G.S. 10B-188 is \$15.

- For any notarial act under 10B, actual mileage at the current federal mileage rate can be charged if the travel reimbursement is agreed to by the principal in writing prior to travel. (The State of NC uses the current federal mileage rate of 62.5 cents per mile.)
- The new Remote Electronic Notarization fee will be \$25 per principal signature when REN becomes effective.

There are a lot of things that the Secretary of State's Office will have to work out over the coming months to get ready for REN. We are asking for your patience as we navigate this new law, and we are excited about the new opportunities that REN will open up for our notaries and our state.

Here is a link to EVN resources available on our website: [North Carolina Secretary of State Notary Emergency Video Notarization \(sosnc.gov\)](https://www.sosnc.gov/Secretary-of-State-Notary-Emergency-Video-Notarization)

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Fast Five Q&A

Q: From our FB Group: Someone contacted me asking if I can notarize a health POA for her mother. Her mother is over 80 years old and has an expired ID card. I do not know her. How can I help them get this document notarized?

You may be able to notarize this document if you involve a credible witness. Remember that a credible witness is an individual who knows both you AND the principal. You will also give the credible witness an affirmation or oath.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the credible witness is trustworthy and reliable. Also, the credible witness must be completely impartial, meaning they will not benefit from the transaction. Be sure to record the fact that you used a credible witness in your journal.

Q: From our FB Group: It's time for me to renew being a notary. Can I take the notary class again?

Although not required, we know there are notaries who will take the notary class as a refresher when it is time to renew their commission, which is encouraged. However, renewing notaries are only required to pass the online examination when it is time to renew their commission.

Here are the steps to renew your notary commission (which includes taking and passing the online exam with 80% or better):

https://www.sosnc.gov/Online_Services/Account/Sign_In?ReturnUrl=%2Fonline_services%2Fnotary%2Freappointment

Q: From our FB Group: When I pressed my stamp on the document, I didn't get a good ink impression. Was it okay that I just stamped it again?

You can stamp the document again above or below the illegible impression. Just make sure you don't do it on top of the first impression.

Generally it will be clear to the recipient why the second impression was

needed. If a seal has not been used for an extended period of time, you may want to make an impression on a "Practice Page" in your journal to ensure that the ink is flowing through the seal prior to stamping the notarial certificate.

Q: From our notary chat: what types of IDs can I use as satisfactory evidence?

The identification card must be current and issued by a federal, state or state-recognized tribal government agency bearing the photographic image of the individual's face and either the signature or a physical description of the individual.

If the ID does not meet each of these requirements, then it cannot be used to establish the identity of the principal.

Q: From our email: When I was first commissioned, I lived and worked in Kannapolis (Cabarrus County). I have since moved to Salisbury (Rowan County). I still work in Kannapolis and use my privileges here at work. Do I need to change my status to Rowan County?

No, not at this time. All you need to do is notify the notary division of your change in county. When it is time for your reappointment, you will complete a new application listing your new county of residence where you will take your new oath of office.

You will need to obtain a new seal that reflects your new county and send your old seal back to us for destruction at the following address:

NC Department of the Secretary of State
Attn: Notary Public Section
PO Box 29626
Raleigh, North Carolina 27626-0626

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.

Get To "Know" Our Notaries!

Notaries, we know you are doing great things all over North Carolina, and we want everyone else to know it too. Every month, we will feature our notaries (as long as we have submissions). We want to feature YOU!

We'll make it super easy. Just send us a picture of yourself, along with your name, where you are from, the number of years (or months) you have been a commissioned notary, and one fun fact that you want us to know about you.

Email us at notarynews@sosnc.gov.



Teyon Cox
Lincoln County

*She has been a
commissioned notary
since 2022*

Teyon said she wanted 7



Jeanette Sturdivant
Guilford County

*She has been a
commissioned notary
for more than 24 years*

Jeanette is retired. This NC

children. She has been blessed with four children and three grandchildren.



Maureen Davis
Mecklenburg County

She has been a notary for more than 36 years

Everyone calls her "Reenie". The graduate of Liberty University enjoys researching her ancestry. Reenie is a descendant of the 8th US President Martin Van Buren.

A&T State University Aggie alumna loves high school, college and the NFL football season.



Patricia A. Clay
Gaston County

Patricia has been a notary since 2011

She loves popcorn and still cooks it on the stove using different seasonings.



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 16,053 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 to 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!





Spring Cleaning Checklist

We know many of you (and us) hated doing chores as children, but you must admit - there's something therapeutic about spring cleaning.

The fresh clean smells, the newness all over the house, and finally getting all that clutter off the floor (after 6 months of looking at the same pile every day) is sooooo worth it!

Here are some areas for you and your family to hit to get your home in tip-top shape. Divide up the work, and go!

Kitchen - Clean stovetop, oven and microwave
Clean out refrigerator
Dust off high surfaces
Discard old food from the refrigerator

Dining Room - Dust and polish furniture
Clean light fixtures
Clean or vacuum curtains
Wipe baseboards

Bedroom - Organize closets and drawers
Clean window sills
Vacuum floors (remove everything under the bed)

Living Room - Wash blankets and pillows
Clean ceiling fans
Vacuum furniture

Bathroom - Clean tub and shower
Clean toilet
Replace shower liner
Discard expired medicine

Entire House - Replace lightbulbs
Clean light fixtures
Sanitize door handles
Change air filters



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