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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Under**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**SECURITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Utah**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**87-0745941**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**5300 South 360 West, Suite 250  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84123**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**2013 Amended Stock Option and Other Equity Incentive Awards Plan**  
(Full title of the Plan)

**Scott M. Quist  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
5300 South 360 West, Suite 250  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84123  
(801) 264-1060**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**Copy to:**

**Randall A. Mackey, Esq.  
Mackey Price & Mecham  
57 West 200 South, Suite 350  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101  
(801) 575-5000**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. (check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A common stock, par value \$2.00 per share				
2013 Stock Option Plan	900,000	\$ 5.79	\$ 5,211,000	\$ 524.75

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant's Class A common stock that become issuable under the 2013 Amended Stock Option and other Equity Incentive Awards Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of Registrant's outstanding shares of Class A common stock.
- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and (h) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, based upon the average of the high and low prices of Registrant's Class A common stock as reported on the NASDAQ National Market on September 2, 2016.

## Explanatory Note

Security National Financial Corporation (the "Company") is registering 900,000 shares of the Class A common stock for issuance under the Security National Financial Corporation 2013 Amended Stock Option and Other Equity Incentive Awards Plan (the "2013 Plan"), with the filing of the Form S-8 Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement"). The Company's stockholders approved the 2013 Plan at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 23, 2013.

### PART I

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

##### Item 1. Plan Information\*

##### Item 2. Registration Information and Employee Plan Annual Information

\* The prospectus containing information required by Part I of Form S-8 and related to this Registration Statement is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with the note to Part I of Form S-8. The Company will send or give to each participant in the 2013 Plan a copy of the prospectus or documents containing information specified in Part 1 of Form S-8, as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the prospectus for the 2013 Plan is not being filed with or included in this Registration Statement. The prospectus for the 2013 Plan and the documents incorporate by reference into this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, each constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

### PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

##### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference in this Form S-8 Registration Statement:

- (a) The Registrant's Report on Form 8-K, as filed on January 13, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341).
- (b) The Registrant's Report on Form 8-K, as filed on March 21, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341).
- (c) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, as filed on March 30, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341).
- (d) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, as filed on May 16, 2016 (SEC File 000-09341).
- (e) The Registrant's Schedule 14A Preliminary Proxy Statement, as filed on May 18, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341).
- (f) The Registrant's Schedule 14A Definitive Proxy Statement, as filed on June 1, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341)
- (g) The Registrant's Report on Form 8-K, as filed on July 11, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341).
- (h) The Registrant's Report on Form 8-K, as filed on July 19, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341).
- (i) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, as filed on August 15, 2016 (SEC File No. 000-09341).
- (j) The description of the Company's Class A common stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, as filed on September 29, 1987 (SEC File No. 33-15248).

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") on or after the date of this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with the rules of the Commission shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Article XIV of the Registrant's Articles of Amendment and Restatement to the Articles of Incorporation and Article 8 of Registrant's Amended Bylaws and in accordance with Section 16-10a-901 et seq. of the Utah Revised Business Corporation Act, provide that Registrant may, to the fullest extent and in the manner permitted by the Utah Revised Business Corporation Act, indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because he is or was a director of Registrant, against liability incurred in any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal, if the individual's conduct was in good faith, he reasonably believed that his conduct was in, or not opposed to, the Registrant's best interests, and, in the case of any criminal proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The liability against which indemnification is applicable is the liability incurred with respect to a proceeding to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine (including an excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan), or reasonable expenses. The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent is not, of itself, determinative that the individual's conduct was not in good faith, that the individual did not reasonably believe that his conduct was in, or not opposed to, Registrant's best interests or that, in the case of any criminal proceeding, the individual had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Registrant may also indemnify an officer who is not a director, if not inconsistent with public policy, and if provided for by its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, Amended Bylaws, or general or specific action of its Board of Directors, or contract.

Registrant may not indemnify an individual unless authorized and a determination is made in the specific case that indemnification of the individual is permissible in the circumstances because his conduct was in good faith, he reasonably believed that his conduct was in, or not opposed to Registrant's best interests, and, in the case of any criminal proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Registrant may pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by an individual who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding if (1) the individual furnishes Registrant a written affirmation of his good faith belief that his conduct was in good faith, that he reasonably believed that his conduct was in, or not opposed to Registrant's best interests, and, in the case of any criminal proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; and (2) he individual furnishes to Registrant a written undertaking, executed personally or on his behalf, to repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that he did not meet the standard of conduct referenced in part (1) of this sentence. In addition to the individual furnishing the aforementioned written affirmation and undertaking, for Registrant to advance expenses, the determination must also be made that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification.

All determinations relative to indemnification must be made as follows: (1) by the Board of Directors of Registrant by a majority vote of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, and only those directors not parties to the proceeding shall be counted in satisfying the quorum; or (2) if a quorum cannot be obtained as contemplated in part (1) of this sentence, by a majority vote of a committee of the Board of Directors designated by the Board of Directors of Registrant, which committee shall consist of two or more directors not parties to the proceeding, except that directors who are parties to the proceeding may participate in the designation of directors for the committee; or (3) by special legal counsel selected by the Board of Directors or its committee in the manner prescribed in part (1) or (2) of this sentence (however, if a quorum of the Board of Directors cannot be obtained under part (1) of this sentence and a committee cannot be designated under part (2) of this sentence then a special legal counsel shall be selected by a majority vote of the full Board of Directors, in which selection directors who are parties to the proceeding may participate); or (4) by shareholders, by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of qualified shares present in person or by proxy at a meeting.

**Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed**

Not applicable.

## Item 8. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this Registration Statement:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement to the Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Schedule 14A Definitive Proxy Statement, as filed on August 15, 2016, SEC File No. 000-09341).
3.2	Amended Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Registrant's Form 8-K, as filed on December 13, 2013, SEC File No. 000-09341).
4.1	Specimen Certificate of Class A Common Stock, \$2.00 par value (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, as filed on September 29, 1987, SEC File No. 33-15248).
5.1	Opinion of Mackey Price & Mecham P.C., as to legality (including consent).
23.1	Consent of Eide Bailly LLP.
23.2	Consent of Mackey Price & Mecham, P.C. (Included in Exhibit 5.1 above).
24.1	Power of Attorney (see page II - 6).
99.1	Security National Financial Corporation 2013 Amended Stock Option and Other Equity Incentive Awards Plan (incorporated by reference to the Exhibit to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, as filed on August 5, 2016, SEC. File No. 000-09341).

## Item 9. Undertakings

(A) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement.

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (A)(1)(i) and (A)(1)(ii) shall not apply of the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs that is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(B) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(C) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Salt Lake City, State of Utah, on the 6th day of September, 2016.

Security National Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Scott M. Quist  
Scott M. Quist, Chairman, President  
and Chief Executive Office

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Scott M. Quist</u> Scott M. Quist	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ Jason G. Overbaugh</u> Jason G. Overbaugh	Vice President, National Market Director of Life Insurance, and Director	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ S. Andrew Quist</u> S. Andrew Quist	Vice President, Associate General Counsel, and Director	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ John L. Cook</u> John L. Cook	Director	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ Gilbert A. Fuller</u> Gilbert A. Fuller	Director	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ Robert G. Hunter</u> Robert G. Hunter	Director	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ H. Craig Moody</u> H. Craig Moody	Director	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ Norman G. Wilbur</u> Norman G. Wilbur	Director	September 6, 2016
<u>/s/ Garrett S. Sill</u> Garrett S. Sill	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	September 6, 2016

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September 6, 2016

United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporate Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Security National Financial Corporation Form S-8 Registration Statement Relating to 900,000 Shares of Class A Common Stock

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As counsel for Security National Financial Corporation, a Utah corporation, in connection with the proposed registration of 900,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, \$2.00 par value per share, it is our opinion that the securities being registered will, when issued, be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable. We consent to the inclusion of our opinion as an Exhibit to the Registration Statement of Security National Financial Corporation on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Mackey Price & Meham  
Mackey Price & Meham

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**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated March 30, 2016, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Security National Financial Corporation that appear in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

/s/ Eide Bailly LLP

Salt Lake City, Utah  
September 6, 2016

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Consent of Mackey Price & Mecham is included in the Opinion of Mackey Price & Mecham in Exhibit 5.1 above.

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