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Saturday, January 20, 2018

To: All Symbolic Lodges and Chapters of the Order:

EDICT: #001-012018-OS

**RE: Required Grand Lodge Criminal History
Review of all “NEW” Candidates.**

INTRODUCTION

As Master Masons, we’re charged both to insure that
“...*the honor, glory and reputation of the institution may
be firmly established and the world at large convinced of
its good effects,*” and “*To preserve the reputation of the
Fraternity unsullied...*”

Being a member of the Masonic Fraternity is both an
honor and a privilege. As such, the institution must be
protected from those that have demonstrated serious
breach of our social contract(s).

WHEREAS, acceptance of a candidate possessing a
serious criminal history generally brings shame upon the
Craft and specifically onto this Grand Lodge,

WHEREAS, Mackey’s Jurisprudence of Freemasonry
states, “...*he who desires to become a Freemason, must
first be qualified for initiation by a faithful observance of
all those principles of morality and virtue...*” (Mackey,
Robert and Louis 55)

WHEREAS, Article II - Grand Master’s Duties, Page 1 of
The Most Worshipful Sons of Light Grand Lodge
A.F.&A.M. Jurisdiction of California, Inc., Bylaws states,
in part, “...*He can issue dispensations and edicts for
making candidates...*”

WHEREAS, after an extended, careful discussion and
majority approval of the Board of Directors of The Most
Worshipful Sons of Light Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M.,
Jurisdiction of California during meeting held Saturday,
January 20, 2018,



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BE IT RESOLVED, effective Thursday, March 1, 2018, all new candidates for membership into The Most Worshipful Sons of Light Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M., Jurisdiction of California, Inc., **AND** Queen Adah Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be required to undergo a preliminary criminal history review at a cost to the candidate, not to exceed \$25.00 (*nonrefundable*), payable to: "Most Worshipful Sons of Light Grand Lodge,"

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, during the 30-day investigation period after petition has been received and assigned to committee, all Lodges and Chapters working under Charter or Dispensation must first obtain criminal background clearance, via form to be provided, prior to final balloting of any new candidate,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, applicants for membership may be denied candidacy, by the Office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, based on an adverse criminal record report.

Given under my hand and I have set my seal as the Most Worshipful Grand Master this 20th Day of January, 2018 Anno Domini 6018 Anno Lucis

So Ordered,

**Hon. Omar H. Scaife, 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master**

