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February 17, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 17, 2004

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-10890 (State of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer

37-0911756 Identification No.)

1 Horace Mann Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62715-0001 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 217-789-2500

Forward-looking Information

Statements included in the accompanying press release that state Horace Mann Educators Corporation's (the "Company") or its management's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions of future events or the Company's future financial performance are forward-looking statements and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. It is important to note that the Company's actual results could differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements is contained from time to time in the Company's public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

- Item 7: Financial Statements and Exhibits
 - (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press release dated February 17, 2004 reporting financial results for the three and twelve month periods ended December 31, 2003.
- Item 12: Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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On February 17, 2004, Horace Mann Educators Corporation issued a press release reporting its financial results for the three and twelve month periods ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Bret A. Conklin

Name: Bret A. Conklin

Title: Senior Vice President & Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: February 17, 2004

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