

Crawford Frederick John
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

^ Crawford Frederick John

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CENTRE SQUARE WEST
 TOWER, ^ 1500 MARKET
 STREET, SUITE 3900

(Street)

PHILADELPHIA, ^ PA ^ 19102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/18/2004

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP [LNC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Vice President & Treasurer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	4,469	D	^
Common Stock	1,843.75	I	By 401(k) plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	03/08/2011	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 43.48	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	03/14/2012	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 52.1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Crawford Frederick John CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102	Â	Â	Â Vice President & Treasurer	Â

Signatures

Charles A. Brawley, POA for Frederick J. Crawford 11/23/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option is exercisable in four equal annual installments, which began on 3/8/2002.
- (2) The option is exercisable in four equal annual installments, which began on 3/14/2003.

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