

DROSDICK JOHN G  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DROSDICK JOHN G

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

CENTRE SQUARE WEST  
TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,  
SUITE 3900

(Street)

4. 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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		2,415.09	A	\$ 0
							7,933.28
Common Stock	05/12/2005		D		2,415.09	D	\$ 43.45
							5,518.19
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		2,394.07	A	\$ 0
							7,912.26
Common Stock	05/12/2005		D		2,394.07	D	\$ 43.45
							5,518.19
	05/12/2005		M		3,741.7	A	
							9,259.89

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Common Stock					\$			
					43.45			
Common Stock	05/12/2005		A	212.45	A	\$	9,472.34	D
					43.45			

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (DVSP Service)	(1)	05/12/2005		M	2,415.09	05/12/2005 05/12/2005	Common Stock 2,415
Phantom Stock (DVSP Incentive)	(1)	05/12/2005		M	2,394.07	05/12/2005 05/12/2005	Common Stock 2,394
Phantom Stock (Voluntary Deferral of Retainer Fees)	(1)	05/12/2005		M	3,741.7	05/12/2005 05/12/2005	Common Stock 3,741

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DROSDICK JOHN G CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102	X

## Signatures

Dennis L. Schoff,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).

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