

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Crawford Frederick John

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2007

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & CFO

(Street)
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2007		A	16,801 (1)	\$ 0 35,016.01	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2007		F	7,170	\$ 0 27,846.01 (2)	D	
Common Stock					2,909 (3)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					1,073.84	I	By Trust

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 70.66	02/22/2007		A	52,326	02/22/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/22/2017	Common Stock	52,326

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Crawford Frederick John CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102			SVP & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Charles A. Brawley, III,
Attorney-in-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

02/23/2007
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).
- (1) Represents settlement of long-term incentive awards for the 2004-2006 performance cycle.
- (2) Includes 177.79 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 6/1/06 to 2/1/07.
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2008.

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