

Freitag Randal J
Form 4
May 16, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Freitag Randal J

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)
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/14/2012

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

RADNOR, PA 19087

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(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 Indirect (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/14/2012		F	925 ⁽¹⁾ A	\$ 23.43	33,391.44 ⁽²⁾ D	
Common Stock					647.56 ⁽³⁾	I	By 401(k)

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

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(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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Freitag Randal J 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087			EVP & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Charles A. Brawley, III,
Attorney-in-Fact
05/16/2012

__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).

- (1) Tax withholding upon vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) Includes 104.99 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 3/1/2012 to 5/1/2012.

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