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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION									OMB AF	PROVAL	
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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BARRETT J PATRICK			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) 12/30/2005			_	X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
(Street) 4. If a				ed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-J	Derivative S	ecuriti	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		n Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		of (D		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/30/2005			Code V A	Amount 1,031.49 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 53.03	(Instr. 3 and 4) 27,645.02 (2)	D		

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Tit Amou Undez Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BARRETT J PATRICK CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ Dennis L. Schoff, Attorney-in-Fact	01/0)3/2006						
** Signature of Reporting Person	I	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) Quarterly payment of board retainer and fees in shares of phantom stock accrued under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan"), which are payable solely in shares of the Company's common stock at resignation or retirement.
- (2) Includes 112.97 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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