LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP Form 8-K February 28, 2006

#### UNITED STATES

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 27, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

# **Lincoln National Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana (State or other jurisdiction

1-6028 (Commission 35-1140070 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)
1500 Market Street, West Tower, Suite 3900, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102-2112

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(215) 448-1400

(Registrant s telephone number)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- x Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 27, 2006, Lincoln National Corporation ( LNC ) and Jefferson-Pilot Corporation ( Jefferson-Pilot ) distributed to Jefferson-Pilot s shareholders the attached Form of Election and Letter of Transmittal and related materials in connection with the merger of Jefferson-Pilot into a subsidiary of LNC. The transaction is subject to required regulatory approvals, the applicable approvals of LNC and Jefferson-Pilot shareholders and customary closing conditions, and is expected to close in early April 2006.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are included with this Form 8-K.

#### Exhibit

#### Number Description

99.1 Form of Election and Letter of Transmittal and related materials.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION

By /s/ Douglas N. Miller Name: Douglas N. Miller

Title: Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: February 27, 2006

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