KONEN MARK E

Form 4

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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 *

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

KONEN MARK E

Symbol LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[LNC]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director _X__ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner _Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD 02/22/2012

(Middle)

President - Ins. Sol. and Ann. 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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RADNOR, PA 19087

Stock

(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		Code V	Amount 16,772 (1)	or (D)	Price \$ 0	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 169,314.68 (2)	D	
Common Stock							5,392.94 (3)	I	By 401(k)
Common							441	I	By child

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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 onDerivative 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 Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.99	02/22/2012		A	61,855	02/22/2013(4)	02/22/2022	Common Stock	61,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KONEN MARK E 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087

President - Ins. Sol. and Ann.

Signatures

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

02/24/2012

**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) Grant of restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive shares of LNC common Stock. The restricted stock units vest on February 22, 2015.
- (2) Includes 685.1 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 9/1/2011 to 2/1/2012.
- (4) The option vests ratably over 3 years beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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