# 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

October 19, 2004

# **FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-010587 (Commission 23-2195389 (IRS Employer

 $of\ Incorporation)$ 

File Number)

Identification No.)

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One Penn Square, P.O. Box 4887,

Lancaster, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)

17604 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

(717) 291-2411

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 19, 2004 Fulton Financial Corporation announced its results of operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. Supplemental financial information included with the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### (b) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Earnings Release dated October 19, 2004.
99.2	Supplemental financial information for the quarter ended September 30, 2004

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

#### FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: October 19, 2004 /s/ Charles J. Nugent

Charles J. Nugent Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer