LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP Form 8-K October 10, 2012

#### 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

October 10, 2012 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 of incorporation) 1-6028 (Commission 35-1140070 (IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Radnor, PA 19087 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(484) 583-1400 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements

On October 10, 2012, Lincoln National Corporation (the "Company") announced that Robert W. Dineen, formerly President of Lincoln Financial Network ("LFN"), has been appointed Vice Chairman of LFN, as part of a phased retirement. Will H. Fuller, formerly President of Lincoln Financial Distributors, will lead LFD and LFN in the newly appointed role of President of Lincoln Financial Group Distribution. LFN and LFD will remain separate and distinct distribution operations under Mr. Fuller.

A press release announcing these changes is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

ExhibitNumberDescription99.1Press Release

#### 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/ Randal J. FreitagName: Randal J. FreitagTitle: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 10, 2012

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated October 10, 2012.