

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2017  
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

March 13, 2017  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Lincoln National Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana                      1-6028              35-1140070  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)              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)

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:

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

On March 13, 2017, William Porter Payne notified the Chairman of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Lincoln National Corporation (the "Company") that he has decided to not stand for re-election to the Board at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Therefore, Mr. Payne will be retiring from the Board on May 26, 2017. Mr. Payne's decision is for personal planning considerations and not due to any disagreement with the Company or the Board on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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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/ Andrea D. Goodrich

Name: Andrea D. Goodrich

Title: Senior Vice President and Secretary

Date: March 17, 2017