

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
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Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Lincoln National Corporation  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Indiana  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

35-1140070  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

150 N. Radnor Chester Road  
Radnor, PA 19087  
(484) 583-1400  
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including  
Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

Lincoln National Corporation  
2014 Incentive Compensation Plan  
(Full Title of Plan)

Adam G. Ciongoli  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel  
Lincoln National Corporation  
150 N. Radnor Chester Road  
Radnor, PA 19087  
(484) 583-1400  
(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including  
Area Code, of Agent for Service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company). Smaller reporting company

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed Maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock (no par value)	8,100,000 (1)	\$46.95 (2)	\$380,295,000	\$48,982

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), there are being registered such additional shares as may be issuable pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of the Lincoln National Corporation 2014 Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Plan”), by reason of stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalizations or similar transactions. The shares of common stock to which this Registration Statement relates are to be issued upon exercise of options and in connection with certain other stock-related awards, all of which will be granted or awarded under the Plan for no consideration.

(2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h)(1) under the Securities Act based upon the average of the high and low sale prices of LNC’s Common Stock on May 16, 2014 as reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite transactions tape.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

We hereby incorporate herein by reference the following documents filed (File No. 1-6028) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"):

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013;
- Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014; and
- The description of our Common Stock contained in Form 10 filed with the SEC on April 28, 1969 (File No. 1-6028), including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

Each document filed subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein (or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein) modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

The validity of the securities being registered hereby has been passed upon by Marcie J. Weber, Vice President, Senior Counsel of Lincoln National Corporation (the "Corporation"). Ms. Weber owns, or has the right to acquire, a number of shares of the Common Stock of the Corporation that represents less than 1% of the total outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Corporation. Ms. Weber is eligible to participate in the Lincoln National Corporation 2014 Incentive Compensation Plan.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Our bylaws, pursuant to authority contained in the Indiana Business Corporation Law and the Indiana Insurance Law, respectively, provide for the indemnification of our officers, directors and employees against the following:

- reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding to which they are made or threatened to be made parties (including those brought by, or on behalf of us) if they are successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of such proceeding except with respect to matters as to which they are adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duties to their respective corporations.
- reasonable costs of judgments, settlements, penalties, fines and reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred with respect to, any action, suit or proceeding, if the person's conduct was in good faith and the person reasonably believed that his/her conduct was in our best interest. In the case of a criminal proceeding, the person must also have reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct was lawful.

Indiana Law requires that a corporation, unless limited by its articles of incorporation, indemnify its directors and officers against reasonable expenses incurred in the successful defense of any proceeding arising out of their serving as a director or officer of the corporation.

No indemnification or reimbursement will be made to an individual judged liable to us, unless a court determines that in spite of a judgment of liability to the corporation, the individual is reasonably entitled to indemnification, but only to the extent that the court deems proper. Additionally, if an officer, director or employee does not meet the standards of conduct described above, such individual will be required to repay us for any advancement of expenses it had previously made.

In the case of directors, a determination as to whether indemnification or reimbursement is proper will be made by a majority of the disinterested directors or, if it is not possible to obtain a quorum of directors not party to or interested in the proceeding, then by a committee thereof or by special legal counsel. In the case of individuals who are not directors, such determination will be made by the chief executive officer of the respective corporation, or, if the chief executive officer so directs, in the manner it would be made if the individual were a director of the corporation.

Such indemnification may apply to claims arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted for our directors, officers or controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by us of expenses incurred or paid by one of our directors, officers or controlling persons in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by us is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of the issue by the court.

We maintain a program of insurance under which our directors and officers are insured, subject to specified exclusions and deductible and maximum amounts, against actual or alleged errors, misstatements, misleading statements, acts or omissions, or neglect or breach of duty while acting in their respective capacities for us. In addition, our directors have separate indemnification agreements providing the same general rights to indemnification as set forth above.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for in our bylaws does not exclude or limit any other rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses that a person may be entitled to other agreements, shareholders' and board resolutions and our articles of incorporation.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits filed with this Registration Statement are listed in the Exhibit Index, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimate maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(d) The undersigned Registrant undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(e) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel that has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.



## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8, and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Radnor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 23rd day of May, 2014.

## LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION

By: /s Randal J. Freitag  
Randal J. Freitag, Executive Vice  
President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
Dennis R. Glass*	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and a Director	May 23, 2014
/s/ Randal J. Freitag Randal J. Freitag	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 23, 2014
/s/ Douglas N. Miller Douglas N. Miller	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 23, 2014
William J. Avery*	Director	May 23, 2014
William H. Cunningham*	Director	May 23, 2014
George W. Henderson, III*	Director	May 23, 2014
Eric G. Johnson*	Director	May 23, 2014
Gary C. Kelly*	Director	May 23, 2014
M. Leanne Lachman*	Director	May 23, 2014
Michael F. Mee*	Director	May 23, 2014

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William Porter Payne*	Director	May 23, 2014
Patrick S. Pittard*	Director	May 23, 2014
Isaiah Tidwell*	Director	May 23, 2014

\*By: /s/ Charles A. Brawley, III  
Charles A. Brawley, III, Attorney-in-Fact  
(Pursuant to Powers of Attorney)

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

- 4.1 Restated Articles of Incorporation of LNC are incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of LNC's Form 8-K (File No. 1-6028) filed with the SEC on July 8, 2013.
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of LNC (effective May 23, 2013) are incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of LNC's Form 10-Q (File No. 1-6028) for the quarter ended June 30, 2013.
- 4.3 Lincoln National Corporation 2014 Incentive Compensation Plan (effective May 22, 2014) is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 6 to LNC's Proxy Statement (File No. 1-6028) filed with the SEC on April 11, 2014.
- 5.1 Opinion of Marcie J. Weber, Esq., as to the legality of the securities being registered.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.2 Consent of Marcie J. Weber, Esq., is contained in Exhibit 5.1 (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney.

