

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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Check the appropriate box:

- // Preliminary Proxy Statement  
// **Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))**  
// Definitive Proxy Statement  
/x/ Definitive Additional Materials  
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City National Corporation

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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Reg. § 240.14a-101. Notes:

- A. Where any item calls for information with respect to any matter to be acted upon and such matter involves other matters with respect to which information is called for by other items of this schedule, the information called for by such other items shall also be given. For example, where a solicitation of security holders is for the purpose of approving the authorization of additional securities which are to be used to acquire another specified company, and the registrants' security holders will not have a separate opportunity to vote upon the transaction, the solicitation to authorize the securities is also a solicitation with respect to the acquisition. Under those facts, information required by Items 11, 13 and 14.

**Explanatory Note**

The definitive proxy card filed with the proxy statement inadvertently omitted the names of the nominees. The following proxy card includes the names of the nominees.

**CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION  
PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS APRIL 23, 2003  
THIS PROXY IS BEING SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, each dated March 24, 2003, and hereby appoints Frank P. Pekny, Michael B. Cahill and Heng W. Chen, or each of them acting individually, and each with power of substitution, as proxy of the undersigned to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION on April 23, 2003, at 4:30 p.m., and any adjournments or postponements thereof, and to vote the number of shares the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present on the following:

- (1) ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
- o FOR all the nominees listed below to serve as Class I directors for a term of three years (EXCEPT AS MARKED TO THE CONTRARY BELOW)
  - o WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for all nominees listed below

George H. Benter, Jr.      Kenneth L. Coleman      Peter M. Thomas      Andrea L. Van de Kamp

INSTRUCTION: TO WITHHOLD AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE, WRITE THAT NOMINEE'S NAME ON THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.

- (2) In their discretion, upon all other matters as may properly be brought before the annual meeting or any adjournments thereof.

**THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WILL BE VOTED AS SPECIFIED ABOVE. IF NO SPECIFICATION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED "FOR" THE NOMINEES FOR ELECTION AS DIRECTORS NAMED ABOVE.**

*(CONTINUED, AND TO BE SIGNED, ON THE OTHER SIDE)*

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Please complete, sign and mail this Proxy promptly in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage if mailed in the United States.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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Signature of Stockholder(s)  
(Please sign your name exactly as it appears hereon. In the case of stock held in joint tenancy, all joint tenants must sign. Fiduciaries should indicate title and authority.)

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