## Edgar Filing: MELONE JOSEPH J - Form 4

| MELONE JOSH<br>Form 4   | EPH J              |  |   |  |  |   |  |                         |                    |  |
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| December 15, 2  | 005                |  |   |  |  |   |  |                         |                    |  |
| FORM 4  |                    | STATES   | SECU  | DITIES   | AND FY   | СНАМСЕ  | COMMISSION   | т                       | PPROVAL            |  |
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| Form 5<br>obligations<br>may continue<br><i>See</i> Instruction<br>1(b).  | e. Section 17(     | (a) of the l   | Public U  | Jtility Ho   | lding Cor  |   | nge Act of 1934,<br>of 1935 or Section<br>940  | on                      |                    |  |
| (Print or Type Resp   | oonses)            |  |   |  |  |   |  |                         |                    |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>MELONE JOSEPH J   |                    |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol                   |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                  |  |                         |                    |  |
|   |                    | HORACE MANN EDUCATORS<br>CORP /DE/ [HMN]   |   |  |  | (Check all applicable)  |  |                         |                    |  |
| (Last)  | (First) (          | Middle)  | ddle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>12/13/2005 |  |  |   | X_ Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title Other (specify  |                         |                    |  |
| 1290 AVENUE<br>AMERICAS   | E OF THE           |  |   |  |  |   | below)   | below)                  |                    |  |
|   |                    |  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |  |   | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br/>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul> |                         |                    |  |
| NEW YORK, I   | NY 10104           |  |   |  |  |   | Person   | More than One K         | eporting           |  |
| (City)  | (State)            | (Zip)  | Tab   | ole I - Non-   | Derivative   | Securities A  | cquired, Disposed  | of, or Beneficia        | lly Owned          |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>any<br>(Month/Day/ |                    | Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or<br>Code Disposed of (D)<br>ay/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned                  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |                         |                    |  |
|   |                    |  |   |  |  | (A)<br>or   | Transaction(s)   |                         |                    |  |
|   |                    |  |   | Code V   | Amount   | (D) Price   | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |                         |                    |  |
| Reminder: Report  | on a separate line | e for each cl  | ass of sec  | urities bene   | eficially ow   | ned directly  | or indirectly.   |                         |                    |  |
|   |                    |  |   |  | inforn<br>requi  | nation cont<br>red to response<br>ays a current                   | spond to the colle<br>tained in this form<br>ond unless the fo<br>ntly valid OMB co  | n are not<br>rm         | SEC 1474<br>(9-02) |  |
|   | Tab                |  |   |  |  | posed of, or<br>convertible                                       | Beneficially Owned securities)   | 1                       |                    |  |

| 1. Title of | 2.         | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.        | 5. Number of  | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration | 7. Title and Amour |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Derivative  | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transacti | iorDerivative | Date                               | Underlying Securit |

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year       | )                     | (Instr. 3 and 4 | 4)                        |
|---------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
|                           |   |            |                         | Code V             | (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable      | Expiration Date       | Title           | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of Sł |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>                                   | 12/13/2005 |                         | А                  | 235.85   | 08/08/1988 <u>(2)</u> | 08/08/1988 <u>(2)</u> | Common<br>Stock | 235                       |

## **Reporting Owners**

| <b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>                                | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| MELONE JOSEPH J<br>1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10104 | Х             |           |         |       |  |  |
| Signatures   |               |           |         |       |  |  |
| Rhonda R. Armstead, Attorney in Fact f<br>Melone                     | 12/1          | 5/2005    |         |       |  |  |
| <u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person                              | Date          |           |         |       |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) One-for-one.

The phantom stock units are estimated based on the market price of Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock and are

(2) acquired under the Horace Mann Educators Corporation Director Stock Plan which are to be settled in Common Stock upon the reporting person's resignation from the Board of Directors.

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