SLOAN O TEMPLE JR

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SLOAN O TEMPLE JR			Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW] (Check all applicable				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD			(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2004	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MOORESVILLE, NC 28117				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner			

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/20/2004		P	1,000	A	\$ 56.61	1,140	I	by Spouse
Common Stock							51,500	D	
Common Stock							140	I	by IRA
Common Stock							10,307	I	by Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SLOAN O TEMPLE JR 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD	X						
MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	21						

Signatures

By: Janet Bernard For: O. Temple Sloan, Jr. 12/20/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- * 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).

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