UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

	FORM 8-K	
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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 27, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-13300 (Commission File Number) 54-1719854 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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1680 Capital One Drive,

McLean, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

22102 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (703) 720-1000

 $(Former\ name\ or\ former\ address, if\ changed\ since\ last\ report)$

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Two of the current directors of Capital One Financial Corporation (the Company), James V. Kimsey and James A. Flick, Jr., will not be standing for re-election to the Company s Board of Directors when their terms expire at the Company s annual stockholder meeting on April 28, 2005. Additionally, Patrick W. Gross and Ann Fritz Hackett, whose terms are also expiring, have been nominated to stand for re-election.

Mr. Kimsey and Mr. Flick are two of Capital One s original board members, having both served on the Board of Directors since the Company spun off from Signet Bank ten years ago. Both directors are leaving the board on good terms. Mr. Kimsey has chosen to devote more time to other interests, while Mr. Flick has reached retirement age per the Company s bylaws.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 27, 2005

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John G. Finneran, Jr.

John G. Finneran, Jr.

Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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