## Edgar Filing: LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP - Form 4

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP Form 4 February 22, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NIEMIER CHARLES E Issuer Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LKFN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) P O BOX 587 02/22/2016 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person \_ Form filed by More than One Reporting WARSAW, IN 46581-0587 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 02/22/2016 Μ 1.000 \$0 94,800.547 D Α Stock Common 9.059 Ι By Spouse Stock

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onof D Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	rities uired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	02/22/2016		М		1,000	05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	1,000
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>						(2)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	30,416

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NIEMIER CHARLES E P O BOX 587 WARSAW, IN 46581-0587	Х						
Signatures							
Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact		02/22/201	6				
**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) Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (2) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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