

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC
 Form 5
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BROWN RANDOLPH C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

220 LIBERTY STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

WARSAW, NY 14569

(City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Common Stock | 12/31/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | Â | I | 233 A \$ 23.43 | 1,363 | I | Held in 401k plan. |

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)

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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROWN RANDOLPH C 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569 | Â | Â | Â Senior Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Sonia M. Dumbleton for Randolph C. Brown
Date: 02/14/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Acquired in 401(k) Plan. Includes 233 shares acquired in 401(k) Plan on 1/20/04, 1/26/04, 2/10/04, 2/12/04, 2/20/04, 2/24/04, 2/25/04, (1) 3/5/04, 3/18/04, 3/19/04, 3/23/04, 4/2/04, 4/5/04, 4/21/04, 4/30/04, 5/14/04, 5/28/04, 6/1/04, 6/14/04, 6/16/04, 6/25/04, 7/9/04, 7/23/04, 8/6/04, 8/20/04, 9/3/04, 9/8/04, 9/17/04, 10/5/04, 10/7/04, 10/15/04, 11/1/04, 11/16/04, 11/29/04, 12/10/04 and 12/23/04.

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