LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

STEININGER DONALD B

(Middle)

Symbol

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

[LKFN]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

6914 WOODCROFT

01/26/2005

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. 7. Title and Amount of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Underlying Securities** Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code of any

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Moi | nth/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 14.25 | | | | | 06/12/2006 | 06/12/2011 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 34.37 | | | | | 12/09/2008 | 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 500 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/10/2003 | 07/10/2013 | Common Stock | 252.5 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 10/27/2003 | 10/27/2013 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 01/16/2004 | 01/16/2014 | Common Stock | 252.5 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 01/26/2004 | 01/26/2014 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 04/28/2004 | 04/28/2014 | Common Stock | 3 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/14/2004 | 07/14/2014 | Common Stock | 281 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/26/2004 | 07/26/2014 | Common Stock | 4 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 10/26/2004 | 10/26/2014 | Common Stock | 5 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 01/11/2005 | 01/11/2015 | Common Stock | 217 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 (1) | 01/26/2005 | | A | 4 | 01/26/2005(2) | 01/26/2015(3) | Common Stock | 4 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners 2

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEININGER DONALD B 6914 WOODCROFT FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

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Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 01/27/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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