

Ottinger Eric H  
Form 4  
January 02, 2018

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ottinger Eric H

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
[LKFN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
LAKELAND FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

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  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					21,500	D	
Common Stock					2,522	I	401(k) 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)

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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2018		A	5,700	02/01/2021 02/01/2021 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	5,700
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					02/01/2018 02/01/2018 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					02/01/2019 02/01/2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					02/01/2020 02/01/2020 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	5,400

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ottinger Eric H LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/02/2018

                     \*\*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) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

(3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.

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