Massanelli Stephen C Form 4 January 22, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

(State)

Massanelli Stephen C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL

CORP [SFNC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL 01/18/2018

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

EVP

below)

CORP., 501 MAIN STREET

(Middle)

(Zin)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

(City)	(State)	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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
SFNC	01/18/2018		M	1,427	A	\$ 58.25	22,822	D	
SFNC	01/18/2018		F	522	D	\$ 58.25	22,300	D	
SFNC							2,350	D	
SFNC							1,600	D	
SFNC							150	D	

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number orDerivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	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
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	01/18/2018	A	1,387		(2)	(2)	Common	1,387
Performance Stock Unit	(3)	01/18/2018	A	2,774		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common	2,774
Performance Stock Unit	\$ 58.25	01/18/2018	M		1,427	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common	1,427

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Massanelli Stephen C						
C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP.			EVP			
501 MAIN STREET			EVF			
PINE BLUFF, AR 71601						

Signatures

/s/ Stephen C. Massanelli by Danielle
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01/22/2018

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
- 457 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2019; 457 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2020 and 472 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2021. SFNC shares will be delivered within 30 days of vesting. Events such as retirement, death, disability and other specified events in the agreement may result in earlier vesting.

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- (3) Each Performance Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
 - The shares listed are the maximum number of shares which may vest under this grant. Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of
- (4) performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for the performance period ending December 31, 2020, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.
- (5) The Performance Stock Units vested on January 18, 2018 upon confirmation of the performance criteria set by the Compensation Committee.

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