

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 5

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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 *
FINDLAY DAVID M

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2016

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

2828 E. PRESTWICK RD
 (Street)

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

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

WINONA LAKE, IN 46590

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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(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. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2016	^	J ⁽¹⁾		489	\$ 33.95	22,221	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^		^	^	109,775	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^		^	^	3,000	I	By Spouse

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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 02/01/2017 Expiration Date: 02/01/2017 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	21,420
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 02/01/2018 Expiration Date: 02/01/2018 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	18,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 02/01/2019 Expiration Date: 02/01/2019 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	18,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINDLAY DAVID M 2828 E. PRESTWICK RD WINONA LAKE, IN 46590	Â	Â	Â President & CEO	Â

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/13/2017

 Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2016.

(2) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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

(4) 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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