

HANDLEMAN CO /MI/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STROME STEPHEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 KIRTS BOULEVARD  
(Street)

TROY, MI 48084

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HANDLEMAN CO /MI/ [HDL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/08/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common stock one cent par value | 12/08/2004                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 817 D \$ 0  | 196,078 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common stock one cent par value |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,028 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | By 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 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| STROME STEPHEN<br>500 KIRTS BOULEVARD<br>TROY, MI 48084 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board and CEO |       |

## Signatures

Stephen Strome by Kenneth P. Kartje  
Attorney-In-Fact  
12/10/2004

\_\_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) Bona fide gift to a public charity.
- (2) Includes 345 shares of Handleman Company common stock which the reporting person acquired through the Handleman Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan between 06/09/2004 and 12/08/2004.
- (3) Between 06/09/2004 and 12/08/2004 the reporting person acquired 31 shares of Handleman Company common stock under the Handleman Company 401(k) Plan. The information in this report is based on a 401(k) Plan report dated 12/08/2004.

### Remarks:

Exhibit List ----- Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney

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