

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 *
KUBACKI MICHAEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1401 E. NORTH SHORE DR

(Street)

SYRACUSE, IN 46567

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

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)
 President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (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) Amount (A) or Price (D)			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)
Common Stock	12/31/2008	^	J4 ⁽¹⁾	628	A	\$ 21.58	19,820	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	103,480 ⁽³⁾	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	600	I	As Trustee ⁽²⁾

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.8125	01/09/2006			20,000	01/09/2006 01/09/2011	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.185	12/09/2008			20,000	12/09/2008 12/09/2013	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	05/14/2013			15,000	05/14/2013 05/14/2018	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KUBACKI MICHAEL L 1401 E. NORTH SHORE DR SYRACUSE, IN 46567	X		President	

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/11/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- The number of shares represents equivalent shares based on the fair market value of the shares of Lakeland Financial Common Stock held by the unitized stock fund under the Lakeland Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan based on a report from the Plan Administrator dated as of December 31, 2008. The Reporting Person has an interest in the unitized fund, which holds shares of Lakeland Financial Corporation Common Stock and short-term investments.
- (1)
 - (2) The reporting person serves as co-trustee over his mother's trust.
 - (3) As adjusted to reflect the removal of 200 shares held by Mr. Kubacki's son no longer reportable by him.

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