

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 KUBACKI MICHAEL L
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

1401 E. NORTH SHORE DR
 (Street)

SYRACUSE, IN 46567
 (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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2016	Â	J ⁽¹⁾	878	A	\$ 33.95	39,942	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	12/05/2016	Â	G	1,668	D	\$ 0	235,612	D	Â
Common Stock	12/15/2016	Â	G	119	D	\$ 0	235,612	D	Â
Common Stock	12/02/2016	Â	G	358	D	\$ 0	235,612	D	Â

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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	02/01/2017 02/01/2017 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	21,420
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/01/2018 02/01/2018 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	18,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/13/2017

⁽²⁾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) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2016.
- (2) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (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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