

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 \*  
 Steiner Jonathan P

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2015

2962 BROOKWIND DR  
 (Street)

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

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

HOLLAND, MI 49424

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2015                           | Â  | J(1)                           | 65 A  | \$ 42.48   | 3,295 I  | 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)**

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| 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â   | 02/01/2016 02/01/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>                     | Common Stock  | 3,330                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â   | 02/01/2017 02/01/2017 <sup>(4)</sup>                     | Common Stock  | 3,000                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â   | 02/01/2018 02/01/2018 <sup>(4)</sup>                     | Common Stock  | 3,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Steiner Jonathan P<br>2962 BROOKWIND DR<br>HOLLAND, MI 49424 | Â             | Â         | Â Senior Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2016

\*\*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 2015.

(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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