Steiner Jonathan P
Form 5
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FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 3 Holdings Reported
Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Steiner Jonathan P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION,Â P.O. BOX 1387

(Street)

WARSAW,Â INÂ 46581-1387

(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)
12/31/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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

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	12/31/2017	Â	J[(1)]	93	A	$ 45.84	5,147	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,000	D	Â

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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (2)	$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2018	02/01/2018(4)	Common Stock	5,850
Restricted Stock Units (2)	$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2019	02/01/2019(4)	Common Stock	4,500
Restricted Stock Units (2)	$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2020	02/01/2020(4)	Common Stock	4,050

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Steiner Jonathan P LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW,Â INÂ 46581-1387	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact	02/14/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2017.

(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 futurue date and do not have an expiration date.

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