

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Kessler John E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP
[CHFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
235 E. MAIN STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Officer of Principal Bus. Unit

MIDLAND, MI 48640

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2015 | | M | 1,832 (1) A \$ 0 | 6,952 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2015 | | F | 571 (2) D \$ 30.18 | 6,381 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,499.173 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 02/27/2015 | | M | 1,665 (1) | (1) (1) | Common Stock | 1,655 (1) |
| Stock Options | \$ 30.18 | 02/27/2015 | | A | 5,469 | (3) 02/28/2025 | Common Stock | 5,469 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (4) | 02/27/2015 | | A | 1,692 | (4) (4) | Common Stock | 1,692 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (5) | 02/27/2015 | | A | 761 | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 761 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kessler John E 235 E. MAIN STREET MIDLAND, MI 48640 | | | Officer of Principal Bus. Unit | |

Signatures

/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala, His Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 03/02/2015

**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) Restricted stock units converted into shares of common stock upon the attainment by the Company of certain financial performance criteria upon completion of the year ended December 31, 2014 and the reporting person's satisfaction of the service requirement as of February 27, 2015. Restricted stock units were converted to shares of common stock on a 1.0-for-1.1 basis, as performance targets were achieved above the targeted level.

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- (2) Shares withheld to satisfy applicable withholding taxes in connection with conversion of restricted stock units.
- (3) Vests in five equal annual installments beginning on February 27, 2016.

- Award of restricted stock performance units pursuant to the Chemical Financial Corporation Stock Incentive Plan of 2012. Restricted stock units under this award are convertible into shares of common stock based on the attainment by the Company of certain financial performance criteria in the year ending December 31, 2017 and the reporting person's satisfaction of the service requirement in February 2018. Restricted stock units under this award are reported assuming shares of common stock will be issuable on a 1-for-1 basis, but restricted stock units may be convertible on a basis ranging from 0.5-for-1 to 1.5-for-1 depending on the actual performance of the Company.
- (4)
 - (5) Award of restricted stock service-based units convertible into shares of common stock on a 1-for-1 basis at the end of a 5-year vesting period. Dividend equivalents will accrue under this award.

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