

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP
 Form 4
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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 *
 Rathbun Robert

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)
 02/21/2017

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) 10% Owner
 ____ 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)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 53.72	02/21/2017			A		6,896		(1)	02/22/2027	Common Stock	6,896
Restricted Stock Performance Units	(2)	02/21/2017			A		2,773		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,773
Restricted Stock Service-Based Units	(3)	02/21/2017			A		430		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	430

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala, His Attorney-In-Fact 02/23/2017

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) Vests in five equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2018.

Award of restricted stock performance units pursuant to the Chemical Financial Corporation Stock Incentive Plan of 2015. 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, 2019 and the reporting person's satisfaction of the service requirement in February 2020. 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.

(3) 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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