O'Neill Lisa M Form 5 February 14, 2018

OMB APPROVAL FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer O'Neill Lisa M Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LKFN] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2017 **EVP & CFO** LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Â P.O. BOX 1387 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) WARSAW, INÂ 46581-1387 _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-Der | ivative Se | curiti | es Acquir | ed, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | ly 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 | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2017 | Â | <u>J(1)</u> | 106 | A | \$ 45.84 | 13,400 | D | Â | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2017 | Â | <u>J(2)</u> | 397 | A | \$ 45.84 | 770 | 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)

| 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) | Number | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------|-----|--|-----------------|--|--|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units (3) | \$ 0 (4) | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/01/2018 | 02/01/2018(5) | Common Stock | 7,800 |
| Restricted Stock Units (3) | \$ 0 (4) | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/01/2019 | 02/01/2019(5) | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units (3) | \$ 0 (4) | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/01/2020 | 02/01/2020(5) | Common Stock | 5,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|--|
| reporting of have removed | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| O'Neill Lisa M LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW Â INÂ 46581-1387 | Â | Â | EVP & CFO | 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Dividend Reinvestment for 2017.
- (2) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2017.
- (3) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (5) 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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