| Ottinger Eric H Form 5 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Form 5 February 14, 2018 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Section IndicationFiled pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,I(b).Form 3 HoldingsForm 3 HoldingsSection 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or SectionReported30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940TransactionsReported | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Ottinger Eric H | Symbol LAKE | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (J | (Month/ | Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2017 | | | _ | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | |
| LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387 | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting | | | |
| (check applicable line) | | | | | | | | | |
| WARSAW, IN 46581-1387 _X_ 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) | e 2A. Deemed | 3. Transaction Code | 4. Secur (A) or D | ities Acquisposed c 4 and 5) | uired of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect | |
| | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common 12/31/2017 Stock | Â | J <u>(1)</u> | 47 | A 4 | \$ 45.84 | 2,569 | Ι | 401)k) Plan | |
| Common Â Stock | Â | Â | Â | ÂÂ | Â | 21,500 | 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) | Number | | Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | (Month/Day/Year) ntive ties red sed 3, | | 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 <u>(2)</u> | \$ 0 <u>(3)</u> | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/01/2018 | 02/01/2018(4) | Common Stock | 7,800 | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units <u>(2)</u> | \$ 0 <u>(3)</u> | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/01/2019 | 02/01/2019(4) | Common Stock | 6,000 | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units <u>(2)</u> | \$ 0 <u>(3)</u> | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/01/2020 | 02/01/2020(4) | Common Stock | 5,400 | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Ottinger Eric H LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387 | Â | Â | Executive Vice President | Â | | | | |

Signatures

| Teresa A. Bartman, | 02/14/2018 |
|--------------------|------------|
| 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) 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.

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(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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