#### TORCHMARK CORP

Form 4

February 23, 2017

#### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Add DICHIARO S	•	_	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/Da		TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2017	(Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify			
INSURANCE CO., 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE		SOUTH	02/21/2017	below) below)  Exec. Officer of Principal Sub			

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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MCKINNEY, TX 75070
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	-Derivativ	e Seci	urities Ac	equired, Disposed	d of, or Benef	icially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/21/2017		F	124 (1)	( )	\$ 77.26	6,038	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2017		A	3,197	A	\$ 0	9,235	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2017		F	875 (2)	D	\$ 77.26	8,360	D	
Common Stock							2,104 (3)	Ι	Thrift/401(k) Plan Trust

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	vative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) irred (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 77.26	02/21/2017		A	30,000	<u>(4)</u>	02/21/2024	Common Stock	30,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DICHIARO STEVEN JOHN GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070

Exec. Officer of Principal Sub

## **Signatures**

Steven J. DiChiaro, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, 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) Shares surrendered in payment of withholding taxes upon vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) Shares surrendered in payment of withholding taxes upon issuance of performance shares.
- (3) Shares in unitized fund in Torchmark 401(k) employee benefit plan estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$77.26 per share.
- (4) First exercisable as to 50% of shares 2-21-19 and as to remaining 50% of shares 2-21-20.

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