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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person[*]	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person[*]

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| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) |

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(Street)

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [**LKFN**]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

	Director		10% Owner
X	Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

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

X   Form filed by One Reporting Person

☐   Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2012		J4[(1)]	17	A	$25.98	1,547	I	401)k) Plan
Common Stock							5,413	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units[(2)]	$0[(3)]						02/01/2015	02/01/2015[(4)]	Common Stock	4,000		4,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units[(2)]	$0[(3)]						02/01/2013	02/01/2013[(4)]	Common Stock	3,660		3,660	D	
Restricted Stock Units[(2)]	$0[(3)]						02/01/2014	02/01/2014[(4)]	Common Stock	4,000		4,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$19.595						10/11/2010	10/11/2015	Common Stock	6,000		6,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$24.05						05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	3,000		3,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2012.

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.

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.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact   02/13/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person   Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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