- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Niemier, Charles E. 1600 S. Meadow Dr. Warsaw, IN 46580

  2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
  Lakeland Financial Corporation (LKFN)

  3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

  4. Statement for Month/Year

12/2002

- 12/2002
  5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
  6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
  (X) Director () 10% Owner
  () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
  7. 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	+	+  3. Trans- 4. Securities Acquired	•	-++  6. Owner-  7.	+ . Nature
Security	action   action	action or Disposed of (D)	Securities	ship	of In-
	Date   Date	Code	Beneficially	Form:	direct
			Owned	Direct	Bene-
	(Month/   (Month/		Following	(D) or	ficial
	Day/   Day/	+	+ Year	Indirect	Owner-
	Year)   Year)	Amount   A/D Price	I	(I)	ship
+	+	++	+	.+	+
Common Stock	12/31/2002	J 75.462 A \$23.7421	3808.708 D		
Common Stock			1261	I B\	/ Spouse

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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	Conver-	Trans-	Execu-	1	Number	of			Securit:	ies		ities	Secur-	of
	sion or	action	tion	I	Derivat	ive	Date Exerci	isable	+	+	+	Benefi-	ity:	In-
	Exercise	Date	Date	1	Securit	ies	and Expirat	tion Date	1	Amount		cially	Direct	direct
	Price of			Transac-	Acquire	d(A)	(Month/Day/	/Year)		or		Owned	(D) or	Bene-
Title of	Deriv-	(Month/	(Month/	tion Code	Dispose	d(D)-	+	+	+	Number	Price of		In-	ficial
Derivative	ative	Day/	Day/		++-		+Date Exer-	Expira-		of	Derivative	at End	direct	Owner-
Security	Security	Year)	Year)	1	(A)  (	D)	cisable	tion Date	Title	Shares	Security	of Year	(I)	ship

Explanation of Responses:

Dividend Reinvestment for 2002.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-fact

DATE 02/07/2003