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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smith Brian J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]									tionship all appl Direct	icable)	ng Person(s) to Is		
	AND FINA	rst) NCIAL CORPO	(Middle)	N		Date of /05/20		st Tran	saction (h/Day/Year)	1				Officer (give title pelow)		Other (below)	specify	
P.O. BO	X 1387				4. If	f Amer	ndmen	t, Date	of Origin	al File	ed (Month/D	Day/Year)		. Indiv	lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
(Street) WARSA	W IN 46581-1387			_										Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
		Tab	le I - No	on-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uriti	es Ac	quired	l, Di	sposed	of, or Be	enefici	ally (Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day)				Execution Date, /Year) if any			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			nd 5) Securit		ties cially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transa		action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common	Stock			02/05/	2019				J ⁽¹⁾		122	A	\$45.6	399	21	21,640 D			
Common	Stock														1 26.668 I I I				As trustee
		Т	able II								oosed of converti				wned		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/I	on Date,	Code (I				6. Date E Expiratio (Month/E	n Dat		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		Der Sec (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y O Fo O (I)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/05/2019			A		75		(3)		(4)	Common Stock	75	\$4	5.4247	13,148		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Dividend reinvestment for 2019.
- 2. Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of common Stock.
- 3. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 4. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

<u>Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-</u>in-Fact

02/07/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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