## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Toothaker Bradley J</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]										Relationship neck all app X Direc	licable)	ıg Peı	rson(s) to Iss			
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P.O. BOX 1387						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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		Tab	le I - Non-	-Deriva	ative	Sec	uritie	es Ac	qu	ıired, I	Disp	osed	of, or	Ben	eficia	lly Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					ar)   E	xecution any	A. Deemed Recution Date, any Ionth/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispo			urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			Benefic Owned	ies cially Following	Forn (D) c	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										Code	v	Amoun	nt (A) or (D)		Price	Report Transa (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock															10	6,113		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 D if any (Month/Day/	Date, T	ransac Code (I		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exp	Date Exe piration I onth/Day		e and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Phantom Stock	(1)	08/06/2018			Α		54			(2)		(3)	Comm		54	\$48.3355	10,212		D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- $2.\ Phantom\ stock$  is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 3. Phanton shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

08/07/2018

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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