FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NIEMIER CHARLES E</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]									k all applic	-		on(s) to Issi 10% Ov	
(Last) 1600 S.	•	DR.	(Middle)				of Earl 2004	iest Tr	ansaction (Mo	onth/C	ay/Year)				Officer (below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify
(Street) WARSAW IN 46580							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Form fil	r Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable n filed by One Reporting Person n filed by More than One Reporting			n
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)												Person				
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Options (Right to	\$13.5								06/13/2005	06	5/13/2010	Comm Stock		500		500		D	
Options (Right to	\$13.625								01/09/2006	0:	1/09/2011	Comm Stock		,000		1,000	0	D	
Options (Right to	\$15.125								02/08/2005	02	2/08/2010	Comm Stock		600		600		D	
Options (Right to	\$19.4375								02/09/2004	02	2/09/2009	Comm Stock		575		575		D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$34.37								12/09/2008	12	2/09/2013	Comm Stock		500		500		D	
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/01/2003	0:	1/01/2003	Comm Stock		038.1		3,038	.1	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/07/2003	03	1/07/2013	Comm Stock		97.4		297.4	4	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0				\sqcap				01/28/2003	0:	1/28/2013	Comm Stock		24.1		24.1		D	
Phantom Stock	\$0								04/28/2003	04	4/28/2013	Comm Stock		23.4		23.4		D	
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/10/2003	07	7/10/2013	Comm Stock		238		238		D	
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/30/2003	07	7/30/2013	Comm Stock		20		20		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)	Transaction of Code (Instr. 8) Se Ac (A' Di: of (Instr. Di: of (In		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye	e	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)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	\$0							10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	20		20	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	241		241	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	18		18	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	04/28/2004		A		25		04/28/2004 ⁽²⁾	04/28/2014 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	25	\$33.33	25	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

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04/28/2004

** 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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