FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	nd Address of <u>irger Blal</u>		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]									Relationship neck all app X Direct	,	ng Pers	son(s) to Iss					
(Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 1387						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2019									Office below	er (give title v)	Other (specify below)		specify	
(Street) WARSAW IN 46581					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									e) X Form Form	ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)															Л					
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Common	Stock														13	3,763	D			
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Phantom Stock	(1)	02/05/2019			A		61		(2)		(3)	Commo	n	61	\$45.4247	10,835		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. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

02/07/2019

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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