## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name ar   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]   |  |  |         |   |  |  |     |  |                                      |   | heck all        | onship of Reporting<br>all applicable)<br>Director  |               | g Pei   | 10% Ov  | vner   |  |   |   |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|---------|---|--|--|-----|--|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|---------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| (Last)   | `  | irst)<br>NCIAL CORPO                       | (Middle) RATION                                      |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2020 |  |  |     |  |                                      |   |                 |   |               |   |   | Officer (give title below)                               |  |   | Other (s<br>below)  | specify  |  |
| P.O. BOX 1387  |  |  |  |         |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |     |  |                                      |   |                 |   |               |   |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |   |   |  |  |
| (Street)<br>WARSA  | Street)<br>WARSAW IN 46581-1387  |  |  |         |   |  |  |     |  |                                      |   |                 |   |               | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| (City)   | (S   | tate)                                      | (Zip)  |         |   |  |  |     |  |                                      |   |                 |   |               |   |   | rerso  | П  |   |   |  |  |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |  |         |   |  |  |     |  |                                      |   |                 |   |               |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D |  |  |  |         |   | ar) E  | A. Deemed<br>xecution Date,<br>any<br>Month/Day/Year |     |  | , Transaction Dis<br>Code (Instr. 5) |   | Dispose         | curities Acquired (A)<br>sed Of (D) (Instr. 3,  |               |   | and Securiti<br>Benefic<br>Owned                    |  | ies Folicially (D) Following (I)   |   | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4)                              | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |
|  |  |  |  |         |   |  |  |     |  | Code                                 | v | Amoun           | t   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Tra   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)           |  |   |   | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock   |  |  |  |         |   |  |  |     |  |                                      |   |                 |   |               |   | 18,760  |  |  | D |   |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |         |   |  |  |     |  |                                      |   |                 |   |               |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate, Ti | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code (Inst                              |  |  |     | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                                      |   |                 | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |               |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | у | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |  | Code    | ode   | v  | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exe  | e<br>ercisable                       |   | piration<br>ite | Title   | 0<br>N<br>0   | lumber  | per   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock   | (1)  | 01/03/2020                                 |  |         | A   |  | 464  |     |  | (2)                                  |   | (3)             | Comn  |               | 464   | \$48.4  | 394  | 15,617   |   | 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.

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01/06/2020

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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