#### LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

August 15, 2016

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KUBACKI MICHAEL L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	_X_ Director 10% Owner		
1401 E. NORTH SHORE DR			(Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
			08/12/2016	Executive Chairman		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SYRACUSE, IN 46567				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

511010050, 11140507			Person							
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit our Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/12/2016		M	22,500	A	\$ 0	260,257	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2016		S	19,500	D	\$ 35.0268	240,757	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2016		S	2,000	D	\$ 35.3351	238,757	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2016		S	1,000	D	\$ 35.271	237,757	D		
Common Stock							39,064	I	401(k) Plan	

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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu or D (D)	urities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.0333	08/12/2016		M		22,500	05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	22,5
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)						02/01/2017	02/01/2017(3)	Common Stock	18,0
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)						02/01/2018	02/01/2018(3)	Common Stock	18,0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Topolong of the family frauess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
KUBACKI MICHAEL L 1401 E. NORTH SHORE DR SYRACUSE, IN 46567	X		Executive Chairman					

## **Signatures**

Teresa A. Bartman, 08/15/2016 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- 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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- (1) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.

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