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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Toothaker Bradley J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Symbol

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

[LKFN]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

LAKELAND FINANCIAL 08/07/2017 CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387

(Zip)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(State)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Ownership Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

(City)

Code V Amount (D) Price

14,813 D

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exer		7. Title and A		8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Underlying S	Securities	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	(Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e				(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities					
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
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									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	-	Title	Number	
						Exercisable	Date		of	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	
					,					
Phantom	(1)	08/07/2017		A	44	(2)	(3)	Common	44	\$
Stock	<u>(1)</u>	00/07/2017		А	-1-1	<u> </u>		Stock	74	46.1666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Toothaker Bradley J LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact

08/08/2017

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

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