

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

January 12, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STEININGER DONALD B

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
[LKFN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6914 WOODCROFT

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/11/2006

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

(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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock					14,000	D	
Common Stock					700	I	By Spouse

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)

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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					10/25/2005	10/25/2005	Common Stock	8	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	6	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	232	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	5	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	252.5	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	1	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	252.5	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	1	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	3	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	281	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	4	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	5	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	217	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	4	

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Phantom Stock	(1)	01/11/2006	A	262	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	262	\$
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.25				06/12/2006	06/12/2011	Common Stock	1,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.37				12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEININGER DONALD B 6914 WOODCROFT FORT WAYNE, IN 46804	X			

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/12/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (2) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (1) Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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