

**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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Form 3 Holdings Reported.

Form 4 Transactions Reported.

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ottinger Eric H</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387  (Street) WARSAW IN 46581-1387  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive Vice President
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2020	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2020		J <sup>(1)</sup>	71	A	\$45.13	2,761	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock							27,000	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>						02/01/2021	02/01/2021 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	5,070	5,070	D	
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>						02/01/2022	02/01/2022 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	6,500	6,500	D	
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>						02/01/2023	02/01/2023 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	6,500	6,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Salary redirection and/or dividend reinvestment in 401(k) plan for 2020.
- The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 02/09/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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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