LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 5

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

12/31/2015

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SEC 2270 (9-02)

401(k)

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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)				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2016	02/01/2016(4)	Common Stock	13,320
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2017	02/01/2017(4)	Common Stock	12,000
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2018	02/01/2018(4)	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· r · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KUBACKI MICHAEL L 1401 E. NORTH SHORE DR SYRACUSE, IN 46567	ÂX	Â	Executive Chairman	Â			

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 02/11/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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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).

(1) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2015.

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- (2) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (4) 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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