#### EMMERICH THEODORE H

Form 4 January 03, 2005

### 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 * EMMERICH THEODORE H   |  |           | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP<br>INC [AFG] |                                 |   |  |           |     | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable)  |  |   |  |
|---|--|-----------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|-----------|-----|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  ONE EAST FOURTH STREET   |  |           | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2004                                    |                                 |   |  |           |     | _X_ Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title Other (specify below)  |  |   |  |
| CINCINNATI,   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |           |  |                                 |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |           |     |  |  |   |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |           |  |                                 |   |  |           |     |  |  |   |  |
| Security (M. (Instr. 3)   | Transaction Date<br>Ionth/Day/Year)                  | Execution | med<br>on Date, if<br>Day/Year)  | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code<br>(Instr. |   | 4. Securit<br>nAcquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3,  | (A) of (D | )   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 2/29/2004  |           |  | G                               | V | 1,000  | D         | \$0 | 19,396   | D  |   |  |

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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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|                                      | 2.  | 3. Transaction Date |   | 4.                             | 5.   | 6. Date Exerc       |                    | 7. Titl                            |  | 8. Price of                          | 9. Nu   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | orNumber<br>of<br>Derivativ<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | <b>:</b>            |                    | Amou<br>Under<br>Securi<br>(Instr. | lying                                  | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|                                      |   |                     |   | Code V                         | (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                              | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                      |   |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Topozonig o milez i mile / izumi ess                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| EMMERICH THEODORE H<br>ONE EAST FOURTH STREET<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact for Theodore H. Emmerich

01/03/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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