

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 NIEMIER CHARLES E

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

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

P O BOX 587

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

WARSAW, IN 46581-0587

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(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2007	^	J ⁽¹⁾	116.439 A	\$ 22.52	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	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)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	504
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	48
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Â ⁽³⁾	Â ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	3,577
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	60
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	10/25/2005	10/25/2005	Common Stock	56
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	594.8
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	50
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	588
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	52
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	6,076.2
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	46.8
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	36
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	476
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	40

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Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	40
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	50
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	536
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	482
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	48.2
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	44
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.8125	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 7.5625	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,200
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.7188	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	1,150
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.185	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.96	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/11/2012	12/11/2017	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIEMIER CHARLES E P O BOX 587 WARSAW, IN 46581-0587	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2008

__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).
- (4) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (1) Dividend reinvestment for 2007.
- (3) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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