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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Gavin Michael 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)
 LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/02/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & CCO

WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/02/2018		M		7,800	A	\$ 0	7,800	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2018		F		3,242	D	\$ 48.21	4,558	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2018		S		4,558	D	\$ 45.9501	0	D	
Common Stock								13,789	I	401(k) Plan

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

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.
- (4) Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

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