

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kessler John E (Last) (First) (Middle)  325 E MAIN STREET (Street)  MIDLAND, MI 48640 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP [(CHFC)]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Officer of Prin. Bus. Unit	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	58	D	^

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	12/31/2005	12/13/2014	Common Stock	1,050	\$ 39.6857	D	Â
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	12/20/2005	12/20/2015	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 32.28	D	Â
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	07/20/2008	07/20/2017	Common Stock	2,819	\$ 24.78	D	Â
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	07/20/2009	07/20/2017	Common Stock	2,819	\$ 24.78	D	Â
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	07/20/2010	07/20/2017	Common Stock	2,820	\$ 24.78	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kessler John E 325 E MAIN STREET MIDLAND, MI 48640	Â	Â	Â Officer of Prin. Bus. Unit	Â

## Signatures

/s/ John E.  
Kessler

01/22/2008

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

(1) Employee stock option awarded under Chemical Financial Corporation 1997 Stock Option Plan.

(2) Employee stock option awarded under Chemical Financial Corporation Stock Incentive Plan of 2006.

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