CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K April 01, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 1, 2015

Chemical Financial Corporation (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Michigan 000-08185 38-2022454 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

235 E. Main Street

Midland, Michigan 48640 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (989) 839-5350

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 1, 2015, Chemical issued a press release announcing the completion of its previously announced acquisition (the "Acquisition") of Monarch Community Bancorp, Inc. ("Monarch") pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated October 31, 2014 (the "Plan of Merger"). A copy of this press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is here incorporated by reference.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 is furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 1, 2015, Chemical completed the Acquisition. As a result of the Acquisition, Monarch was merged with and into Chemical, with Chemical as the surviving corporation, and Chemical acquired Monarch's subsidiary bank, Monarch Community Bank. Chemical intends to consolidate Monarch Community Bank with and into Chemical Bank, with Chemical Bank as the surviving institution. Each former Monarch stockholder is entitled to receive 0.0982 shares of Chemical common stock for each share of Monarch common stock owned by such stockholder. As a result of the Acquisition, Chemical will deliver approximately 867,439 shares of Chemical common stock to former Monarch stockholders.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated April 1, 2015. This Exhibit is furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 1, 2015

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala Lori A. Gwizdala Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number Document

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