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Form 8-K June 21, 2017

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): June 20, 2017

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

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

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Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

Item
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On June 20, 2017, David B. Ramaker notified Chemical Financial Corporation ("Corporation" or "Chemical") of his decision to retire from his positions as a Director, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Corporation, effective in the third quarter of 2017.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 21, 2017, Chemical issued a press release announcing the retirement of David B. Ramaker as Director, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Corporation, which press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Exhibit name

99.1 Press release, dated June 21, 2017.

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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: June 21, 2017 CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

/s/ Dennis L. Klaeser Dennis L. Klaeser Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer