

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 23, 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 48640  
Midland, Michigan (Zip Code)  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (989) 839-5350

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

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On June 20, 2017, David T. Provost (age 63) was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Chemical Financial Corporation (the "Corporation"). Mr. Provost also serves as a director of the Corporation. Mr. Provost previously served as Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of Talmer Bancorp, Inc., and as Chief Executive Officer of Talmer Bank and Trust beginning in 2008 and Chairman of Talmer Bank and Trust beginning in December 2009. Mr. Provost served as President of Talmer Bank and Trust from December 2009 until September 2014.

On June 20, 2017, Thomas C. Shafer (age 58) was appointed as a director of the Corporation. Mr. Shafer will serve as Vice-Chairman of the Corporation. Mr. Shafer was also appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Chemical Bank. Mr. Shafer most recently served as Executive Vice President and Director of Regional and Community Banking of Chemical Bank. Prior to this, Mr. Shafer served as Vice Chairman of Talmer Bancorp, Inc. from 2011 until September 2014, and subsequently served as Chief Operating Officer of Talmer Bancorp, Inc. and President of Talmer Bank and Trust. Mr. Shafer also served as Chief Executive Officer and President and as a director of First Place Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Talmer Bancorp, Inc., until it was merged into Talmer Bank and Trust in February 2014. Before joining Talmer, Mr. Shafer served Citizens Republic Bancorp for a 16-year period in various executive-level positions.

#### 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 23, 2017 CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

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