

Neeley Patrick
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FORM 4

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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 *
Neeley Patrick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP., 501 MAIN STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/18/2018

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

PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--|----|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|--|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 01/18/2018 | A | | 946 | | (2) | (2) | Common | 946 |
| Performance Stock Unit | (3) | 01/18/2018 | A | | 1,892 | | (4) | (4) | Common | 1,892 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Neeley Patrick SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP. 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71601 | | | EVP | |

Signatures

/s/ Patrick A. Neeley by Danielle
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01/22/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock. 312 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2019; 312 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2020 and 322 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2021. SFNC shares will be delivered within 30 days of vesting. Events such as retirement, death, disability and other specified events in the agreement may result in earlier vesting.
- (2) Each Performance Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock. The shares listed are the maximum number of shares which may vest under this grant. Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for the performance period ending December 31, 2020, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.

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