

LINDNER CARL H III  
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**FORM 5**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 LINDNER CARL H III  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Co-CEO & Co-President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)  
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
 (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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2012	Â	G	45,646 D \$ 0	2,577,681	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	12/20/2012	Â	G	1,316 D \$ 0	2,576,365	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	12/26/2012	Â	G	127 D \$ 0	2,484,581 (2)	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	36,938	I	#2 (3)

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,388,500	I	#12 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	176,166	I	#21 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	33,091	I	#22 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	146,659	I	#25 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,637,904 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	#26 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	77,671	I	#27 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,079	I	#28 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock	12/27/2012	Â	G	28,055	D	\$ 0	38,705	I	#29 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	110,589 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	#30 <sup>(12)</sup>

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						(A)	(D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other  
 Â X Â Â Co-CEO & Co-President Â

LINDNER CARL H III  
301 EAST FOURTH STREET  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

## Signatures

Carl H. Lindner III By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/13/2013

\_\_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) Indirect #1: CHL III, TTEE (or his Successors) of the Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust DTD 8/29/02 as Amended.
- (2) On, 12/27/2013, Indirect #1 transferred 110,589 shares of AFG Common Stock shares to Indirect #30 and on 12/31/2012, there was a GRAT distribution of 18,932 shares of AFG Common Stock from Indirect #26 to Indirect #1.
- (3) Indirect #2: Martha S. Lindner, (or her Successor) of the Martha S. Lindner Family Trust DTD 8/30/02, as amended.
- (4) Indirect #12: Seraphim Partners LLC fka CHL Investments, LLC
- (5) Indirect #21, Doug Marcian, TTEE ML Trust Dtd 10/26/05.
- (6) Indirect #22: Doug Marcian TTEE CHL III Family Trust Dtd 10/26/05. (GD)
- (7) Indirect #25: Lou Ann Flint TTEE MBL 2009 Consolidation Trust Dtd 12/22/09.
- (8) Indirect #26: CHL III 2010-1 Qualified Annuity Trust Dtd 4/9/10.
- (9) Indirect #27: Lou Ann Flint TTEE MBL 2009 Trust Dtd 4/13/2009.
- (10) Indirect #28: MBL TTEE MBL Trust Dtd 4/13/2009.
- (11) Indirect #29: Shares voting and dispositive power and holds a remainder interest in shares held by charitable lead annuity trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest of the shares held by the trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such shares.
- (12) Indirect #30: MSL TTEE Carl H. Lindner III Dynasty Trust Dtd 12/21/2012.

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