

**FORM 4**

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>Lindner Carl H.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>One East Fourth Street</b>  (Street)  <b>Cincinnati, Ohio 45202</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG)</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chairman of the Board &amp; Chief Executive Officer</b>			
			3. IRS Identification, Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>February 26, 2003</b>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		
							7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock									-0-	D
Common Stock	2/26/03		P		12,400		A	\$18.94	3,564,822.77	I #1
Common Stock									4,073,443.79	I #2
Common Stock									-0-	I #5
Common Stock									2,682,361.56	I #6
Common Stock									-0-	I #7
Common Stock									537,779	I #8

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

\*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v)

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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	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	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	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable Date	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Indirect #1** By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al, Trustees for the Carl H. Lindner Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12-23-83.
- Indirect #2** By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse.
- Indirect #5** By Joseph A. Pedeto, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 1996-1 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 11/6/96.
- Indirect #6** By Lou Ann Flint, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 2002-2 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 8/19/02.
- Indirect #7** By Joseph A. Pedeto, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 1999-1 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 12/22/99.
- Indirect #8** Indiana Premier Fund, LLC, a limited liability company directly or indirectly wholly-owned by the Reporting Person.

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a)

**Karl J. Grafe**  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

**February 27, 2003**  
Date

**Carl H. Lindner**  
By: Karl J. Grafe, as attorney-in-fact

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed

If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure