

Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.
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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 *
SANFILIPPO ANTHONY MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3980 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. [PNK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2016

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)
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 or Disposed of (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/30/2016		G	V	205,786 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 0	559,214	I	By Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
Common Stock	12/30/2016		G	V	205,786 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	238,294	I	By Sanfilippo Family Trust
Common Stock	01/01/2017		A ⁽²⁾		40,000 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0	737,280	D	

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Common Stock	5,000	I	By Daughter
Common Stock	3,000	I	By Daughter
Common Stock	2,500	I	By Daughter
Common Stock	1,493	I	By 401(k) Plan

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANFILIPPO ANTHONY MICHAEL C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3980 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for Anthony M. Sanfilippo

01/04/2017

__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).

On December 30, 2016, a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust for the benefit of the reporting person and his children distributed 205,786

(1) shares of common stock to the Sanfilippo Family Trust, pursuant to the terms of the Grantor Retained Annuity Trust. These shares were previously reported as indirectly beneficially owned by the reporting person.

(2) The securities reported are restricted stock units that vest on January 1, 2018.

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