

STEAK & SHAKE CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KELLEY WAYNE L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**3800 ARCO CORPORATE  
DR., SUITE 300**

(Street)

**CHARLOTTE, NC 28273**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/30/2005**

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)

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 (A) or Disposed of (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 31,513  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 17,351  | I  | See Footnote (1)                  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/30/2005                           |  | J                              |   | 59,319 (3)  | D  | \$ 0 0 (3)                        |
| Common Stock                    | 12/30/2005                           |  | W                              |   | 19,773 (4)  | A  | \$ 0 19,773                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | See Footnote (4)                  |



## Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) These shares are held by the Residuary Marital Trust U/W Estel W. Kelley. Wayne Kelley is one of three trustees and one of several beneficiaries of this trust. He disclaims any interest in the shares reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) These shares were held in the Credit Trust U/W Estel W. Kelley. Mr. Kelley was one of three trustees and one of several beneficiaries of this trust. He disclaims any interest in the shares reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) These transaction noted in this line reflects shares being transferred out of the Credit Trust U/W Estel Kelley to three other trusts (as noted herein). Each of these trusts is for the benefit of the family Mr. Kelley's father's three children. Mr. Kelley is a trustee of these trusts, but disclaims any beneficial ownership in the two trusts that are for the benefit of his siblings. The transfers noted herein were made in the course of settling Mr. Kelley's father's estate.

(4) In finalizing Mr. Kelley's father's estate these shares were transferred into a trust for the benefit of Mr. Kelley's family from the Credit Shelter trust. Mr. Kelley is a trustee of this trust and disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares contained in the trust except to the extent of interest therein.

(5) In finalizing Mr. Kelley's father's estate these shares were transferred into a trust for the benefit of Mr. Kelley's sister and her family. Mr. Kelley is a trustee of this trust, but disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares therein.

(6) In finalizing Mr. Kelley's father's estate these shares were transferred into a trust for the benefit of Mr. Kelley's brother and his family. Mr. Kelley is a trustee of this trust, but disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares therein.

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