

SANFILIPPO ANTHONY MICHAEL
 Form 4
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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC. [PNK]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 8918 SPANISH RIDGE AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/25/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

(Street)
 LAS VEGAS, NV 89148

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 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	10/25/2010		P ⁽¹⁾		6,250	A	\$ 11.51 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock					171	I	By 401(k) Plan

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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 Reporting 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. 8918 SPANISH RIDGE AVENUE LAS VEGAS, NV 89148	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

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

10/25/2010

__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) The purchases reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 6, 2010.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.42 to \$11.55, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., any security holder of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each price within the ranges set forth in this footnote (2) to this Form 4.
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