

GARBER RICHARD P
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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 *
 GARBER RICHARD P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/17/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 First Senior Vice President

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/17/2008		A	1,800 (1) A \$ 0	34,697	D	
Common Stock (401k Plan)					2,580	D	

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)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 17.31	11/17/2008		A	2,000 <u>(2)</u>	11/17/2009 11/17/2018	Common Stock 2,000
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 18.32					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock 2,410
Stock Options	\$ 16.28					11/15/2001 11/15/2010	Common Stock 8,794
Stock Options	\$ 18.32					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock 5,966
Stock Options	\$ 19.66					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock 7,504
Stock Options	\$ 22.92					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock 7,658
Stock Options	\$ 23.01					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock 7,293
Stock Options	\$ 21.31					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock 8,104
Stock Options	\$ 23.32					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock 7,718
Stock Options	\$ 18.15					11/14/2008 11/14/2017	Common Stock 3,780

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARBER RICHARD P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			First Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ RICHARD P.
GARBER

11/25/2008

__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) Restricted shares granted under the 1999 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with five-year equal vesting beginning at grant date.

(2) Granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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