

MEYER ROBERT
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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 *
MEYER ROBERT

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)
11/16/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/16/2004		A ⁽¹⁾	7,500 A \$ 0	23,337 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock (with Spouse)					130,611	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					1,409	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.69					11/18/1998	11/18/2007	Common Stock	19,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.69					10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.69					11/23/2000	11/23/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.59					11/28/2001	11/28/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 22.83					11/27/2003	11/27/2011	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 23.89					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	13,000
Stock Option	\$ 27.86					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 27.97	11/16/2004		A ⁽³⁾	12,000	11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	12,000
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 22.83					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

ROBERT
MEYER

11/17/2004

__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 VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (3) Incentive stock options, 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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