

LAWRENCE JAMES G  
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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 \*  
LAWRENCE JAMES G

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)  
01/31/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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

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

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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 228,723 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 16,004  | I  | By Spouse   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 903   | I  | CUSTODIAN FOR SON                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 20,436  | I  | Executor  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/31/2006                           | 02/02/2006   | P                              | 860 A \$ 23.46  | 1,657   | I  | Spouse and Self/custodians for                        |

grandchildren

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.7429   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/27/2002 11/27/2011                                    | Common Stock 5,065  |   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.7524   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/18/2003 11/18/2012                                    | Common Stock 5,789  |   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 24.68   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2006 11/14/2015                                    | Common Stock 14,500   |   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 26.5333   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013                                    | Common Stock 13,230   |   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 26.6381   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/26/2005 11/16/2014                                    | Common Stock 12,600   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| LAWRENCE JAMES G<br>1455 VALLEY ROAD<br>WAYNE, NJ 07470- |               |           | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

JAMES G  
LAWRENCE

02/03/2006

\_\_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) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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