

LAWRENCE JAMES G  
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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 \*  
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)  
08/28/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 08/28/2009                           | 08/28/2009   | P                              | (A)<br>V Amount<br>2,971.138<br>(1)                               | \$ 4,134.138<br>(3)<br>11.78  | I  | Custodian For Son                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 283,662 (3)   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 19,452  | I  | By Spouse   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,807   | I  | Executor  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,104   | I  | Spouse And Self/custodians For                        |

|              |  |        |   |   |
|--------------|--|--------|---|---|
| Common Stock |  | 30,359 | I | Grandchildren<br>Trustee FBO<br>Mother <sup>(2)</sup> |
|--------------|--|--------|---|---|

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 17.8762   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/27/2002   | 11/27/2011  | Common Stock                                     | 6,156                      |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.7238   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/18/2003   | 11/18/2012  | Common Stock                                     | 7,036                      |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 21.8286   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2004   | 11/17/2013  | Common Stock                                     | 16,080                     |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 21.9143   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/26/2005   | 11/16/2014  | Common Stock                                     | 15,316                     |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 20.2952   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2006   | 11/14/2015  | Common Stock                                     | 17,624                     |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 22.2095   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2007   | 11/13/2016  | Common Stock                                     | 16,785                     |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 16.9619   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/12/2009   | 02/12/2018  | Common Stock                                     | 11,025                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

LAWRENCE JAMES G  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Executive Vice President

## Signatures

/s/ M. NASETTE ARANDA, AS  
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

09/01/2009

\*\*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) Shares were purchased under Valley National Bancorp's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) Mr. Lawrence is a trustee of a trust for the benefit of his mother, of which he is a 45% beneficiary; and his son a 10% beneficiary, of which Mr. Lawrence is the trustee. The reported amount reflects Mr. Lawrence and his son's shares of the trust.
- (3) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 14, 2009, issued on May 22, 2009 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2009.

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