

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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)  
08/11/2008

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

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/11/2008                           | 08/14/2008   | S                              | 4,000 D \$ 21.3761  | 33,963 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>  | 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 Option                               | \$ 14.585  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/12/2000   | 11/12/2009  | Common Stock | 4,936                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 16.2721   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/15/2001   | 11/15/2010  | Common Stock | 8,794                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 18.1524   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2008   | 11/14/2017  | Common Stock | 3,780                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 18.3215   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/07/2002   | 11/07/2011  | Common Stock | 5,966                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 19.6544   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/18/2003   | 11/18/2012  | Common Stock | 7,504                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.3195   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2006   | 11/14/2015  | Common Stock | 8,104                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.9205   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2004   | 11/17/2013  | Common Stock | 7,658                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.011  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/16/2005   | 11/16/2014  | Common Stock | 7,293                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.3197   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2007   | 11/13/2016  | Common Stock | 7,718                      |
| STOCK OPTION/NQ                            | \$ 18.3215   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/07/2002   | 11/07/2011  | Common Stock | 2,410                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

RICHARDPGARBER

08/13/2008

\_\_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).
- (2) Valley declared a 5 percent stock dividend on April 7 2008, payable May 23, 2008 to stockholders of record on May 9, 2008.
- (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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