

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
 Form 5
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ABRAMSON ANDREW B

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)

3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							70,674 ⁽¹⁾	D	
IRA							4,071 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock							5,440 ⁽¹⁾	I	WIFE
Common Stock							1,001 ⁽¹⁾	I	WIFE - IRA
	12/31/2004		J ⁽²⁾	405	A	\$ 0		I	

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Common Stock	15,979 ⁽³⁾ <u>(1)</u>	WIFE TRUSTEE
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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
(A) (D)			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABRAMSON ANDREW B 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X	^	^	^

Signatures

ANDREW B ABRAMSON	01/26/2005
**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) Additional shares acquired through DRIP
- (3) This number has been reduced by 2,271 shares in order to correct an error made on the reporting person's Form 5 filed in January 2004.
- (1) Includes Dividend Reinvestment Plan

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