

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**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 \*  
 GOULD ERIC W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 First Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2006

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  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2006	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	7	D	\$ 0	85,692 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)	12/31/2006	Â	J <sup>(3)</sup>	50	A	\$ 0	1,197 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	12/31/2006	Â	Z	6,908	A	\$ 0	15,457	I	By trust



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^ ^ ^ First Senior Vice President ^

## Signatures

ERIC W  
GOULD

01/12/2007

\*\*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).
- (4) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (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.
- (1) Adjust outstanding balance.
- (3) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match

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