

GARBER RICHARD P  
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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)  
**03/05/2008**

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

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

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

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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					43,011 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)	03/05/2008		J <sup>(2)</sup>	273.508 A	\$ 18.31 5,959.508	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)	03/05/2008	03/05/2008	S <sup>(3)</sup>	3,502.6 D	\$ 8.3 2,456.908	D	

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 14.7333					10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	9,236
Stock Option	\$ 15.3143					11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	8,797
Stock Option	\$ 17.0857					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	8,375
Stock Option	\$ 19.06					11/14/2008	11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,600
Stock Option	\$ 19.2376					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	5,682
Stock Option	\$ 20.6371					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,147
Stock Option	\$ 22.3855					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	7,718
Stock Option	\$ 24.0665					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	7,293
Stock Option	\$ 24.1615					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	6,946
Stock Option	\$ 24.4857					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	7,350
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 19.2376					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,295

