

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 5

February 12, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 RUKIN, BARNETT
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 WAYNE, NJ 07470-
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP (VLY)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security | 2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 3. Trans- action Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price | 5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Yea |
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Common Stock

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