

GARBER RICHARD P  
 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)  
 11/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/14/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	1,600 A \$ 0	29,595 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					1,649	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.2					10/27/1998 10/27/2007	Common Stock	8,37
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952					10/23/1999 10/23/2008	Common Stock	8,37
Stock Option	\$ 16.5905					11/12/2000 11/12/2009	Common Stock	7,97
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571					11/15/2001 11/15/2010	Common Stock	7,59
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	5,15
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	6,48
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	6,61
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	6,30
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	11/14/2005		A	7,000	11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	7,00
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,08

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

GARBER RICHARD P  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

## Signatures

RICHARD P  
GARBER

11/16/2005

\_\_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) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (3) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 6, 2005, payable May 20, 2005 to shareholders of record on May 6, 2005.
- (1) Restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (4) Granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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