

LIPKIN GERALD H  
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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 \*  
LIPKIN GERALD H

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)  
02/12/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

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

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
401K					2,230 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	02/12/2008		A <sup>(2)</sup>	23,529 A \$ 0	224,879 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock (with Spouse)					122	D	
Common Stock / IRA					5,046	D	
Common Stock					4,632	I	IRA/WIFE

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Common Stock 180,163 I WIFE

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 16.1429					02/09/1999 02/09/2008	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 16.1429					02/09/1999 02/09/2008	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 20.1015					03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 20.9222					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 21.9864					02/15/2007 02/15/2016	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 23.099					02/26/2005 02/26/2014	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 23.1422					02/08/2006 02/08/2015	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 24.7143					02/13/2008 02/13/2017	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 18.7	02/12/2008		A	35,000	02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 15.8095					01/05/2000 01/05/2009	Common Stock
STOCK	\$ 17.4495					02/08/2001 02/08/2011	COMMON

OPTION/NQ					STK.
STOCK	\$ 20.9222			02/15/2002	Common
OPTION/NQ				02/15/2012	Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIPKIN GERALD H 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

GERALDHLIPKIN	02/14/2008
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).
- (1) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (3) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 11, 2007, payable May 25, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 11, 2007.
- (4) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Restricted shares granted under the 1999 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with five-year equal vesting beginning at grant date.

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