

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)  
**07/30/2008**

\_\_\_\_ 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	07/30/2008	08/04/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300 D	\$ 19.6311	40,663 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock	07/30/2008	08/04/2008	S	700 D	\$ 19.7	39,963 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock	07/30/2008	08/04/2008	S	2,000 D	\$ 19.75	37,963 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)						2,580	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	\$ 14.585					11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	4,936
Stock Option	\$ 16.2721					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	8,794
Stock Option	\$ 18.1524					11/14/2008	11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,780
Stock Option	\$ 18.3215					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	5,966
Stock Option	\$ 19.6544					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,504
Stock Option	\$ 21.3195					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	8,104
Stock Option	\$ 22.9205					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	7,658
Stock Option	\$ 23.011					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	7,293
Stock Option	\$ 23.3197					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	7,718
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 18.3215					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,410

