

GARBER RICHARD P
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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)
11/17/2009

____ 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	11/17/2009		A	1,800 (2)	A \$ 0 35,081	D (1)	
Common Stock (401k Plan)					3,002	D (3)	

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 17.4476					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,531
Stock Options	\$ 15.5048					11/15/2001 11/15/2010	Common Stock	9,234
Stock Options	\$ 17.4476					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	6,264
Stock Options	\$ 18.7238					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,879
Stock Options	\$ 21.8286					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	8,041
Stock Options	\$ 21.9143					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	7,658
Stock Options	\$ 20.2952					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	8,509
Stock Options	\$ 22.2095					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	8,104
Stock Options	\$ 17.2857					11/14/2008 11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,969
Stock Options	\$ 16.4857					11/17/2009 11/17/2018	Common Stock	2,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARBER RICHARD P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			First Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ RICHARD P.
GARBER

11/19/2009

__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).
- (1) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 14, 2009, issued on May 22, 2009 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2009.
Restricted stock granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan. Under the TARP rules, the restricted
 - (2) stock grants cannot vest for a period of two years following the grant date. If the TARP funds are repaid, the restricted stock may be subject to a three year vesting period.
 - (3) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting officer's balance in the Plan.

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