

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 4

December 12, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
MEYER, ROBERT
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/Day/Year
12/13/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
() Director () 10% Owner
(X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) 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) Code V Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock	12/11/2002	12/12/2002	G	-100 D \$0.0000	125803
Common Stock (with Spouse)					5644
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					766

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exercis- able (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option Stock	\$18.4 \$18.4					11/18/2007 10/23/2008	Common Stock Common

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Option			Stock
Stock	\$18.4	11/23/2009	Common
Option			Stock
Stock	\$21.6	11/28/2010	Common
Option			Stock
Stock	\$25.17	11/27/2011	Common
Option			Stock
Stock	\$26.33	11/18/2012	Common
Option			Stock
STOCK	\$25.17	11/27/2011	Common
OPTION/NQ			Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ ROBERT MEYER

DATE
12/12/2002