

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
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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)
02/08/2005

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
401K					1,412	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2005		A ⁽¹⁾	10,000 A	\$ 0 265,899 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock (with Spouse)					107	D	
Common Stock / IRA					5,655	D	
Common Stock					5,309	I	IRA/WIFE

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Common Stock 68,623 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 18.87					02/09/1999 02/09/2008	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 15.96					02/12/2001 02/12/2010	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 18.14					01/05/2000 01/05/2009	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 18.87					02/09/1999 02/09/2008	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 23.27					03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 24.22					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 26.74					02/26/2005 02/26/2014	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 26.79	02/08/2005		A ⁽³⁾	20,000	02/08/2006 02/08/2015	Common Stock
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 20.2					02/08/2001 02/08/2011	COMMON STK.
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 24.22					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 18.14					01/05/2000 01/05/2009	Common

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

GERALD H
LIPKIN

02/10/2005

__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.
- (1) Restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (3) 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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