

ABRAMSON ANDREW B
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ABRAMSON ANDREW B

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

1455 VALLEY ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/16/2005	^	G	2,489	D	\$ 0	76,649 ⁽¹⁾	D	^
Common Stock	12/30/2005	^	J ⁽²⁾	2,071	A	\$ 0	78,720 ⁽¹⁾	D	^
IRA	12/30/2005	^	J ⁽²⁾	144	A	\$ 0	4,418 ⁽¹⁾	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	40	I	CHILDREN
	12/30/2005	^	J ⁽²⁾	158	A	\$ 0	5,870 ⁽¹⁾	I	WIFE

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(2) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan

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