

Robbins Ira
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Robbins Ira

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)
12/31/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
First Sr. VP and Treasurer

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/30/2011	Â	G	75 D \$ 0	12,483	D	Â
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	12/30/2011	Â	G	75 A \$ 0	210	I	Trustee FBO Minors

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
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options	\$ 16.97	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	3,880
Stock Options	\$ 19.8	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,695
Stock Options	\$ 19.88	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	4,221
Stock Options	\$ 18.01	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/18/2006	07/18/2015	Common Stock	336
Stock Options	\$ 18.42	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	4,691
Stock Options	\$ 20.14	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	4,468
Stock Options	\$ 15.68	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/14/2008	11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,647
Stock Options	\$ 14.95	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/17/2009	11/17/2018	Common Stock	1,158

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Robbins Ira 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470	Â	Â	Â First Sr. VP and Treasurer	Â

Signatures

/s/ IRA D. ROBBINS
01/31/2012

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% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.
- (2) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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