

LIPKIN GERALD H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
12/13/2007

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)

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 401K                            |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,170 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2007                           |  | G                              | 2,100 D \$ 0  | 202,670 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock (with Spouse)      |                                      |  |                                |   | 123   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock / IRA              | 12/13/2007                           |  | G                              | 1,500 D \$ 0  | 5,047   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2007                           |  | G                              | 1,500 D \$ 0  | 4,631   | I  | IRA/WIFE                          |

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Common Stock 180,163 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 16.1429   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/09/1999   | 02/09/2008  | Common Stock | 11,54                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 16.1429   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/09/1999   | 02/09/2008  | Common Stock | 3                          |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 20.1015   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2013  | Common Stock | 22,33                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 20.9222   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/15/2002   | 02/15/2012  | Common Stock | 1,373                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.9864   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/15/2007   | 02/15/2016  | Common Stock | 27,56                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.099  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/26/2005   | 02/26/2014  | Common Stock | 24,31                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.1422   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/08/2006   | 02/08/2015  | Common Stock | 23,15                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 24.7143   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/13/2008   | 02/13/2017  | Common Stock | 36,75                      |
| STOCK OPTION/NQ                            | \$ 15.8095   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/05/2000   | 01/05/2009  | Common Stock | 22,15                      |
| STOCK                                      | \$ 17.4495   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/08/2001   | 02/08/2011  | COMMON       | 26,80                      |

|           |            |  |            |            |             |
|-----------|------------|--|------------|------------|-------------|
| OPTION/NQ |            |  |            | STK.       |             |
| STOCK     | \$ 20.9222 |  | 02/15/2002 | 02/15/2012 | Common      |
| OPTION/NQ |            |  |            |            | Stock 24,15 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| LIPKIN GERALD H<br>1455 VALLEY ROAD<br>WAYNE, NJ 07470- | X             |           | Chairman, President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Alan D. Eskow, as<br>Attorney-in-fact          | 12/13/2007          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

## 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) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (2) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 11, 2007, payable May 25, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 11, 2007.
- (3) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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