

JONES GRAHAM O
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FORM 4

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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 *
JONES GRAHAM O

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)
02/03/2009

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/03/2009 | 02/06/2009 | S | | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.1128 | 990,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/03/2009 | 02/06/2009 | S | | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.1292 | 970,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/03/2009 | 02/06/2009 | S | | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.245 | 950,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/03/2009 | 02/06/2009 | S | | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.1856 | 930,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/03/2009 | 02/06/2009 | S | | 12,000 | D | \$ 12.2558 | 918,199 | D | |

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|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2009 | 02/09/2009 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.3737 | 898,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2009 | 02/09/2009 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.4241 | 878,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2009 | 02/09/2009 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.3176 | 858,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2009 | 02/09/2009 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.298 | 838,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2009 | 02/09/2009 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.3134 | 818,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2009 | 02/09/2009 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.3906 | 798,199 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2009 | 02/09/2009 | S | 15,100 | D | \$ 12.35 | 783,099 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 16,480 | I ⁽¹⁾ | Wife As Trustee |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| | | | | |

JONES GRAHAM O
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WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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Signatures

/s/ GRAHAM O.
JONES

02/05/2009

 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% dividend on April 7, 2008, issued on May 23, 2008 to shareholders of record on May 9, 2008.

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