VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GARBER RICHARD P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1455 VALLEY ROAD

(Street)

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/24/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
First Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/24/2008	03/27/2008	S		2,500	D	$ 20.4453	40,511 (1)	D	
Common Stock	03/25/2008	03/27/2008	M		2,500	A	$ 14.7333	43,011 (1)	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)								2,456.908	D	

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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Stock Option	$ 15.3143							11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	8,79
Stock Option	$ 17.0857							11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	8,37
Stock Option	$ 19.06							11/14/2008	11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,60
Stock Option	$ 19.2376							11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	5,68
Stock Option	$ 20.6371							11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,14
Stock Option	$ 22.3855							11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	7,71
Stock Option	$ 24.0665							11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	7,29
Stock Option	$ 24.1615							11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	6,94
Stock Option	$ 24.4857							11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	7,35
Stock Option	$ 14.7333	03/26/2008	03/26/2008	M			2,500	10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	2,50
STOCK OPTION/NQ	$ 19.2376							11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,29

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	**Relationships**

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

GARBER RICHARD P
1455 VALLEY ROAD
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

First Senior Vice President

Signatures

Alan D. Eskow, As Attorney-In-Fact	03/28/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 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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