

KELLY ALFRED F JR  
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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 \*  
**KELLY ALFRED F JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 3  
 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]**

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

**11/04/2004**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Member, Global Leadership Team

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)			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 or Price			
Common Shares	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	M		2,900	A \$ 29.302	241,763	D	
Common Shares	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	M		14,000	A \$ 29.604	255,763	D	
Common Shares	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	M		92,500	A \$ 35.292	348,263	D	
Common Shares	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	F		2,023	D \$ 54.5	346,240	D	
Common Shares	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	F		9,819	D \$ 54.5	336,421	D	

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Common Shares	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	F	71,195	D	\$ 54.5	265,226	D	
Common Shares							4,450	I	401(k) Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.302	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	M		2,900		02/23/2001	02/22/2008	Common Shares	2,900
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.604	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	M		14,000		10/26/2004	10/25/2008	Common Shares	14,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.292	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	M		92,500		02/22/2001	02/22/2009	Common Shares	92,500
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 54.5	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	A		9,819		05/04/2005	10/25/2008	Common Shares	9,819
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 54.5	11/04/2004	11/04/2004	A		71,195		05/04/2005	02/21/1999	Common Shares	71,195

buy)

Employee  
stock  
option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 54.5      11/04/2004      11/04/2004      A      2,023      05/04/2005      02/22/2008

Common  
Shares      2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELLY ALFRED F JR AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003			Member, Global Leadership Team	

## Signatures

Alfred F. Kelly,  
Jr.      11/08/2004

\_\_Signature of      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive Savings Plan as of November 4, 2004. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.

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