

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
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FORM 5

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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 *
 ESKOW ALAN D
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

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)
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHIEF

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 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)	(A) or (D)	Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	567 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
401K	12/31/2004	Â	J ⁽²⁾	220	A	\$ 0	1,715 ⁽²⁾	D	Â
COMMON STK.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,654 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	57,972	D	Â

Common Stock Â Â Â Â Â 552 ⁽¹⁾ I IRA/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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.69	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	10/23/1999 10/23/2008	Common Stock 6,38
Stock Option	\$ 17.42	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/12/2000 11/12/2009	Common Stock 7,59
Stock Option	\$ 19.59	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/28/2001 11/28/2010	Common Stock 14,4
Stock Option	\$ 22.83	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/27/2001 11/27/2011	Common Stock 5,70
Stock Option	\$ 23.89	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock 13,23
Stock Option	\$ 27.86	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock 12,60
Stock Option	\$ 27.97	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock 12,00
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 22.83	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock 9,45

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ESKOW ALAN D	Â	Â	Â EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHIEF	Â

1455 VALLEY ROAD
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Signatures

ALAN D
ESKOW

01/21/2005

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).
- (2) Balance update on Valley shares held under the Valley 401k plan, as of December 31, 2004.
- (1) Includes Dividend Reinvestment Plan

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