

LAWRENCE JAMES G  
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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 \*  
LAWRENCE JAMES G

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)  
12/15/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	12/15/2011		S	400 D \$ 11.6	60,454	I	Trustee FBO Mother <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	12/16/2011		S	60,454 D \$ 11.71	0	I	Trustee FBO Mother <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	12/16/2011		S	18,246 D \$ 11.7	0	I	Executor - Mother's Estate <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	12/16/2011		S	10,811 D \$ 11.71	0	I	Executor <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>					317,631	D	

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Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	21,445	I	By Spouse
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	4,557	I	Custodian For Son
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	1,708	I	Spouse And Self/custodians For Grandchildren

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. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 12.5048					11/15/2011 11/15/2020	Common Stock	5,988
Stock Options	\$ 16.219					11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock	6,787
Stock Options	\$ 16.981					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,757
Stock Options	\$ 19.8					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	17,728
Stock Options	\$ 19.8762					11/26/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	16,886
Stock Options	\$ 18.4095					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	19,430
Stock Options	\$ 20.1429					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	18,506

Stock Options \$ 15.381

02/12/2009 02/12/2018 Common Stock 12,155

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other
LAWRENCE JAMES G 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	Executive Vice President

## Signatures

/s/ JAMES G.  
LAWRENCE    12/16/2011

          \*\*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) Mr. Lawrence is a trustee of a trust for the benefit of his mother, of which he is a 45% beneficiary; and his son a 10% beneficiary, of which Mr. Lawrence is the trustee. The reported amount reflects the total shares held in the trust.
- (2) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.
- (3) Mr. Lawrence is the Executor and 50% beneficiary of his Mother's Estate.
- (4) Mr. Lawrence is the Executor and 50% beneficiary of his father's Estate.
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