CROCITTO PETER P
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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 *
CROCITTO PETER 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)
11/14/2005

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)
EXECUTIVE 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			
401K								2,040	D	
COMMON STK.								11,528	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2005		A(1)		7,500	A	$ 0	118,617 (2) (3)	D	
Common Stock								2,720	I	CUSTODIAN/CHILD
Common Stock								132	I	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 Amou Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Stock Option	$ 9.6762							07/10/2001	10/29/2003	Common Stock	3
Stock Option	$ 15.8952							11/18/1998	11/18/2007	Common Stock	20,9
Stock Option	$ 15.8952							10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	16,1
Stock Option	$ 15.8952							11/23/2000	11/23/2009	Common Stock	15,9
Stock Option	$ 18.6571							11/28/2001	11/28/2010	Common Stock	16,1
Stock Option	$ 21.7429							11/27/2003	11/27/2011	Common Stock	4,9
Stock Option	$ 22.7524							11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	13,8
Stock Option	$ 26.5333							11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	13,2
Stock Option	$ 26.6381							11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	12,6
Stock Option	$ 24.68	11/14/2005		A		14,500		11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	14,5
STOCK OPTION/NQ	$ 21.7429							11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	10,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROCITTO PETER P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

PETER P CROCITTO	11/16/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(2) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

(3) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 6, 2005, payable May 20, 2005 to shareholders of record on May 6, 2005.

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(4) Granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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