

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

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 *
LENNER MARC J

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)
10/29/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	10/29/2008	11/03/2008	P	V	1,697	A	\$ 16.83	5,817	I	Custodian For Sons
Common Stock	10/29/2008	11/03/2008	P	V	3,401	A	\$ 16.83	5,901	I	Custodian For Daughters
Common Stock	10/29/2008		J		183 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	6,000	I	Custodian For Sons
Common Stock	10/29/2008		J		99 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	6,000	I	Custodian For Daughters
	10/29/2008		J		871 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	20,523	D	

Common
Stock

Common Stock	10/29/2008		J	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	308	I	Spouse
Common Stock							159,110	I	The Lester M. Entin Trust - 50% Trustee

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LENNER MARC J 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-		X		

Signatures

/s/ Marc J.
Lenner

10/30/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 7, 2008, to be issued May 23, 2008 to shareholders of record on May 9, 2008.

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