#### LARUSSO MICHAEL L

Form 4

December 05, 2005

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LARUSSO MICHAEL L			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
			[VLY]	[VLY]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	, , ,	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			XDirector10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)						
1455 VALLEY ROAD			12/01/2005						below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check						
WAYNE, N	Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	ned 3. 4. Securities Acquired n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  Oay/Year) (Instr. 8)				d of (D)	Owned Indirect (I) Own					
				Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/01/2005	12/06/2	2005	P		500	A	\$ 24.7	2,114 (1)	D		
Common Stock	12/01/2005	12/06/2	2005	S		500	D	\$ 24.67	1,614 (1)	D		
Common Stock (with Spouse)									5,775	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LARUSSO MICHAEL L 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X						

# **Signatures**

MICHAEL L LARUSSO 12/05/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
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) 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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