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FORM 5 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION								OMB Number:	3235-0362	
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1. Name and A DYKE KEF	Symbol	VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M	(Month/	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2005				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
1455 VALL	LEY ROAD	12/01/1					FIRST SENI	OR VICE PRE	SIDENT	
		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting				
							(chec	k applicable line)	
WAYNE,Â	NJÂ 07470-						_X_ Form Filed by Form Filed by I Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-Deri	ivative Sec	uritie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (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	9,019 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â	
Common Stock (401K Plan)	12/31/2005	Â	J <u>(2)</u>	198	A	\$ 0	690 <u>(3)</u>	D	Â	

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)	Number E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)8((
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,894
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	6,483
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	6,615
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	6,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addr	ess	Relationships							
		Director 10% Owner Officer							
DYKE KERMIT R 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	Â	Â	FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Â					
Signatures									
KERMIT R DYKE	01/10/2006								
**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).

(3) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.

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- (1) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match

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