

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 5

February 12, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 JONES, GRAHAM O.
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 WAYNE, NJ 07470-
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP (VLY)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 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	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amo- Securi- Benefi- Owned Follow Yea
				Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock							948029
Common Stock							12303
Common Stock							31315

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D) (A) (D)	Date Exercis- able (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares

Explanation of Responses:

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ GRAHAM O. JONES

DATE

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