FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  JOHNSON DALE D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [ GGG ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner						
(Last) 88 11TH	(F	ŕ	(Middle	e)		Date of 5/02/20		iest Tra	nsactio	n (Mor	nth/Day/Year)		^ below	Officer (give title below)  President, Wor		Other (s below) vide CED	specify			
						If Ame	ndme	nt, Date	e of Ori	ginal F	iled (Month/Da		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)							
(Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413				_										Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)					R	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication														
											ansaction was r ditions of Rule 1				ract, instruction or written plan that is intended to n 10.					
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,		3. 4. Se		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership						
					(monangay, roal)		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac				(Instr. 4)				
Common Stock 0			05/02/2	023	3		M		43,080	Α	\$24.933	9333 207,694.6		94.6976						
Common Stock		05/02/2	5/02/2023		3		S		43,080	D	\$79.4508	164,614.6976			D					
Common Stock		05/02/2	05/02/2023		3		M		47,130	A	\$24.793	933 211,744.6976			D					
Common Stock			05/02/2023				S		46,830	D	\$79.2334	334 <sup>(2)</sup> 164,914.6976			D					
Common	Stock			05/02/2	023				S	Ш	300	D	\$79.8067	164,6	614.6976		D			
Common	Stock			05/02/2	023				S	Щ	5,000	D	\$79.8772	159,6	) 159,614.6976 <sup>(5)</sup> D					
Common Stock										9,143.5738(6)				By ESOP						
		-	Table								sposed of			y Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Execution Date (Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  5. Num of Derivative (Month/Day/Year)  Code (Instr. 8)		umber ivative urities uired or oosed O) (Instr	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)					Derivative Security		e s Illy J	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)							
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	1						
Non- qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$24.9333	05/02/2023			М			43,080	)	(7)	02/14/2024	Commo Stock		\$0	0		D			
Non- qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$24.7933	05/02/2023			М			47,130	)	(7)	02/13/2025	Commo Stock		\$0	0		D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$79.00 to \$79.81, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$78.79 to \$79.79, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in the footnote.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$79.80 to \$79.81, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set
- 4. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$79.80 to \$79.92, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in the footnote.
- 5. Included in the amount reported are shares acquired under Graco Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- 6. The number of ESOP shares reported includes dividends paid pursuant to the Graco Employee Stock Ownership Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- $7.\ Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc.\ 2010\ Stock Incentive\ Plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments and the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercise the plan in transaction exempt under Rule\ 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercise the stock option becomes ex$ commencing one year after the date of the grant.

## in-fact for Mr. Johnson

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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Know all by these presents that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Joseph J. Humke, Shannon E. Quirk, Janel W. French and David M. Lowe signing singly, the undersigned?s true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned?s capacity as an officer or director or both of Graco Inc. (the ?Company?), any Form 144 in accordance with Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933 and Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules thereunder;
- (2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, 5 or 144 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact-in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 2nd day of May, 2023.

/s/ Dale D. Johnson

Dale D. Johnson