FORM 4

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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* <u>Etchart Eric</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [GGG] | (Check all applica | ''' ' | | |
| (Last) (First) 88 11TH AVENUE NE | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2021 | Officer (below) | give title | Other (specify below) | |
| (Street) MINNEAPOLIS | MN | 55413 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Line) X Form file | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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 Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (IIISu. 4) |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of Derivative 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature Z. Conversion Derivative Transaction Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Securities derivative Ownership of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise Price of if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Underlying Derivative Security Security (Instr. 5) Securities Beneficially Form: Direct (D) Beneficial Derivative (Instr. 3 and 4) Owned (Instr. 4) Acquired or Indirect (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Following Reported Security (I) (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Amount Number Expiration (D) (A) Exercisable Title Shares Code Date Deferred A⁽²⁾ (1) (1) (1) 296.83 11,061.62(3) 07/01/2021 Stock 296.83 \$75.7 D Stock Shares

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The deferred stock shares were accrued under the Graco Inc. 2019 Stock Incentive Plan and are to be settled 100% in Graco common stock in a lump sum or installments upon reporting person's termination of service on the Board.
- 2. Shares of Graco Inc. deferred stock received in lieu of quarterly retainer fees.
- 3. The number of deferred stock shares includes deferred stock shares acquired under the Graco Inc. Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP), exempt under Rule 16a-11.

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., 07/01/2021 attorney-in-fact for Mr. Etchart

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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