FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  VAN SANT R WILLIAM					2. Is GI	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [ GGG ]								Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)     X Director				g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2023									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413  (City) (State) (Zip)				. 4. li	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X 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 (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					saction Day/Ye	ay/Year)  2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transac Code (li 8)	ction nstr. V	4. Securit Disposed 5)	ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,		or and	5. Amount Securities Beneficial Owned For Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	Form (D) or (I) (In on(s)		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Table II -						uired, Di s, option						)wned				
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any						ansaction of Derivative			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numi of Share	ber					
Deferred Stock Shares	(1)	01/01/2023			A <sup>(2)</sup>		332.66		(1)		(1)	Common Stock	332.	.66	\$67.26	74,024.703	35(3)	D	

## **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., attorney-in-fact for Mr. Van

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

01/04/2023

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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