FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     VAN SANT R WILLIAM				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [ GGG ]							(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner						
(Last)	(Fi	rst)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2023									(give title		(specify	
88 11TH AVENUE NE				4. I	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413												X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St	ate)	(Zip)		Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication													
					Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intend satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.							ded to						
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deri	vativ	e Sec	curities	Ac	quired, Di	sposed	of, c	or Ber	neficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 5) 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5)			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s F ally ( ollowing (	i. Ownership form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership						
									Code V	Amou	nt	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)	
	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)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		of Un De	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Titi	tle	Amount or Number of Shares					
Deferred Stock Shares	(1)	04/01/2023			A <sup>(2)</sup>		306.46		(1)	(1)		ommon Stock	306.46	\$73.01	74,578.1906	D 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/ Shannon E. Quirk, attorney-04/03/2023 in-fact for Mr. Van Sant

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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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 a director 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 22nd day of February, 2023.

/s/ R. William Van Sant R. William Van Sant