

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* <u>CARROLL WILLIAM J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>88 11TH AVENUE NE</u> (Street) <u>MINNEAPOLIS MN</u> <u>55413</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GRACO INC</u> [<u>GGG</u>] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/01/2018</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			

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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>Phantom Stock Units</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>01/01/2018</u>		<u>A</u> ⁽²⁾		<u>138.21</u>		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>138.21</u>	<u>\$45.22</u>	<u>50,816.721</u> ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Phantom Stock Units were accrued under the Graco Inc. 2015 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. phantom stock received in lieu of retainer fees.
3. Graco Inc. did a 3 for 1 stock split on 12/27/2017 and the number of phantom shares was adjusted accordingly.
4. The number of Stock Units reported includes Stock Units acquired in unreported dividend reinvestment transactions.

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr.,
attorney-in-fact for Mr. Carroll 01/03/2018

** 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).

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