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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Etchart Eric

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 88 11TH AVENUE NE
 (Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GRACO INC [GGG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V	Amount	(D) Price

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

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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	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2018		A(2)		442.28		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	442.28 \$ 4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Etchart Eric 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413			X	

Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr. Etchart
 01/03/2018
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (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) The number of phantom stock units includes phantom stock units acquired under the Graco Inc. Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP), exempt under Rule 16a-11.
- (4) Graco Inc. did a 3 for 1 stock split on 12/27/2017 and the number of phantom shares was adjusted accordingly.

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