

GRACO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CARROLL WILLIAM J**

(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)  
02/02/2012

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)  
 Form filed by 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |   |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |        |   |              |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2012                           |  | M                              | V   | 5,625   | A  | \$ 19.13                          | 25,316 | D |              |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2012                           |  | F                              | V   | 2,224   | D  | \$ 48.38                          | 23,092 | D |              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 1,480  | I | by Trust (1) |

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 19.13   | 02/02/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,625   | <u>(2)</u> 05/07/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 5,625                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARROLL WILLIAM J<br>88 - 11TH AVENUE NE<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Carrie Daniel Russell, Attorney-in-Fact for William J. Carroll  
02/03/2012

\_\_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) Sarah Maureen Carroll Trust. These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's grandchildren. The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of the trust.
- (2) Nonemployee director stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. Stock Incentive Plan in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing one year after the date of grant.

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