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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Perso CARROLL WILLIAM J | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [GGG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| 88 11TH AVENUE NE | (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2013 | _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Chter (specify below) | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | sed of 4 and (A) or | ` ′ | 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) |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2013 | | M | 3,750 | A | \$ 20.27 | 22,412 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2013 | | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 29.48 | 25,412 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2013 | | S | 2,862 | D | \$ 57.5555 (1) | 22,550 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,480 | I | By Trust |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on f 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.27 | 01/31/2013 | | M | 3,750 | (3) | 05/05/2013 | Common Stock | 3,750 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.48 | 01/31/2013 | | M | 3,000 | <u>(3)</u> | 04/23/2014 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARROLL WILLIAM J

88 11TH AVENUE NE X

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

Signatures

/s/ Carrie Daniel Russell, Attorney-in-Fact for William J. Carroll

**Signature of Reporting Person

02/04/2013 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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$57.510 to \$57.615, inclusive.

 The reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, with full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in the footnote.

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

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