

MCHALE PATRICK J

Form 4

February 14, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MCHALE PATRICK 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)
02/14/2012

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)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☐ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	02/14/2012		M	12,656 A	\$ 18.39	69,085	D
Common Stock	02/14/2012 ⁽¹⁾		S	7,400 D	\$ 49.47	61,685 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock					1,738.7102	I	by ESOP

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.39	02/14/2012		M	12,656	<u>(3)</u> 02/22/2012	Common Stock	12,6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCHALE PATRICK J 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

By: Carrie Daniel Russell, Attorney-in-Fact For: Patrick J.
McHale

02/14/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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(1) Sale pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan effective August 5, 2011.

(2) Included in the amount reported are shares acquired under Graco Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.

(3) Employee 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 the grant.

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