RICHARD COUNCIL, No. 788
5300 North Grand River Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48906

41st Annual Matthew 25:40 Christmas Project

Brother Knights and Families: September, 2026

As we approach the Christmas season, we are filled with anticipation and hope for our 41st year of the Matthew 25:40 Project, a cherished initiative dedicated to providing food and gifts to families in need. Our mission is to bring Christmas cheer to at least 24 families of the working and unemployed poor in our community. The Matthew 25:40 Project relies entirely on the generosity of our members and local businesses. We are grateful for the continued support we receive, which allows us to purchase and pack food boxes; and select and wrap Christmas gifts for the families we adopt. These families are referred to us by Capital Area Community Services, who provide essential details such as sizes, ages, and any special needs of the children.

Our only expense for this project is for the postage and supplies needed to print and send this appeal out to you. We also provide the workers with lunch and refreshments after the deliveries are made. Will you help or donate? We can always use more shoppers for gifts or drivers to help make those deliveries. This year we will be making deliveries on 12/20/26 starting at 12:00 at Columbus Hall. Call me if you want to help. My cell number is 517-331-3959.

Here's how you may contribute:

1. Financial Donations: Please use the QR code below to use a credit card on our website or write a check made out to Council #788 and note "Matthew 25:40 Project" on the memo line. Mail or drop off your donation at Columbus Hall. To ensure your donation is correctly sorted, please mark "Matthew 25:40 Project" on the envelope as well. If you are able, please donate by November 10th so the funds will be available for our shoppers to take advantage of Black Friday sales.

2. Volunteering: If you have time to volunteer, as a shopper for our families gifts, or as a driver on December 20th, we would be grateful for your assistance. Contact me directly to volunteer.

Our order's foremost principle is Charity, and we are called to support our brothers and sisters in need. As Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Your contribution, whether financial or through volunteering, helps us fulfill this mission and makes a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. May we all be blessed this Christmas season, and may our efforts bring joy and hope to those we serve.

Please return this letter with your email address: _____

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes,

Michael and Vickey Wegener, PGK, FDD
Matthew 25:40 Project Co-Chairs