

## JDRF Walk Award Presentation

February 12, 2010

Grand Prelate Robert Kaufman attended the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk Award Presentations to accept a *Gold Level Award* on behalf the Knights of Pythias of the Domain of New York which contributed over \$15,000 to the JDRF during 2009 (Picture at right).

GP Robert Kaufman also received an Award Certificate for raising over \$500 for the October 2009 Walk. Grand Master at-Arms Craig Shink was awarded a Golden Sneaker for the 2nd year in a row for raising in excess of \$1,000 at the 2009 Walk.



Each fall, many Pythians raise money for the JDRF by walking in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. The Grand Lodge and local lodges have raised tens of thousands of dollars in support of JDRF.

Awareness of Diabetes remains a major concern of Pythians. Grand Lodge established Diabetes Research Association in 1997 to help fund research to find a cure. The Pythian DRA has become the largest single fundraising committee in the Grand Lodge. It supports the nationally recognized Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as well as the American Diabetes Association. Through fundraising events like local golf tournaments, table at street fairs, sale of merchandise, the Pythian DRA has been able to raise and donate over \$500,000 to diabetes research groups since its inception.