

Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Assoc. Honored by Diabetes Research Institute

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On November 6, 2017, the The Diabetes Research Institute (DRI) Foundation presented the New York Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association Inc. (DRA) with its Hypothesis Award for having contributed in excess of \$50,000 (to the Institute). Bruce Siegel, Chairman of DRI's Northeast Board of Directors, presented the award to the DRA President Deputy Supreme Chancellor (NY) Craig Shink.

Designed to acknowledge DRI's generous donors, the award is part of the Foundation's "The Cycle of Discovery," an elegant series of eight crystal sculptures portraying the scientific journey through the evolution of an idea.



Pictured (L-R) Deputy Supreme Chancellor (NY) and President of the Diabetes Research Association Inc. Craig Shink with the Hypothesis Award Presented by Bruce Siegel, Chair, Northeast Region Board of Directors of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation.

Each piece in The Cycle of Discovery sequence is an artistic representation of the endless questioning, the complex investigation, the perpetuation of thought and the significant accomplishments made by DRI scientists who are committed to finding a cure as quickly as possible.

These generous gifts made by individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations, support the DRI's critical research areas, including emerging technologies, stem cell research, islet transplantation and eliminating immunosuppression.

In addition to receiving the award, honorees such as DRA which achieved these giving levels receive permanent recognition within the Diabetes Research Institute on its distinctive Walls of Honor (where a Leaf recognizes the DRA). They also get acknowledged in several Foundation publications, including the DRI's 2017 Annual Report. Donors to the DRI Foundation at the Founders level and above such as the Pythian DRA also get recognized by the University of Miami.

Upon accepting the award, President Shink, informed all those in attendance how the DRA was formed and its continued mission of helping find a cure to Diabetes. He informed the attendees how they do fund raising and are always looking for new members to help in our fight to find a cure.