

## Order Knights of Pythias Recognizes Corey Bearak for Volunteer Service to the Community



Photo Caption: At the Knights of Pythias Domain of New York Grand Council meeting, Monday, February 7, 2011, in Garden City Park, Supreme Master at Arms Sir Alan Krell (l) and Grand Chancellor Michael Sukenick (r) of the [Domain of New York](#) present a Supreme Chancellor's Certificate of Honor to Corey Bearak, Secretary of FDR Lodge #613 (Brooklyn) for volunteer service in the community. Then-Supreme Chancellor, Sir Dan Cowan had set a goal of two million volunteer hours given by members of the Pythian Order for the period August, 2008 to July, 2010. To encourage volunteerism he awarded Certificates of Honor to those who performed 100 or more volunteer hours. Bearak, a [Government and Public Affairs Counselor](#), estimated that he gave over 1500 hours during that period to nine organizations that serve the community, its seniors and youth. Bearak is a resident of Bellerose, Queens.

The [Order of Knights of Pythias](#) is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order, established in 1864 in Washington, DC, by Justus H. Rathbone and was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress. The distinguishing [principles](#) of this fraternal organization are "FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE". Domains of the Order exist in most states and provinces, and subordinate lodges are located in many cities and towns across the United States and Canada.

The New York Grand Lodge supports [charities](#), including the Pythian Humanitarian Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Research Association, Pythian Camp, Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund (which supports health and elder care institutions) and the Special Olympics.

The certificate signed by then Supreme Chancellor Dan Cowan reads:

*"Know Ye All,*

*That,*

*To Corey Bearak*

*Has Been Awarded The Coveted Supreme Chancellor's Certificate of Honor*

*For outstanding devotion to duty and Pythian ideals performed with enthusiasm and zeal;*

*For dedicated service to your community by charitable acts of volunteerism;*

*For demonstrating acts of Benevolence through community service;*

*For displaying individual responsibility in the generous donation of time and energy to bring forth great praise for our Order, and*

*For exemplifying the cardinal precepts of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence that has graced the spirit of Pythians since 1864.*

*It is for these reasons, that I, as Supreme Chancellor of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, hereby bestows upon you this unique honor for the unselfish service you have rendered through your tireless efforts for volunteerism to your community.*

*(dated) July 1, 2009*

*(signed) Dan Cowan, Supreme Chancellor*

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