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2026 Dinner Dance

Saturday, September 19th, 2026



2026 – 2027 Officers

Event Schedule

- 5:30 PM** Door opens Social Hour/ No Host Bar
- 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM** Silent Auction Section 1
- 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM** Silent Auction Section 2
- 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM** Sweet Shop
- 6:00 PM - Sold Out** Sportsman's Warehouse Raffle
- 6:30 PM** Blessings of the food
- Welcome by Grand Knight



- 6:45 PM - 8:15PM** Serve Dinner VIP/Grandstand
- 6:45 PM** Race #1 - St. Mary's Youth Group
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Food General seating
- 7:45 PM** Race #2 – St. Mary's CCD
- 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM** Live Auction
- 8:30 - 11:30 PM** Live Music by

Monsanto Band

Band Break Special Activity

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How to Join

If you are a practicing Catholic man, age 18 or older, we welcome you to join the leading organization of Catholic laymen. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your parish priest and your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your family life.



Come see just what we are all about at St. Mary Queen of Apostles, Council No. 12555. If you are interested in joining or knowing more about our organization, just talk to any of our members. They will be more than happy to give you additional information or an application.

Answer the Call

Make a difference

Become a Knight

JOIN FOR FREE

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is free for the first year

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The activities of our group are easily recognized by the unity displayed by our members. This fraternity of brothers respects and supports all areas of the community. In St. Mary's parish where we participate and practice our life principles, the Knights contribute to the maintenance of the church, as well as repairs to the priest's residence and substantial offerings to our future worship center. Yearly support has been given to the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master, St. Mary's Youth Group, and the St. Benedict Catholic Worker. Additionally, the Knights have provided bibles and religious gifts to altar servers and contributions to the seminarians and established a scholarship program for Fresno and Madera County High School graduates.



On a patriotic note, we have donated phone cards to our soldiers overseas preserving the freedoms we enjoy. We also acknowledge and support our local veterans.

The social welfare of many concerns are evidenced by our group's annual distribution of Thanksgiving dinners, donations to the Boy Scouts, Wheelchair Foundation, local organizations who directly support the needy in the community and local families.

Charity, the virtue which binds the unselfish efforts of our council is demonstrated not only in monetary measures, but through the generous volunteering of the time and talents with which we have been blessed.

Welcome to the 2026
Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance!

On behalf of the entire Knights of Columbus Council #12555, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome each of you to our largest and most meaningful fundraiser of the year. Tonight, our hearts are full of gratitude.

The St. Mary's community has once again responded in an extraordinary way, demonstrating the deep generosity, faith, and unity that define who we are. Your continued support and love make our charitable missions possible, and we are profoundly thankful for your presence here tonight.

An evening like this does not happen without extraordinary dedication behind the scenes. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our dinner dance committee. Thank you for meeting on so many occasions, giving selflessly of your time and talents, and pouring your energy into ensuring this Safari Knight is truly one to remember. Tonight is a celebration of our fellowship.



Please enjoy the wonderful dinner prepared for us, take to the dance floor to enjoy the music, and above all, cherish the company around your table. As Scripture and tradition remind us, there is truly no greater joy than to break bread with those you love. Thank you for being here, thank you for supporting Council #12555, and have a blessed, unforgettable evening!

Committee Chairs

Chair/Co Chair	Ruben Castillo & Jose Rivas
Venue	Tim Weaver and Family
Food/Server	Ruben Castillo & Bryan Miller
Music/Entertainment	Javier Gomez (PGN)
Decoration	Jose Rivas, Yolanda Gomez, Emelda Lopez & Alicia Pearce
Servers/Youth Group	Scott Gunn
Silent Auction/Prizes	Chris Cabrera & Anissa Gaytan
Sweet Shops	Rosemary Ramirez & Joyce Felix
Ticket Sales	Ruben Castillo - Knights
Script Sales	Andre Witrago, Nate Caballero & Zairus Canelas
Greeting area	Knights
Races	Tim Weaver
Bar (Drinks)/Security	Pedro Martinez, Pete Martinez
	Danny Portillo
Games	Pete Martinez
Parking	Felipe Gomez & Benedict Locquiao
Program/Marketing	Juan Witrago, Lali Witrago & Ruben Castillo
Posters	
Set-up/Clean Up	Knights – All Hands on Deck



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The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 12,000 councils and 1.6 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam, and Spain.



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Message from the Dinner Dance Chair

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Welcome to the **Safari Knight Dinner Dance 2026!**

On behalf of Knights of Columbus Council 12555, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your presence here tonight. This special evening is put on by our council not only to celebrate fellowship but to raise vital funds that directly support ongoing programs in our local community and St. Mary's Parish.

Your generosity tonight makes a profound impact. The money generated from this event helps us support critical projects led by our church and Father Tim. Because of your support, we are able to provide multiple scholarships to high school graduates transitioning to higher education, distribute coats and food to community members in need, and sustain our ongoing commitment to the youth and families of our parish.

Most of all, tonight allows us to break bread and interact with our vibrant community in God's way, strengthening the bonds of faith and charity that unite us.

Thank you to everyone here tonight for your generosity, your spirit, and for making Safari Knights 2026 a night to remember!

Vivat Jesus,
Ruben Castillo
Worthy Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council 12555



Congratulations to Leilani Castillo!

So proud to announce that Leilani Nicole Castillo will be completing her course work this fall with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies.

Soon after Leilani will start her teaching credential course work and eventually enter the field of education like her parents, many cousins and God Parents.

Leilani, we are so proud of you Mija!!!!



Best of luck to you.
Love You Baby Girl



Clergy



Most Rev. Bishop Joseph P. Brennan
Rev. Timothy Cardoso
Rev. Chika Kamalu



Disciples of the Divine Master
Sister Angela Chaves
Sister Eugenia Pia Bianco
Sister Aurora Magtagnob
Roselyn Francisco
Rene Francisco
Consuelo Valencia

Honoring Jose and Marciana Castillo.

God has blessed us with wonderful
parents and as they age, they remind us
how precious life is. Cherish the moments,
create memories and
Thank God for all our blessings.



They continue to bless us at 94 and 92.
Los queremos mucho!!
Familia Castillo

Grand Knights

Raymond Patrick Gordon	1999 - 2000
Charles W Gunn	2000 - 2001
Frank V. Navarro	2001 - 2002
Tony C. Villa	2002 - 2004
Robert J. Gravano	2004 - 2006
Scott T. Garcia	2006 - 2008
Timothy A. Weaver	2008 - 2010
Richard H. Elensky	2010 - 2011
Leonard G. Ramirez	2011 - 2012
Rick Newsome	2012 - 2013
Nathan A. Newsome	2013 - 2014
Rudy Chavez	2014 - 2016
Kristofer E. Diaz	2016 - 2018
Frank Galvan	2018 - 2020
Pedro F. Martinez	2020 - 2022
Ernesto Lopez	2022 - 2024
Javier Gomez	2024 - 2026
Ruben Castillo	2026 - Present



Special Thanks

*To the Weaver family
Alice, Hank, Lynn, Randy
&
Tim and Anita Weaver*



With gratitude from all of us for
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Enjoy the
Safari Knights Dinner Dance!



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Elevated Educational Partners (EEP)

Elevate Educational Partners (EEP) would like to extend our best wishes to the Knights of Columbus #12555 for a successful and fun-filled Dinner Dance!

Elevate Educational Partners is an organization committed to supporting students and families throughout Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties, we celebrate the spirit of community and service that events like this represent.

Together, we will Elevate ALL of our partners.

Good luck Knights!
Best regards
Ruben V. Castillo
CEO E.E.P. LLC



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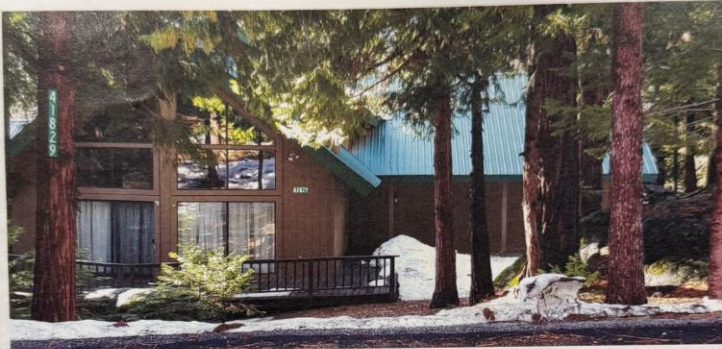
ABOUT US

Our family-owned agricultural company is located on the west side of Fresno and Merced Counties in the San Joaquin Valley of California since 1985. Our primary business is growing organic crops which include cantaloupes, honeydew melons, mix melons, watermelons, and asparagus. We also grow conventional (non-organic) cantaloupes, almonds, and cherries. Our sister company, J & G Contract Labor, Inc., harvest and pack cantaloupes and asparagus. They provide a farm labor contracting service for associates and neighbors.



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1. *Virgin Mary*
2. *Tim Weaver Ranch Pony Rides event*
3. *Prime Rib Dinner for 15 people by Rick Helm Catering*
4. *Tri-Tip Dinner for 25 people by Rick Helm Catering*
5. *Tim Weaver Ranch Pony Rides event*
6. *VIP Table for 10*
7. *Weekend cabin in Shaver Lake*

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*We really appreciate you, even
though we don't say it often
enough.*



Entertainment The Monsanto Band



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CONGRATULATIONS — ON A SUCCESSFUL — *Safari Knights*

*With appreciation to the
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
for your continued service,
generosity, and commitment
to our community.*



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Thank you!!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for helping make this event successful year after year. We enjoy the opportunity to support our church and community.



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Thanksgiving Dinners



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Breakfast with Santa



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Saturday “Knight” Special

TWO RACE PROGRAM

Ticket Instructions: Tickets will be sold for \$1 each at the Sales/Entry counter at any time before the races or may be purchased from floating sales attendants just prior to each race entries are introduced. You will receive a ticket stub for your entry or entries you select. Please keep Stub(s) which will identify the winners of each race.

Winner Distribution: Tickets will be kept separate for each race entry. The winning Jockey will pull one ticket from the pool of tickets who selected their wining entry. That ticket number will win 100% of the earnings from the winner pool. The remaining or losing pool of tickets (their value) will be allocated to the stated benefit.

Daily double: If you selected a ticket(s) of the winner of the first race, hold on to your ticket stubs as if you are fortunate to also select a winner of the second race you will be eligible to win a grand prize of \$____. This will be in addition to the selected winner of the second race and will be drawn after the winner of the second race is selected.



Good luck, Pick one or pick all...
Our church wins too!!!

First Race: Post time 6:45
Benefit: St. Mary Youth Group

Race Entries

1. Zee-Me-Run
2. Holy Giraffe
3. Lyin’ Out Loud
4. Monk-Key-See

Second Race: Post time 7:45
Benefit: St. Mary CCD

Race Entries

1. Elliefont
2. Marys Gaffe
3. Monk-E - Due
4. Hippolicious

