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MINISTRY**

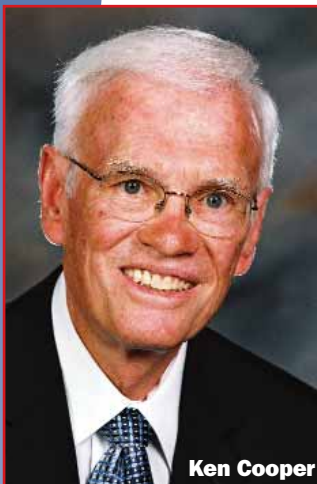


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**JUNE 2010**

## **FRIENDSHIP DINNER SET FOR JUNE 25th**

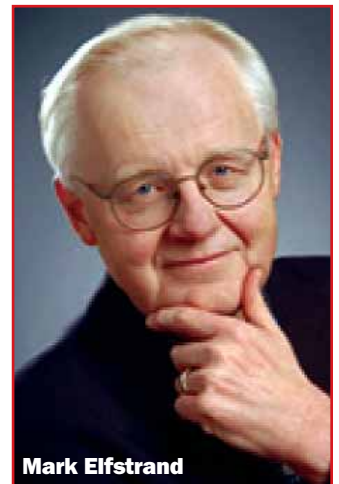
The 2010 Master's Touch Friendship Dinner will be held on June 25, 2010 at Lincoln Inn (1345 S. Batavia Avenue, Batavia)



**Ken Cooper**

Ken Cooper, author of *HELD HOSTAGE: A Serial Bank Robber's Road to Redemption*, will be the guest speaker. Ken's book details his life as a respectable husband, father, and "gentleman bank robber." Ken professed faith in Jesus Christ while in a county jail awaiting sentencing, and after serving his time in prison, co-funded numerous prison ministries.

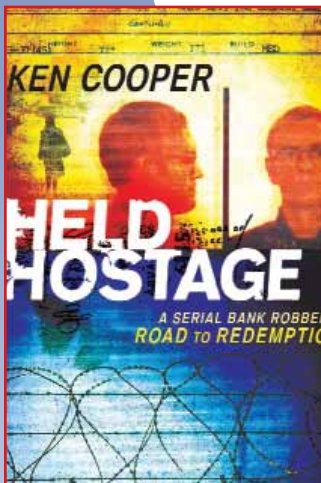
WMBI-FM Radio Host Mark Elfstrand will serve as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. The evening will also include an update on The Master's Touch Ministry, including testimonies from Master's Touch alumni.



**Mark Elfstrand**

Doors open at 6:00 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:30. Please join us for what promises to be a memorable evening. We encourage you to host one or more tables of 8. We hope to make many new friends that evening. There is no charge for the event; a "free will offering" will be taken.

To make a reservation, please call **Randy Tomassi** at (630) 723-3422, or email him at [rtomassi@waysidecross.org](mailto:rtomassi@waysidecross.org).



## Director's Corner

Thanks for taking the time to read Life Change, a periodic newsletter intended to keep you abreast of how Our Lord is at work in our Bible-based, Christ-centered residential program for men who are seeking a permanent solution to the crisis of a broken life.

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What are the five “bullet points” that describe our ministry? Three of them are mentioned in the opening sentence: Bible-based, Christ-centered, and residential. The other two? Staff-supported and Body of Christ-driven. As I’ve said countless times in the past, our staff can’t get through a single day without the help of committed volunteers from local churches.



**Randy Tomassi**  
**Director,**  
**Master's Touch**  
**Ministry**

In the first few months of 2010, Our Lord has graciously provided several new volunteers who have begun to serve as counselors in our ministry. They meet weekly in one-on-one sessions with our residents and provide them with biblical counsel with respect to numerous personal issues, such as family relationships, anger management, temptation, stewardship, etc. The counselor plays a critically-important role in our curriculum designed to facilitate the life transformation process.

Currently, the roster of volunteer counselors comprises Bob Badertscher, Rich Bruner, Tom Cooper, Jeff Corso, Steve Cupps, Ron Daniels, Mark Dumdie, John Fliss, Greg Huettl, Brent Logan, Mark Majka, Rob Marlatt, Mark Mastrogiovanni, Bill Rowe, Mark Solberg, Ken Taylor, and Carol Wahl.

With the exception of Ken Taylor, (who will soon be leaving us, after many years of service, for the Asian mission field), these men are not professional counselors; they are mature Christians with families, jobs, etc. whom God has called to come alongside our men as they navigate the Christian walk.

Please join me in thanking Our Lord for, and asking for His continued blessings on, all of these men.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer counselor in our ministry or have any other questions concerning The Master's Touch Ministry, I welcome your phone calls and/or email. I can be reached at **(630)723-3422** or at **[rtomassi@waysidecross.org](mailto:rtomassi@waysidecross.org)**

May God richly bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Randy Tomassi,**  
**Director**

# GRADUATION NIGHT

Six times per year, on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November, The Master's Touch Ministry celebrates God's transforming work in the lives of the men who have completed the six-month program, by holding a ceremony at Warehouse Church.

The evening includes musical praise offered in a variety of formats (choir, band, and solo) by various Master's Touch residents and alumni. A Bible-based, Christ-centered commencement address is given by one of the Master's Touch volunteer teachers or counselors, and each program graduate is individually recognized, receiving a diploma and, compliments of Crossway Bibles in Wheaton, an ESV Thinline Trutone® Bible. Men who have also completed the course of study in our Greenawalt Learning Center receive an additional certificate. The class Valedictorian then delivers an address. After the service is closed in prayer, it's time to cut the graduation cake and enjoy the post-ceremony time of fellowship.

Our next ceremony will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:30 PM. Please join us — the more the merrier!

**NEXT CEREMONY**  
Tuesday, July 27  
7:30 PM



## BOWLATHON SET FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th

The 5th Annual Master's Touch Bowlathon Fundraiser will take place from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Friday, August 6, 2010 at Funway Ultimate Entertainment Center, 1335 South River Street (Route 25), in Batavia.



Over the years, this event has proven to be a fun-filled, family-oriented event. Here's the format:

- ♦ Each bowler pays \$20 (\$100 per team of 5), which provides: two hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and soda pop.
- ♦ Each bowler asks friends and family members to sponsor him/her by a donation to the Master's Touch Ministry.
- ♦ Each bowler brings the donations to the Bowlathon.
- ♦ Prize awards ("red pin" strikes, most funds raised, etc.) and raffles will take place throughout the evening.

This event is limited to 100 bowlers, so be sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

We would love to have several teams (5 bowlers per team) from your church. This is a great event for youth groups, small groups, men's groups, and women's groups.

The funds raised will be used to continue the work that Our Lord began over 80 years ago in Aurora, namely: to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all who walk in our doors; to feed and house the men in our residential program; to provide necessary teaching resources, education and job skills that will allow men who have lost control of their lives as a result of drugs, alcohol, or some other destructive behavior pattern to experience the life transformation that will allow them to return to their families as God-honoring, productive members of society.

Please contact Randy Tomassi at (630) 723-3422, or at [rtomassi@waysidecross.org](mailto:rtomassi@waysidecross.org), for further information, or visit [www.waysidecross.org](http://www.waysidecross.org).

We also need volunteers to help on the day of the event. If you would like to help, or if you would like to donate a prize, please contact Randy.

