

## **Report on the 3rd Annual Meeting on November 14, 1998**

43 persons gathered on a beautiful autumn Saturday (November 14, 1998) at Penn Alps in Grantsville, MD for the third annual meeting of House of Yoder, Inc. The program included an inspiring tour of the Yoder House under construction. The tour revealed the painstaking care with which Kenneth Yoder and others are making this house as authentic as possible (construction of a similar house in the 18th century would have taken approximately 5 years!) **\$3110 in contributions** came in during the day and this amount was matched from funds in the \$20,000 matching grant. Virgil Yoder gave an informative and inspiring multimedia presentation of the Yoder story dating back to European origins. If you haven't seen this professional presentation, consider inviting Virgil to your area.

## **Fund-Raising Goal of \$4,000**

An immediate fund-raising goal is to raise \$4000 to finish off the \$20,000 matching grant. To date, gifts of \$16,141 have been credited towards the \$20,000 matching grant. All contributions (including membership dues) will be matched dollar for dollar by this matching grant until we reach the \$20,000 amount. If each person on the mailing list were to give at least \$25, we would be able to meet the matching grant! **Use the enclosed membership/contribution form** to send your gift to support the Yoder House. In addition to obtaining or extending memberships, you can support the cause by purchasing doors, windows, and fireplace stones of various sizes in the Yoder House. There is also an opportunity to contribute in memory or honor of a family member such as a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent. Remember that all contributions to the Yoder House Project are tax-deductible.

## **Yoder Heritage Tour to Europe Planned for May-June 2000**

Plans are well under way for a Yoder Heritage Tour to Europe in late spring of 2000 (May or June 2000). Lois Ann and J. Lemar Mast of Morgantown, PA, who will serve as tour agents, are currently making plans for this tour. Jan Gleysteen, a veteran tour leader, is planning to serve as one of the tour guides. The tour will be a 22 day package with an emphasis on Yoder history with a tentative title of "On the Trail of Our Ancestors". Persons interested in being placed on a **mailing list** for this tour should send their name, address, and phone number to: Lonnie Yoder, 1066 Smith Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. As further details become available, they will be shared first with those who have indicated interest. Details will also be announced in the next edition of this House of Yoder News (September 1999).

## **Did You Know?**

The **4th Annual Meeting** of House of Yoder, Inc. is planned for **November 13, 1999**. Each annual meeting has seen an increase in attendance and **we invite you** to put this date on your calendar. Membership in House of Yoder is not a requirement to attend the annual meeting, but we welcome a growing membership list.

There are currently **73 active memberships** in House of Yoder, Inc. including 12 lifetime memberships, 38 five year memberships, and 23 one year memberships.

Joe Yoder and Emery Yoder of Harrisonburg, Va spent **3 days** last November (Nov. 5-7) giving the construction of the Yoder House a real boost! Their timely help is deeply appreciated! Many others have given much time and labor as well.