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**THE FRANKLIN WINE DINNER SERIES ON OCTOBER 9th
TO FEATURE 'ITALY' THEME**

The Perfect Gift to Celebrate Anniversaries and Birthdays or to Entertain Clients and Friends

CHAPEL HILL, NC. (September 25, 2008) – The Franklin Hotel is pleased to host the next monthly four-course wine dinner in the 2008 Franklin Wine Dinner Series on Thursday evening, October 9, 2008, with aperitif reception at 6:15pm and seated dinner promptly at 7:00pm.

The October dinner menu with wine pairings, created and prepared by The Franklin's Executive Chef Michael Opdyke, will feature 'Italy' as the theme'. Chef's specialties include Traditional Antipasti, paired with Prosecco; Venetian-style Potato Gnocchi with Mascarpone Cream, lemon and nutmeg, paired with Pinot Grigio; White Truffle Organic Chicken, with braised Roman-style vegetables, paired Barolo; and Chef's Signature Dessert, paired with Sweet.

Experience this special evening in the elegant Grand Terrace amidst beautiful majestic arched windows and exquisite views of Franklin Street. The Franklin Wine Dinners make the perfect gift to celebrate any occasion from wedding anniversaries, birthdays and a special thank you, to entertaining clients and friends in a new and innovative way.

Space is limited to 48 guests. Cost for the wine dinner is \$75 per person plus tax and gratuity. For the Franklin Wine Dinner package, which includes overnight luxury accommodations, please add \$110 plus tax per guestroom. For reservations and information, please call 919.442.4091. Reservations are transferable and non-refundable.

After dinner, enjoy The Jim Crisp Trio in Roberts At The Franklin, the Hotel's distinguished lobby bar and patio, and the quintessential downtown gathering place, which serves an extensive wine, beer and cocktail menu, and bistro menu Sun-Thurs. 4-11pm; Fri-Sat 4-Midnight. Music is offered nightly with live entertainment Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.

The Franklin Hotel, a Condé Nast Johansens Recommended Property, is located on Franklin Street in the heart of downtown Chapel Hill at 311 West Franklin Street. Complimentary visitor parking is available directly behind the hotel with entrance on Kenan Street.