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**FRANCE VS. ITALY WINE DINNER BATTLE
RETURNS TO HISTORIC HOTEL BETHLEHEM APRIL 15**

BETHLEHEM, PA – *March 31, 2015* – While some people will be doing battle with their taxes on April 15, dinner guests at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem will be witnessing a battle of a different sort. That evening is when the hotel's France vs. Italy Wine Dinner will return and the line will be drawn.

Team France will once again bring its A game against Team Italy over a four-course, eight-wine tastings meal, with each course featuring food and wines representing each country. Guests will vote on their favorite dishes and wines, with the winning country chosen at the end of the evening. Menus are kept secret until the night of the event in this highly anticipated competition. Now in its third year, France has won this popular dinner two years in a row, and its team will be working hard to defend its title.

Hotel Bethlehem's Executive Chef Michael Adams will create special menus for both countries, which will be accompanied by wine expertise from representatives with Southern Wine and Spirits. Internationally renowned soprano Suzanne Kompass will entertain guests with her dulcet tones.

"The France vs. Italy Wine Dinner is one of our favorite special events because members of our food and beverage team get to compete against each other in this friendly challenge with our guests as the judges," said Dennis Costello, Hotel Bethlehem General Manager.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and is \$79 per person plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 610-625-2219 or by emailing restaurants@hotelbethlehem.com.

The Historic Hotel Bethlehem is located in Bethlehem, Pa. in the heart of Bethlehem's nationally registered historic district. The Hotel is a proud member of *Historic Hotels of America*. Experience world-class service, charming guest accommodations and award-winning cuisine, all on a site that has been warmly welcoming guests since 1741. www.HotelBethlehem.com