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Lucky Gnocchi Day at Quattro on the 29th of Every Month **An international tradition honors an age-old Italian legend begins Sept. 29**

HOUSTON.....A long, long time ago, so the story goes, a wandering holy man came into a tiny Italian village. Hungry, he knocked on the door of the first home he came to and asked for something to eat.

The family in the house was very poor, but by the looks of the holy man, he was even more so. They invited him in and offered the only food they had – gnocchi. He ate with gusto, thanked them profusely and went on his way. Only as the mother in the family was clearing away the dishes did they discover a scattering of solid gold coins under the holy man's plate. The date was the 29th. From that day forward, the 29th of every month is known as Lucky Gnocchi Day.

While popular across Italy, Lucky Gnocchi Day is even more so in Brazil where Italian immigrants kept the tradition alive. Enter Four Seasons Houston General Manager Guilherme Costa, who was born in Brazil, and Quattro Restaurant Executive Chef Maurizio Ferrarese, who is from Italy.

Lucky Gnocchi Day has arrived in Houston.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 29 and on the 29th of every month thereafter, Chef Maurizio will celebrate this age-old tradition by offering a special potato gnocchi menu with a selection of gnocchi dishes, each priced at \$18. Not only that, but in the spirit of the story, guests ordering the dishes will find good fortune hidden beneath the plate.

September's offering will be:

- gnocchi alla bava with gorgonzola cheese and walnuts

- gnocchi with Texas Akaushi beef bolognese
- gnocchi al l'amatriciana sauce
- gnocchi with frutti di mare and pesto

Quattro is located in the Four Seasons Hotel Houston is located at 1300 Lamar at San Jacinto. For reservations or information, visit www.quattrorestauranthouston.com or call 713-276-4700.