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ENF Celebrates Planned Giving Awareness Month with Website Launch

Chicago, Ill.—To familiarize Elks with planned giving methods and to promote the benefits of the John F. Malley Society, the Elks National Foundation will celebrate Planned Giving Awareness Month in January. Through planned gifts, friends of the ENF can leave behind a positive legacy while ensuring the Foundation's future.

To coincide with the month, the Foundation launched a new planned giving website in December. The site features donor stories, finance news and personalized presentations and gift calculators to show members the income and tax benefits they'll receive from various planned giving vehicles. Site visitors can also sign up for a free, weekly, personal finance newsletter and can direct their financial advisors to a section designed especially for their profession. Visit <http://elks.giftlegacy.com> to explore the benefits of making a planned gift.

"The new website is a great tool for anyone who wants to learn more about planned giving," says Development Manager Meghan Morgan. "I'm excited that we're able to provide the necessary information for our friends to make well thought-out gifts that meet their needs."

In 2001, the ENF established the John F. Malley Society, named for the GER who first championed the idea of the Elks National Foundation, to recognize individuals who include the Foundation in their estate plans. Today the society boasts 29 members who have named the Foundation as a beneficiary of their estate, or who have made lifetime gifts of stock, property or insurance.

"Planned giving is a simple and effective way for anyone to make the most of their retirement assets while supporting the Foundation for years to come," says Vice-Chairman of the ENF Board of Trustees and society member, PGER Frank Garland of Centralia, Wash. "Knowing my gift will be invested in a permanent trust fund that will never stop working to benefit children, veterans and Elks communities, gives me a peace of mind."

Benefits of joining the John F. Malley Society include a pin and an exclusive medallion. The Foundation's Annual Report and *Heartbeat*, a donor newsletter, list the society member's names during the year they join.

This year, there are even more ways to support the ENF through planned gifts thanks to the Pension Reform Bill signed into law on August 17, 2006. Included in the bill is an IRA rollover provision that allows individuals age 70 ½ and older to make charitable donations of up to \$100,000 from an IRA, without having to count the donation as

taxable income. The new law is only in effect until December 31, 2007, so it's important that eligible individuals contact their financial advisors now.

If you would like more information on planned giving, the John F. Malley Society, or to inform the Foundation that you have made a planned gift, please contact Meghan Morgan at 773/755-4866, meghanm@elks.org or Dana Kavan at 773/755-4858, danak@elks.org.

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