Pricing Supplement Dated 05/13/05 (To Prospectus dated March 5, 2004, and Prospectus Supplement dated March 5, 2004)

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## Principal Life Insurance Company Principal<sup>®</sup> Life CoreNotes<sup>®</sup> (Callable) Issued Through Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-45 (the "Trust")

The description of this pricing supplement of the particular terms of the Principal<sup>®</sup> Life CoreNotes<sup>®</sup> offered hereby, and the Funding Agreement (specified below) sold by Principal Life Insurance Company to the Trust (specified herein), the payment obligations of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantee (specified below) issued by Principal Financial Group, Inc. to the Trust, supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the notes, the funding agreements and the guarantees set forth in the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement, to which reference is hereby made.

## 1. The Notes

| Principal Amount:  | \$4,552,000.0  | Purchasing Agent Discount: |                     | 1.500%   |
|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Issue Price:   | 100.0%   | Original Issue Date:       |                     | 05/18/05 |
| Net Proceeds to the Trust:   | \$4,483,720.0  | Stated Maturity Date:      |                     | 05/15/15 |
|  |  |                            |                     |          |
| Interest Payment Dates:  | The 15th day of e                                    | very month commen          | cing on 06/15/2005. |          |
| Initial Interest Payment Date:   | 06/15/05   |                            |                     |          |
| Regular Record Date:   | The 1st day of every month commencing on 06/01/2005. |                            |                     |          |
| Type of Interest Rate:   | x Fixed Rate   | o Floating Rate            |                     |          |
| Fixed Rate Notes:  | x Yes  | o No.                      | If, Yes,            |          |
| Interest Rate:   | 5.05%  |                            |                     |          |
| Floating Rate Notes:   | o Yes  | x No.                      | If, Yes,            |          |
| Regular Floating Rate Notes:<br>Interest Rate:<br>Interest Rate Basis(es):   | o Yes  | o No.                      | If, Yes,            |          |
| Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note:<br>Floating Interest Rate:<br>Interest Rate Basis(es):<br>Fixed Interest Rate:<br>Fixed Rate Commencement Date: | o Yes  | o No.                      | If, Yes,            |          |
| Initial Interest Rate, if any:   | N/A  |                            |                     |          |
| Initial Interest Reset Date:   | N/A  |                            |                     |          |

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| Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply   | 7: N  | //A   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
|   | o CD Rate<br>o Commercial Paper Rate<br>o Treasury Rate<br>o Other (See Attached) | o CMT Rate<br>o LIBOR<br>o Prime Rate   |  |
| If LIBOR:   | o LIBOR Reuters Page<br>LIBOR Currency:   | o LIBOR Moneyline Te  | elerate Page                                   |
| If CMT Rate:<br>Designated CMT Telerate Page:<br>If 7052:<br>Designated CMT Maturity Index:   | o Weekly Average  | o Monthly Average   |  |
| Index Maturity:   | N/A   |   |  |
| Spread (+/-):   | N/A   |   |  |
| Spread Multiplier:  | N/A   |   |  |
| Interest Reset Date(s):   | N/A   |   |  |
| Interest Rate Determination Date(s):  | N/A   |   |  |
| Maximum Interest Rate, if any:  | N/A   |   |  |
| Minimum Interest Rate, if any:  | N/A   |   |  |
| Calculation Agent:  | Citibank, N.A.  |   |  |
| <ul> <li>(not applicable unless different than as specified in Day Count Convention:</li> <li>(not applicable unless different than as specified in</li> <li>Discount Note: <ul> <li>Total Amount of Discount:</li> <li>Initial Accrual Period of Discount:</li> <li>Additional/Other Terms:</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | N/A   |   | If, Yes,                                       |
| Terms of Survivor's Option:<br>Annual Put Limitation:<br>Individual Put Limitation:<br>Trust Put Limitation:  |   | x \$2,000,000 or 2%; or<br>o \$or_%<br>x \$250,000; or<br>o \$<br>x 2%; or \$ |  |
| Redemption Provisions:  | x Yes   | o No.   | If, Yes,                                       |
| Initial Redemption Date:<br>Redemption:   | 05/15/07<br>x In whole only and not in p<br>o May be in whole or in par           | part<br>rt  |  |
| Additional Other Terms:   | Any redemption date will b  | e an Interest Payment Date  | e falling on or after the Initial Redemption I |
| Repayment:<br>Repayment Date(s):<br>Repayment Price:<br>Repayment:  | o Yes<br>o In whole only and not in p<br>o May be in whole or in par              |   | If, Yes,                                       |
| Additional/Other Terms:   | o may be in whole of in par   | .t  |  |
| Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified):   | N/A   |   |  |
| Securities Exchange Listing:  | o Yes   | x No.   | If, Yes, Name of Exchange:                     |
| Authorized Denominations:   | \$1,000   |   |  |
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Date

## Ratings:

## The Notes issued under the Program are rated AA by Standard & Poor's ("S&P"). Principal Life expects the Notes to be rated Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's").

| Purchasing Agents Purchasing Notes as   | Principal: | x Yes   | o No.       | If, Yes,                               |  |  |
|---|------------|---|-------------|--|--|--|
| Purchasing Ag   | ent(s)     |   |             | Principal Amount                       |  |  |
| Merrill Lync<br>Total:  | h          |   |             | \$ <u>4,552,000.0</u><br>\$4,552,000.0 |  |  |
| State of Organization of the Trust:   |            | New York  |             |  |  |  |
| Additional/Other Terms:   |            | None  |             |  |  |  |
| Special Tax Considerations:   |            | None  |             |  |  |  |
| 2. The Funding Agreement  |            |   |             |  |  |  |
| Funding Agreement Issuer:   |            | Principal Life Insura   | ance Compa  | ny                                     |  |  |
| Funding Agreement No.:  |            | 6-11968   | 6-11968     |  |  |  |
| Deposit:  |            | \$4,552,015.0   |             |  |  |  |
| Net Deposit:  |            | \$4,483,720.0   |             |  |  |  |
| Effective Date:   |            | 05/18/05  |             |  |  |  |
| Stated Maturity Date:   |            | 05/15/15  |             |  |  |  |
| Interest Payment Dates:   |            | The 15th day of eve   | ry month co | mmencing on 06/15/2005.                |  |  |
| Initial Interest Payment Date:  |            | 06/15/05  |             |  |  |  |
| Type of Interest Rate:  |            | x Fixed Rate  | o Floating  | Rate                                   |  |  |
| Fixed Rate Funding Agreement:   |            | x Yes   | o No.       | If, Yes,                               |  |  |
| Interest Rate:  |            | 5.05%   |             |  |  |  |
| Floating Rate Funding Agreement:  |            | o Yes   | x No.       | If, Yes,                               |  |  |
| Regular Floating Rate Funding A<br>Interest Rate:<br>Interest Rate Basis(es):   | Agreement: | o Yes   | o No.       | If, Yes,                               |  |  |
| Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Fundin<br>Floating Interest Rate:<br>Interest Rate Basis(es):<br>Fixed Interest Rate:<br>Fixed Rate Commencement |            | o Yes   | o No.       | If, Yes,                               |  |  |
| Initial Interest Rate, if any:  |            | N/A   |             |  |  |  |
| Initial Interest Reset Date:  |            | N/A   |             |  |  |  |
| Interest Rate Basis(es). Check al   |            | o CD Rate<br>o Commercial Paper Rate<br>o Treasury Rate<br>o Other (See Attached) | N/A         | o CMT Rate<br>o LIBOR<br>o Prime Rate  |  |  |
| If LIBOR:   |            | o LIBOR Reuters Page<br>LIBOR Currency:   |             | o LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page        |  |  |
| If CMT Rate:<br>Designated CMT Telerate<br>If 7052:<br>Designated CMT Maturit   |            | o Weekly Average  |             | o Monthly Average                      |  |  |

| Index Maturity:   | N/A  |                             |          |
|---|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| Spread (+/-):   | N/A  |                             |          |
| Spread Multiplier:  | N/A  |                             |          |
| Interest Reset Date(s):   | N/A  |                             |          |
| Interest Rate Determination Date(s):  | N/A  |                             |          |
| Maximum Interest Rate, if any:  | N/A  |                             |          |
| Minimum Interest Rate, if any:  | N/A  |                             |          |
| Computation of Interest:<br>(not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus<br>Day Count Convention:<br>(not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus | N/A  |                             |          |
| Discount Funding Agreement:<br>Total Amount of Discount:<br>Initial Accrual Period of Discount:<br>Additional/Other Terms:  | o Yes  | x No.                       | If, Yes, |
| Terms of Survivor's Option:   |  |                             |          |
| Annual Put Limitation:  |  | x \$2,000,000 or 2%; or     |          |
| Individual Put Limitation:  |  | o \$or_%<br>x \$250,000; or |          |
| Trust Put Limitation:   |  | o \$<br>x 2%; or \$         |          |
| Redemption:   | x Yes  | o No.                       | If, Yes, |
| Initial Redemption Date:  | 05/15/07   |                             |          |
| Redemption:   | x In whole only and not<br>o May be in whole or in   |                             |          |
| Additional Other Terms:   | Any redemption date will be an Interest Payment Date falling on or after the Initial Redemption Date |                             |          |
| -   | -  |                             |          |
| Repayment:<br>Repayment Date(s):  | o Yes  | x No.                       | If, Yes, |
| Repayment Price:  |  |                             |          |
| Repayment:  | o In whole only and not  |                             |          |
| Additional/Other Terms:   | o May be in whole or in  | part                        |          |
| Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified):   | N/A  |                             |          |
| Ratings:  |  |                             |          |
| The Funding Agreement issued under the Program is rated A Principal Life expects the Funding Agreement to be rated Aa   |  |                             |          |
| Additional/Other Terms:   | None   |                             |          |
| Special Tax Considerations:   | None   |                             |          |
| 3. The Guarantee  |  |                             |          |
| Guarantee Issuer:   | Principal Financial Grou   | ıp, Inc.                    |          |
| Effective Date:   | 05/18/05   |                             |          |
| Additional/Other Terms:   | None   |                             |          |
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