

## Foresters Historical Timeline for Media

Year	Event
<b>1870</b>	
1874	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On June 17, The Independent Order of Foresters (IOF) organizes in Newark, New Jersey, as a fraternal benefit society.</li> <li>Colonel A.B. Caldwell, the founder, becomes the first Supreme Chief Ranger.</li> </ul>
1875	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IOF is introduced into Canada by Dr. Oronhyatekha (Peter Martin).</li> </ul>
1879	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oronhyatekha becomes Supreme Chief Ranger and under his leadership, membership doubles and new benefits are added including death, sickness, funeral and disability benefits.</li> <li>Oronhyatekha becomes the first President of the Canadian Fraternal Association, a trade association for fraternal benefit societies.</li> </ul>
<b>1880</b>	
1889	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court of The Independent Order of Foresters is incorporated through a Special Act of Canadian Parliament on May 2 (Federal registration).</li> </ul>
<b>1890</b>	
1891	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first Court (Branch) in Britain (Liverpool) is founded.</li> </ul>
1895	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 12-story building is erected in Toronto, Ontario. The Foresters Temple Building is the tallest structure in the British Empire.</li> </ul>
1898	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women are granted the right to become IOF members and companion courts for women are established.</li> </ul>
<b>1900</b>	
1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IOF grows to 257,000 members and \$11 million in surplus and becomes one of the world's largest fraternal societies.</li> <li>The IOF Orphan Home is established on Foresters Island Park, near Ottawa, Ontario, for the purpose of clothing, feeding and educating Foresters orphans. Foresters commitment to the welfare of children is launched.</li> <li>An earthquake hits San Francisco, California, and Courts raise \$15,000 in emergency funds. This event marks the emergence of Foresters philanthropic activities.</li> <li>Dr. Oronhyatekha steps down from his duties as Supreme Chief Ranger and his successor, Elliot G. Stevenson is elected.</li> </ul>
1907	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new, smaller orphanage is built in Oakville, Ontario.</li> </ul>
<b>1910</b>	
1910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IOF opens its first tuberculosis sanatorium at Rainbow Lake, New York.</li> </ul>
1912	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IOF opens its second tuberculosis sanatorium in Lopez Canyon, Los Angeles.</li> </ul>
<b>1920</b>	
1924	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 17: The IOF celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</li> </ul>
1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IOF acquires the assets and operations of Ancient Order of United Workmen of</li> </ul>

## 1930

- 1930s
  - Foresters introduces more competitive life insurance products and enhanced fraternal benefits.
- 1931
  - The IOF acquires the assets and operation of Royal Templars of Temperance and Modern Brotherhood of America.
- 1937
  - Foresters Haven, a series of five cottages, are added to the original tuberculosis sanatorium building at Lopez Canyon, Los Angeles. This becomes the site of The IOF's first Home for Aged Members.

## 1940

- 1940s
  - New products are developed and a new competitive sales team emerges, the modern field force.
- 1943
  - Due to larger social changes, the Oakville orphanage is no longer in use and closes.
  - The IOF develops a new approach by creating The IOF Orphans Benefit, which remains in place today.

## 1950

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  - A new IOF Head Office is built at Jarvis and Charles streets in Toronto, Ontario, as business booms.
- 1952
  - The IOF acquires the assets and operations of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

## 1960

- 1965
  - A new headquarters, called "Foresters House," is erected in Don Mills, Ontario.

## 1970

- 1970s
  - Foresters enters a new era of fundraising activity in this decade, including the Doreen Grace Fund to support neurological research.
- 1972
  - The IOF acquires the assets and operations of Order of Scottish Clans.
- 1974
  - June 17: Foresters celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and issues a special dividend to all members.
  - As a supporter of the Prevention of Child Abuse Fund, Foresters assists with the funding of *Fragile, Handle with Care* – a documentary about the devastating effects of child abuse.

## 1980

- 1980s
  - Foresters and its members continue to support the Prevention of Child Abuse Fund through various programs and events.

## 1990

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  - Foresters becomes a supporter of the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization that raises funds and awareness for children's hospitals across North America.
- 1992
  - The IOF acquires the assets and operations of Canadian Foresters Life Insurance Society.
- 1998
  - Foresters becomes founding sponsor of Children's Miracle Network's Radiothon.
  - "One IOF Strategy" introduced to build a bright future for Foresters by focusing on enhancing member service and growing member involvement in community initiatives.

## 2000

- 2002
  - Brand logo and image are launched in which The Independent Order of Foresters trademarks the name Foresters and adopts a new celebratory mark and tagline – Investing. Sharing. Inspiring.
  - Foresters U.K. establishes a partnership with Association of Children's Hospices (ACH), which brings together more than 40 children's hospices throughout the U.K.
- 2005
  - Foresters provides disaster relief emergency funds for members affected by hurricanes

- 2007
  - Foresters U.K. provides disaster relief emergency funds and supplies for members affected by massive flooding in the U.K.
- 2008
  - Foresters becomes the founding partner of the Children's Miracle Network's international expansion to the U.K. and is the sponsor of the Radiothon and "Champions Across the United Kingdom" programs there.
  - April: Foresters acquires Unity Life of Canada. Unity Life becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of Foresters.
- 2009
  - June 15-17: Foresters celebrates its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its 40<sup>th</sup> International Assembly.

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