



PRESIDENT HENRY B. EYRING

Birthday - May 31, 1933

Baptized - As a child

Military - He spent two years in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Married - Kathleen Johnson

Children - 6

Hobbies - Cooking, Water coloring

Occupation - Educator

Ordained an apostle - April 1, 1995

Interesting facts:

1. He holds a B.S. degree in Physics and Doctor of Business Administration degrees from Harvard University.
2. President Eyring was head of Ricks College - now Brigham Young University-Idaho.

PRESIDENT THOMAS S. MONSON

Birthday - August 21, 1927

Baptized - As a child

Military - He served in the United States Navy near the close of World War II.

Married - Frances Beverly Johnson

Children - 3

Hobbies - Raising pigeons, fishing

Occupation - Publishing and printing

Ordained an apostle - October 4, 1963

Interesting facts:

1. Called to be a bishop at age 22.
2. As a teenager, he rescued a girl from drowning while swimming in the Provo River.
3. He received the Silver Beaver Award in 1971 from the Boy Scouts of America.
4. Can wiggle his ears.



PRESIDENT DIETER F. UCHTDORF

Birthday - November 6, 1940

Baptized - As a child

Military - Joined the German Air Force

Married - Harriet Reich

Children - 2

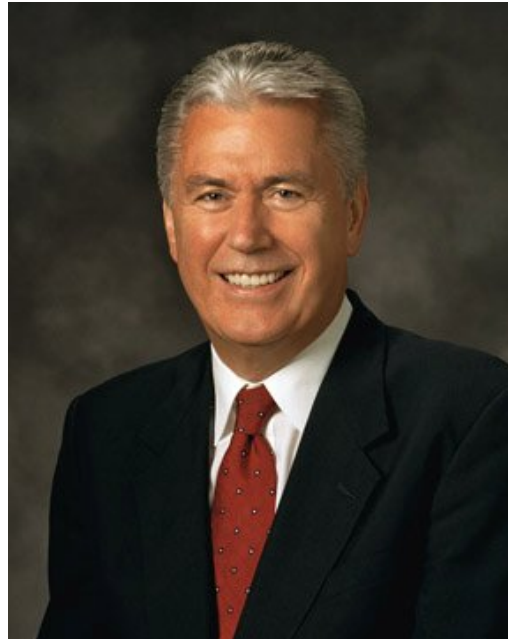
Hobbies - Dancing

Occupation - Airline Pilot and Captain

Ordained an apostle - October 2, 2004

Interesting facts:

1. It was while attending mutual as a thirteen year old, that he first met the girl, Harriet Reich, who would later become his wife.
2. It was while waiting in a food line that the young Dieter and his grandmother were introduced to the Gospel. (He was six at the time).





ELDER BOYD K. PACKER

Birthday - September 10, 1924

Baptized - As a child

Military - Served in U.S. Army Air Corps, 1942-1946. He was a bomber pilot.

Married - Donna Smith

Children - 10

Hobbies - Wood carving

Occupation - Educator

Ordained an apostle - April 9, 1970

Interesting facts:

1. As a young boy, he considered becoming a professional artist.
2. He taught seminary for 6 years.
3. He added a fourth-year Book of Mormon course, which thereafter became standard in the seminary curriculum.



ELDER RUSSELL M. NELSON

Birthday - September 9, 1924

Baptized - As a child

Military - Served a two-year term of medical duty in the U.S. Army during the Korean War

Served a mission - He didn't have the opportunity for full-time missionary service, because the United States was at war.

Married - Dantzel White

Children - 10

Hobbies - Music, Skiing, Tennis, Water Skiing

Occupation - Heart Surgeon

Ordained an apostle - April 12, 1984

Interesting facts:

1. As a young man he worked part-time in a bank, the post office, and a photo studio.
2. He has perfect pitch and plays the piano.
3. He was "a full-fledged M.D." at age twenty-two, having graduated with highest honors.

ELDER L. TOM PERRY

Birthday - August 5, 1922

Baptized - As a child

Military - 2 years with Marines in the Pacific

Served a mission - Northern States, 1942

Married - Virginia Lee

Children - 3

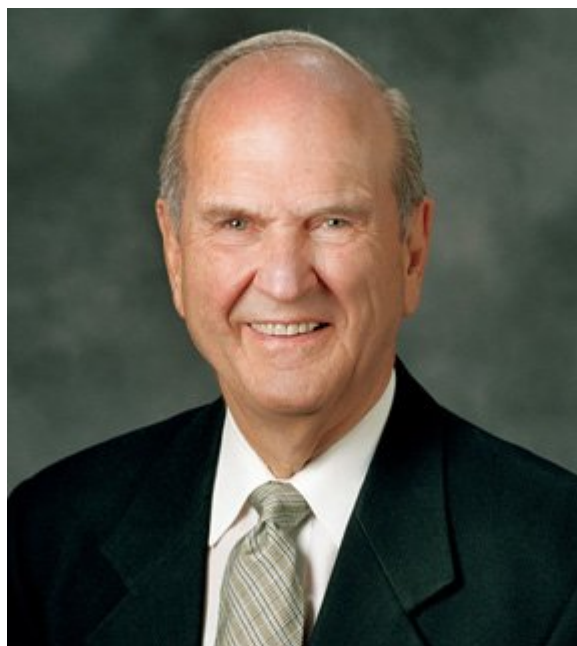
Hobbies - Working in yard, carpentry work and sports fan.

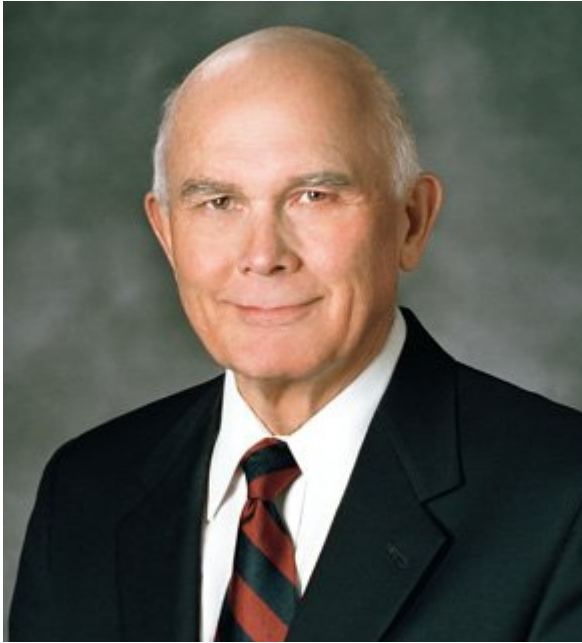
Occupation - Retail Business

Ordained an apostle - April 11, 1974

Interesting facts:

1. He was born into a family of notable pioneer heritage.
2. Shortly after his call to the Twelve, his wife passed away (December 14, 1974). He remarried in 1976 to Sister Barbara Dayton.





ELDER DALLIN H. OAKS

Birthday - August 12, 1932

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - A limited number of young men were being called on missions because of the war, he was not among them.

Married - June Dixon

Children - 6

Hobbies - Working hard, fishing, camping

Occupation - Supreme Court Judge

Ordained an apostle - May 3, 1984

Interesting facts:

1. He was president of BYU from 1971-1980.
2. He served as an Area President in the Philippines.
3. He loves to read.
4. His motto is "Work first, play later."



ELDER M. RUSSELL BALLARD

Birthday - October 8, 1928

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - England (1948)

Married - Barbara Bowen

Children - 7

Hobbies - fishing, golfing

Occupation - Sold cars and real estate

Ordained an apostle - October 6, 1985

Interesting facts:

1. He met his wife at the University 'Hello Day Dance.' He danced with her 30 seconds before he was tagged out. That was the beginning of a courtship of eleven months.
2. He presided over the Canada, Toronto mission.
3. Elder Packer describes him as teachable.



ELDER RICHARD G. SCOTT

Birthday - November 7, 1928

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - Uruguay

Married - Jeanene Watkins

Children - 7

Hobbies - Music, Painting

Occupation - Nuclear Engineering

Ordained an apostle - October 6, 1988

Interesting facts:

1. His wife told him that she would only marry a returned missionary in the Temple. A few weeks later he was in his Bishop's office, and the proper papers were submitted. He married her 2 weeks after returning home. ☺
2. Mission president of Argentina North.
3. Developed nuclear power plants for submarines, and aircraft carriers.



ELDER ROBERT D. HALES

Birthday - August 24, 1932

Baptized - As a child

Military - Air Force flying Thunderjets

Married - Mary Elene Crandall

Children - 2

Hobbies - Baseball (great pitcher), piano

Occupation - Professional Business Career

Ordained an apostle - April 2, 1994

Interesting facts:

1. He met his wife at Church in Queens, New York while home from school.
2. He earned his Masters from Harvard.
3. "Imagine what it means to be a young boy from New York who memorized the names of all the apostles when I was a deacon. I never thought I'd be among them" he said.



ELDER JEFFREY R. HOLLAND

Birthday - December 3, 1940

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - England (1960-1962)

Married - Patricia Terry

Children - 3

Hobbies - Athletics. If there was a ball game going on, he was either playing or watching.

Occupation - Education Administrator

Ordained an apostle - June 23, 1994

Interesting facts:

1. As a young man he worked as a service station attendant, paperboy and a grocery bagger.
2. His wife was a cheerleader who had moved to St. George. She and Jeff dated for two years before his mission.



ELDER DAVID A. BEDNAR

Birthday - June 15, 1952

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - Germany

Married - Susan Kae Robinson

Children - 3

Hobbies - football

Occupation - Professor, Administrator

Ordained an apostle - October 2, 2004

Interesting facts:

1. He met his wife while at BYU while playing flag football for family home evening.
2. While on his mission he ended every letter with, "Dad, I love you. When are you going to be baptized?" In 1979, while studying for his doctorate at Purdue University, his dad called saying "What are you doing this Saturday? I need you home to baptize me."



ELDER D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON

Birthday - January 24, 1945

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - Argentina North Mission

Married - Katherine Thelma Jacob

Children - 5

Hobbies - Loves animals

Occupation - Law Clerk, Attorney

Ordained an apostle - April 5, 2008

Interesting facts:

1. He met his wife while studying at BYU.
2. He was the only member of the church in his high school class in New Jersey.
4. He served as a volunteer chairman of Affordable Housing of Nashville, Tennessee.
5. He and his brother both participated in the Hill Cumorah Pageant.

ELDER QUENTIN L. COOK

Birthday - September 8, 1940

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - British Mission (1960-62)

Married - Mary Gaddie

Children - 3

Hobbies - Debate, Politics, Sports

Occupation - He met many past United States presidents. Seeing them at work in the law-making process impressed him deeply and helped influence his decision to study law.

Ordained an apostle - October 6, 2007

Interesting facts:

1. Married his high school sweetheart.
2. Graduated from Stanford Law School and became a business lawyer.
3. He played an important role in developing the new missionary guide, Preach My Gospel.



ELDER NEIL L. ANDERSEN

Birthday - August 9, 1951

Baptized - As a child

Served a mission - France

Married - Kathy Sue Williams

Children - 4

Hobbies - He speaks English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Occupation - Advertising & Real Estate

Ordained an apostle - April 4, 2009

Interesting facts:

1. He was born in Logan, Utah and raised on a farm in Pocatello, Idaho.
2. He graduated from BYU and earned a Master's Degree of Business Administration from Harvard University.
3. He was a mission president in France, Bordeaux and Brazil South Area and was a member of the Europe West Area Presidency.

