



Born on September 9, 1924, in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.



Grew up in the Great Depression.
He remembers asking for permission to eat a **banana** (an expensive item for the family budget).

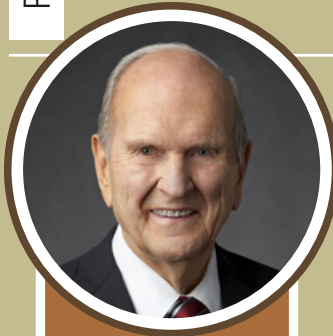
At age 10 became an **errand boy** for his father's advertising agency.



Loves to play **Scrabble®**.

PRESIDENT

RUSSELL M. NELSON



Set apart as the **17th President** of **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** on January 14, 2018.



Was called to be an Apostle on **April 7, 1984.**



Has perfect pitch and **performed in musicals** as a young man.



Earned a **bachelor's degree** in 1945 and **medical degree** in 1947 at age 22 from the University of Utah.

Earned a **PhD in surgery** in 1954 from the University of Minnesota.



Performed the **first successful open-heart operation** in Utah in 1955 using a heart-lung machine he helped develop.



Became one of the **premiere heart surgeons in the USA.** In 1983 alone he performed 360 operations.



Has **visited 133 nations** in his lifetime.

Performed an open-heart operation on **President Spencer W. Kimball.**

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Studied Chinese after attending a meeting where the prophet encouraged people to do more to bring the gospel to all nations, especially China.



Served a two-year term of medical duty in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, **visiting every M.A.S.H. unit** in Korea and field hospitals.



Married Dantzel White on August 31, 1945, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Dantzel passed away on February 12, 2005.

Married Wendy L. Watson on April 6, 2006, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Skiing is one of his favorite activities.



Has 10 children, 57 grandchildren, and 118 great-grandchildren.