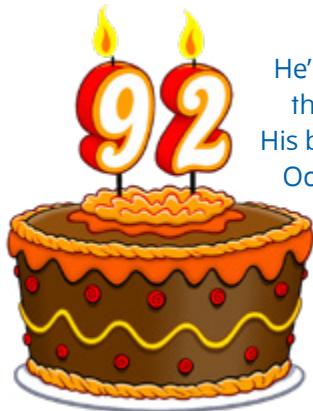


PRESIDENT M. RUSSELL BALLARD

Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



He'll turn 92 this year! His birthday is October 8.

He keeps an Oreo cookie in a display case on his desk. It reminds him of a young boy who received a package of cookies after his long journey to a refugee camp in Lesbos, Greece. The boy insisted that President Ballard take the very first cookie.



In college, friends called him "the bishop" because he always tried to choose the right.



He and his wife, Barbara, have 7 children, 43 grandchildren, and 95 great-grandchildren!



"Do the best you can do day after day."

President M. Russell Ballard

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