

ARMS. Paleways of thirteen pieces, argent and pale; a chief, azure; the escutcheon on the breast of the American bald eagle displayed proper, holding in his dexter talon an olive branch, and in his sinister a bundle of thirteen arrows, all proper, and in his beak a scroll, inscribed with this motto, "*E pluribus Unum.*"

For the **CHEST.** Over the head of the eagle, which appears above the escutcheon, a glory, or, breaking through a cloud, proper, and surrounding thirteen stars, forming a constellation, argent, on an azure field.

KEYSTONE. A pyramid unfinished. In the zenith, an eye in a triangle, surrounded with a glory proper. Over the eye these words, "*Annoit Capta.*" On the base of the pyramid the numerical letters MDCCLXXVI. And underneath the following motto, "*Nova Ordo Seclorum.*"

Remarks and explanation:

The escutcheon is composed of the Chief and pale, the two most honorable ordinaries. The pieces, pale, represent the several States all joined in one solid compact union, supporting a Chief which unites the whole and represents Congress. The motto alludes to this Union. The pale in the Arms are kept closely united by the Chief and the Chief depends on that union, and the strength resulting from it for its support, so denote the Confederacy of the United States of America, and the preservation of their Union through Congress. The colours of the pale are those used in the flag of the United States of America. White signifies purity and innocence. Red hardiness and valour and Blue the colour of the Chief signifies vigilance perseverance and justice. The Olive Branch and arrows denote the power of peace and war which is exclusively vested in Congress. The Constellation denotes a new State taking its place and rank among other sovereign powers. The escutcheon is borne on the breast of an American Eagle without any other supporters, so denote that the United States of America ought to rely on their own virtue.

Reverse: The Pyramid signifies strength and duration. The eye over it and the motto allude to the timely signal interpositions of providence in favour of the American cause. The date underneath is that of the Declaration of Independence, and the words under it