

# The Great Seal of the United States of America

*"Symbolically, the Great Seal reflects the beliefs and values the Founding Fathers attached to the new nation and wish to pass on to their descendants."* US State Dept. 2003

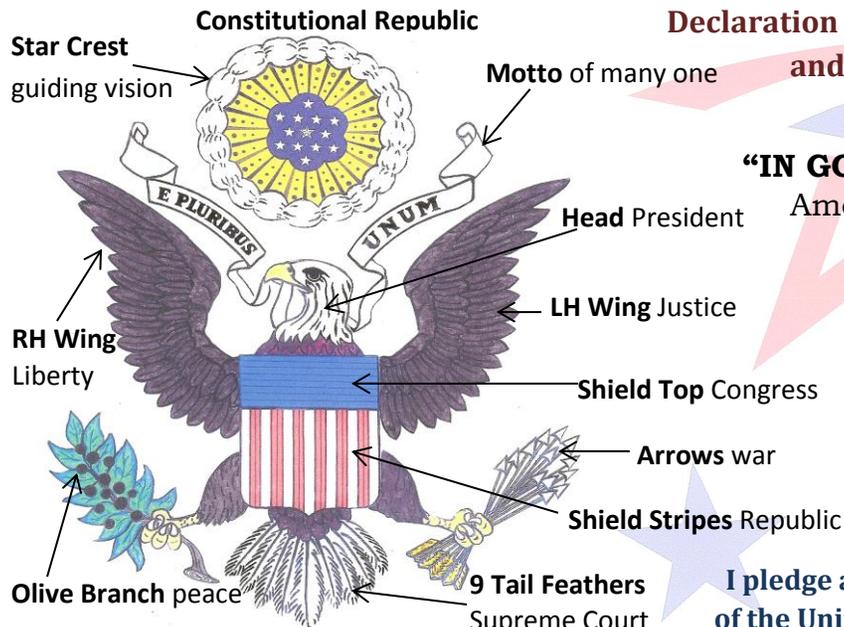
## The Declaration of Independence

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary ... to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them... We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. ... with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor. (Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence)

## US Constitution

**We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. ... done in ... the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth In witness whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names, (Excerpts from the US Constitution)

## America's Government



Great Seal Front Side  
America's official Coat-of-Arms

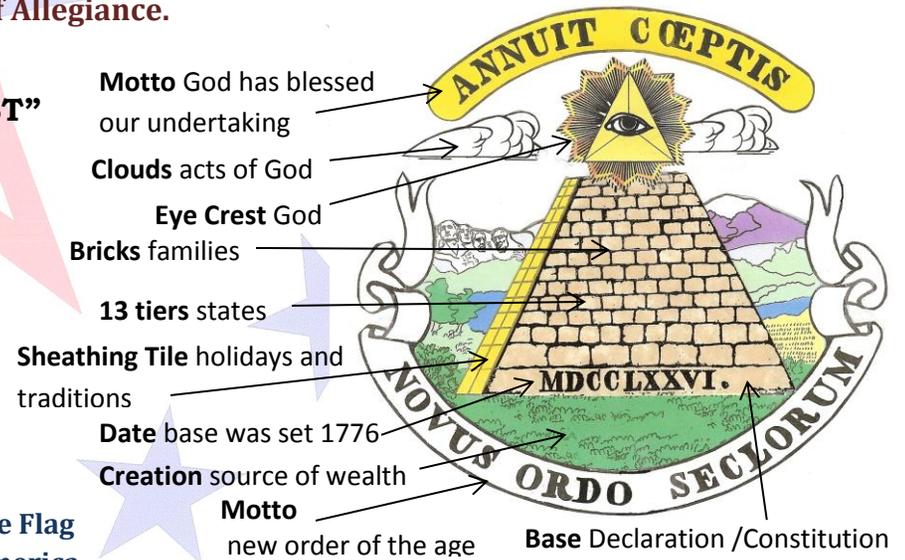
The Great Seal is a teaching diagram of the Declaration of Independence /US Constitution and The Pledge of Allegiance.

**"IN GOD WE TRUST"**  
America's Motto

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## America's Society

A Nation Under God



Great Seal Back Side  
Never officially produced  
(Illustration is an enhanced 1885 image)