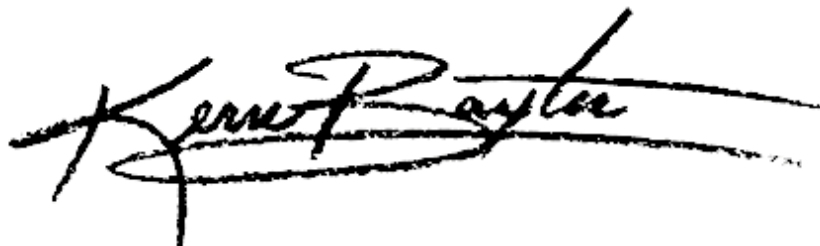


The 'Inspired Message' of Bound to Glory

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On the first day of painting the background and Eagle, I saw what appeared to be an image of our founding forefather and first President, George Washington. It originated in the upper right-hand corner of the canvas where the thirteen stars and now placed. Within this area was painted the Dove representing the Holy Spirit. Under the right wing of the Dove is the Eagle, the symbol of our country, perched on the foundation with its talons gripping the cornerstone of America. With its footing well established two centuries earlier, today, America's Eagle is *(still) Bound to Glory (by covenant with God)* to today's flag. The cleansing blood of Christ, for this newborn Christian country, is represented by the red of the flag. The conviction and purity of the Holy Spirit flows from the wing of the Dove into the strips of the flag. Today, the powerful looks over its left wing and upwards to the Dove for direction and inspiration. Always there to be called upon, whether it be a nation or an individual, the hand of God places the Word (Bible) under the wing of the Eagle (America), as the moral compass to follow. Resting on the lower left hand corner of the cornerstone is a gold pocket watch. The hands indicate a few moments past the eleventh hour.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Raylan". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "K" and a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.