An artist named Constantino Brumidi (brow-mē-de) painted this picture. He was born in Italy and later came to America. He worked in the Capitol for more than 25 years.

Brumidi painted George Washington looking down from heaven. He painted this picture in 1865. It took him about 6 months to paint this picture on the inner Dome. (To make people look lifesize to us, he had to make them 15 feet tall.)

To color this picture: George Washington's uniform is blue and tan. The cloth over his lap is a light purple color. Liberty's dress (on his right) is light purple with a dark purple cloth on her lap. Victory (on his left) is in white with a dark gray cloth. Freedom has a red cape, a white dress, and a gold helmet.

Next Stop: Exit the Rotunda past the statues of Andrew Jackson and James Garfield. Go straight ahead and follow the signs for the Old Senate Chamber (2).