The Anatomy of a Dollar Bill

Dollar Bill Facts
- US currency bills are 2.61 inches wide and 6.14 inches long; they are .0043 inches thick and weigh 1 gram. (All US currency was made smaller in 1928)
- All US Bills are cloth, not paper – 25% Cotton, 75% Linen with red and blue synthetic fibers distributed throughout.
- Currency is printed by the Bureau of Engraving and printing. Each bill, regardless of denomination costs 4.2 cents to make. The BEP prints 16,650,000 $1 bills each day.
- The $1 bill has an average lifetime of 18-22 months. Damaged bills are returned to the Fed and shredded. Last year, the Fed destroyed around $7.5B worth of currency.
Great Seal of the US

“In God We Trust” added by Eisenhower in 1957

The Great Seal (Front)
- 13 leaves in the Olive Branch (Right Talon)
- 13 arrows in left talon
- 13 stars overhead
- 13 Stripes on Shield (Blue Bar represents congress)
- E Pluribus Unum: “From Many Comes One”

The Great Seal (Back)
- The Pyramid had 13 steps
- MDCCLXXVI = 1776
- The Pyramid is unfinished (the US is an ongoing project)
- The western face is dark (the western US had yet to be explored)
- The deity watches over us
- Anuit Coeptus = “God Has Favored our Undertakings”
- Novus Ordo Seclorum = “A New Order Has Begun”
The US Dollar and the Freemasons?

- The Eagle’s left wing has 32 feathers (number of degrees in Scottish Rite Freemasonry).
- The Eagle’s right wing has 33 feathers (there exists a 33\textsuperscript{rd} degree mason for outstanding service).
- 9 Tail Feathers (number of degrees in York Rite Freemasonry).
- 13 Stars form a five pointed star (A Masonic symbol).

The US Dollar as a calendar?

- The pyramid has 13 steps. Suppose each step counts for 13 years (169 years total).
- Starting at the base (1776) the top would represent 1945. (Roosevelt died in 1945).
- The “Gap” represents 1945 – 1974 (resignation of Nixon) – A period of upheaval.
- The “Cap” contains an additional 2 levels (26 years) – the Peak is the year 2000.
The Owl and the Spider

Can you find the owl on the US Dollar?.....look closely!

By the Way, the owl is a Masonic symbol of knowledge! Want a closer look?

Some argue that its not an owl at all….its a spider!