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## Antique Masonic Pocket Watch Of 66.6 Mm. Eye Of Providence. Circa 1900



850 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Diameter : 66.6 mm (2.62 in)

### Description

We are looking at an absolutely fascinating piece due to its symbolism, its mechanics, and its presence: an antique Masonic pocket watch, dated circa 1900 and featuring a large blued metal case measuring 66.6 mm in diameter, an unusual size that holds special symbolism. This detail is not minor: 666 has been interpreted in many traditions as a mystical number, and its association with esoteric currents such as Freemasonry or the Illuminati makes it even more intriguing. The case shows patina and signs of use consistent with its age, which adds authenticity without detracting from its visual appeal or collectible value. The back cover opens to reveal a movement visible through its second protective lid. The engraved inscription on the inside tells us that it features anchor escapement, double plate,

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and a 17-jewel movement, which indicates considerable mechanical quality. Despite the passage of time, the watch remains in working condition, a detail that adds appeal for both collectors and lovers of antique watchmaking. However, the true protagonist is its white porcelain dial, perfectly preserved, where an exceptional illustration stands out at the center: the radiant Eye of Providence above a truncated pyramid, accompanied by the Latin mottos "Annuit Coeptis" ("Providence has favored our undertakings") and "Novus Ordo Seclorum" ("A new order for the world"). This design is identical to that on the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States and appears on the one-dollar bill, although this would not be officially printed until 1935. The coincidence reinforces the connection to Masonic symbolism and even to the legend of the Illuminati, which makes this piece a true historical and esoteric rarity. The hands, with an elegant openwork design, mark the hours prominently over Roman numerals. The small seconds subdial at 6 completes a composition that balances the symbolic with the technical. Despite showing normal signs of wear on the case and bezel, there are no fractures on the dial, which is a very favorable feature in this type of watch. It is ideal, not only for collectors of antique pocket watches, but for any collector of rare objects, Masonic symbolism, or historical esotericism. It would also make an impressive decorative element in a cabinet of curiosities. Do not miss the opportunity to acquire a jewel filled with history, esotericism, and symbolism. Measurements: 66.6 mm (2.62 in). Weight: not specified. History of Masonic Watches Watches featuring Masonic symbolism began to be produced more prolifically in the 19th century, especially in Switzerland, France, and the United States, where Freemasonry enjoyed great influence. Symbols such as the square, the compass, the letter "G", or the Eye of Providence were included both in jewelry and pocket watches. These pieces were not only utilitarian objects, but also declarations

of belonging, respect, and commitment to the values of the lodge: fraternity, equality, spiritual enlightenment, and the pursuit of knowledge. In many cases, Masonic watches were commemorative gifts exchanged between lodge brothers, or custom-made for initiation ceremonies or degree advancement. Some of these pieces contained hidden compartments or private inscriptions in codes known only to the initiated. The Eye of Providence, also known as the "All-Seeing Eye", is one of the oldest emblems of Freemasonry, representing divine watchfulness over the world and the search for truth. This symbol was later associated with the Illuminati, although that connection has been more fueled by popular culture than by documented historical records. Even so, its presence in antique objects reinforces the magnetism that these emblems continue to exert to this day. Masonic pocket watches are, therefore, silent witnesses of discreet meetings, shared codes, and a time when symbolism and time walked hand in hand.