

Star (stars) in Immoos Arms

What do the stars on the emblem signify?

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In the crest Immoos family and the family of Moos (UR / ZH) comes in addition to the heraldic animal bear additionally against a red six-pointed star in the left Obereck. In the full-crest-representation in addition to the back of the bear the crest are three red stars shown. What do the stars in our family crest?



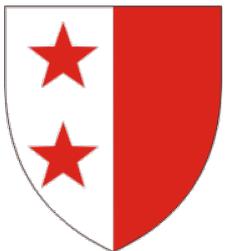
In heraldry, the star is referred to as a "Common Cut Out". This is in heraldry a display element in the design of the shield or other parts of a coat of arms. The star is in the field or in the coat of arms crest in different versions, shown alone or in symmetric groups. There are various versions of stars known (four-, six-, eight- rays, faceted, lowered but also star crosses and comets).

In many Coat of stars are used as symbols.

In various arms of nobles, the number of spikes in stars and especially the crowns to distinguish between lower and higher nobility served. In the American Stars and Stripes or the coat of arms of the canton of Valais, the stars described as symbols, the number of individual states or the number of districts.



Common figures such as the star in Immoos Arms were sure of the distinction to other families. These figures could show on connections. The red star in the moss crest probably served as a clear distinction from the rival of Hospenthal of Ursern. However, it could also indicate a connection and gives an indication of the original source from the



Valais, where the von Moos (de Palud) acted according Kläui Paul in the early 13th century as an estate manager (= Villicus Meier) in the service of the bishops of Sion should have. The five-pointed star in today's red coat of arms of the canton of Valais go to the King Rudolf III. in 999 the bishopric of Sion allocated Arms (silver / red split with two red stars on the silver half) back, which is anno 1220 first mentioned and still arms of the city's customs.

Knight Heinrich von Moos (1328-1358 tangible in deeds) has introduced the red six-pointed star in the coat of arms of moss. This Heinrich von Moos (mentioned 1320-1358, Knight from 1356) is called "terre Rector Vallesie a Leuca superius usque ad Massonam"¹ mentioned. Many ministerials and nobles are linked by marriages in the family with the Valais. It is noteworthy to say that in many municipal coat of arms of the canton of Valais, one or more stars emerge. This could have served as a template. To prove this thesis, however, is not.

¹ *Small messages to the Valais history: 1.5.2 Hans Anton von Rothen; The origin of the Governor of Simon Murmann from Wyler; Page 386 and Gremaud V p. 117th*