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Maximilian I (1459 - 1519) was the archduke of Austria, German king and Holy Roman emperor from 1493 until his death. He expanded the influence of the House of Habsburg (or Hapsburg), one of the most dominant and disting-

uished royal houses of Europe.

The coat of arms of Maximilian I bears images of two black eagles, but the heraldic beast of House of Habsburg is the lion appearing on coats of arms of many states of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The ancient crowned lion rampant of Habsburg is Or a lion rampant Gules armed langued and crowned Azure, a red lion on a gold background with blue claws, tongue and crown.



Habsburg Lion

Austrian Post recently issued a stamp commemorating the 500th anniversary of Maximilian's death and on the stamp the Lion of Habsburg is holding the coat of arms. 🐾 -Greg Balagian