

The Wenstrup Crest
(Das Wenstrup Wappen)



Carved by Ferdinand Starmann (Bildhauer), who carved this same crest on the door of the house in Wenstrup Germany.

The Wenstrup Crest is carved into the door of the Jans-Wenstrup home in Wenstrup, Germany. The meaning of the crest was explained by Anton Jans-Wenstrup to me in 1996. My recollection of his explanation is as follows:

1. Top Left is a Lily: The lily represents purity, a virtue in all we do.
2. Top Right is a Plow: The plow represents that we are hard working.
3. Bottom Left is a Tree: Family is important, we are all Wenstrups.
4. Bottom Right is a Crown: All is from and for God.

Daniel Jans-s Wenstrup explained the crest with the words below. He provided this to us (both English and German), when he sent the Wenstrup Crest to us.

1. Top Left is a Lily
 - a. Pure as a lily our virtue may be
 - b. Lilienrei sei unsere Tugend
2. Top Right is a Plow
 - a. Dilligent as our plow in the ground
 - b. Emsig unser Pflug im Boden
3. Bottom Left is a Tree
 - a. So that we the ancestral youth
 - b. Damit wir, die Ahnen Jugend
4. Bottom right is a crown:
 - a. Reach the crown of Christ above.
 - b. Christi Kron erlangen droben

The Wenstrup Crest : Prayer / Invocation

Today as we gather, we are Wenstrups and is fitting that we focus on our family crest.

First is the Lily and it reminds us that all we think and do is virtuous intent.

Next we see the plow and as Wenstrups our efforts and endeavors reflect our hard work.

The tree reminds us of who we are – the Wenstrup family, that shows in that we are all here today.

Lastly, all that we are and all that we do is because of God above.

Thank you all for being here and being our Wenstrup Family!