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CAPInv. 104: Hermaizontes

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Nisyros
iii. Site	Mandraki

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἑρμαίζοντες (IG XII.3 104, l. 12)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Hermaizontes</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>Hermes</i> : the present participle of the verb 'hermaizo' expresses emulation of the cult.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.3 104, l. 12 (i AD?)
Note	Also in IGR 4 1110 AGRW 246
Online Resources	IG XII.3 104 AGRW ID 1683
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific inscription in Greek for Gnomagoras son of Dorotheos, <i>Neisyrios</i> , enumerating his services in the sacred, military and political sphere. The text of the inscription breaks off in line 17. The honouring body is not known. The inscription is carved on the statue base that would support Gnomagoras' statue.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Cylindrical statue base moulded above (H. 74 cm).
ii. Source(s) provenance	Reused as the altar support in the church of Katholike in Mandraki.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	The honorand, Gnomagoras, son of Dorotheos, Neisyrios, was a high-profile individual, holding high-ranked offices, performing services in the sacred and civic sphere. He was commander of a triemiolia, assumed the office of damiourgos (eponymous magistrate) and held the office of gymnasiarchy. During his gymnasiarchy, he supplied oil for 13 months to all freeborn citizens and his benevolence extended to those settling in Nisyros and to foreign residents. He was honoured by a number of public and private bodies. He showed his adherence to the imperial power, by serving as priest of the imperial cult (IG XII.3 104). He was crowned with multiple golden crowns by the <i>boule</i> and honoured by a number of private associations: - <i>Aphrodiastai Syroi</i>: CAP Inv. 105 - <i>Dios Milichiastai</i>: CAP Inv. 106 - <i>[Dion]ysiastai Ey[rythemid]ioi</i>: CAP Inv. 107 He made himself pleasant to all <i>koineia</i> in Nisyros (CAP Inv. GR-9).
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>Hermaizontes</i> honoured Gnomagoras with multiple golden crowns (Il. 13-14).
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XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 243.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The name of the group (<i>hermaizontes</i>) suggests emulation of the cult of Hermes. On the basis of the name alone (the only evidence we have at our disposal for this group) the nature of group seems to be elusive; the present participle might suggest an <i>ad hoc</i> group.