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CAPInv. 1533: [--- to]n thiasiton

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Elephantine (U01)
iii. Site	Syene

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[--- τῶ]γ θιασιτῶν (SEG LX 1812, l. 1)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[--- to]n thiasiton

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	e. iii (?) BC
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG LX 1812 (early (?) III BC)
Note	See also <i>BE</i> 2013: no. 476
Online Resources	TM 701155 AGRW ID 24315
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication of a banqueting hall by the members of a private association.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Sandstone block with inscriptions (partly painted).
ii. Source(s) provenance	The block was found in 'Area 13 c' during Swiss-Egyptian rescue excavations at Syene in 2006/7.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	τὸ ἱστια[τόριον] (= ἐστιατόριον, ἐστιατήριον), <i>to histiatorion, hestiatorion, hestiatieron</i> (l. 1).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members are communally called <i>θιασῖται</i> , <i>thiasitai</i> (l. 1).
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The association presumably owned the banqueting hall (l. 1: τὸ ἱστια[τόριον] = ἑστιατόριον, ἑστιατήριον, <i>to histiatorion, hestiatorion, hestiatieron</i>) that was dedicated in the present inscription.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	The names of 30 members (in genitive) are recorded in three columns underneath the first line of the dedication (containing the name of the association). The genitive case of the names is of difficult interpretation. The last three names in the list were added after the carving of the stone to complete the membership. <i>BE</i> 2013 no. 476 suggests that the membership may have possibly been a <i>numerus clausus</i> .
ii. Gender	Men
Note	All attested names are male names.
iv. Status	The onomastics of the members is generally Greek, with one Thracian name (Kotys) as well as with names of specifically Cretan (Pronax), Lycian and Carian (Pigres) flavour. Cf. <i>BE</i> 2013 no. 476.
vi. Proper names and physical features	<p>The names for which something is preserved are as follows:</p> <p>[---]ρου [---]δωρου [---]του [---]ου [---]τος [---]ρου Κότυος Δημοσθένους Πρωτ[ίω]νος Ἀθηνίωνος Πολ[εμο]κράτου Πρόνακτος Πεδιέως Πυθογείτονος Πιγρέους Μουσαίου Καλλι[---] Χαρικλ[---] Ἀμύντο[υ] Διαγόρου Ἀντίνου Εὐβίου Πρωτομάχου Εὐάρχου Ἀρήου Ἀρ[τεμιδώρο?]υ</p>

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	Given the presence of a banqueting hall, the members of the association organised (presumably) regular banquets.
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XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | It is possible that the name of the association was [τὸ κοινὸν τῶ]γ θιασιτῶν, <i>to koinon ton thiasiton</i> (1.1). |
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XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Certain |
| Note | The terminology used (<i>thiasitai</i>) and the presence of a banqueting hall seem to indicate that we are dealing with a private associaiton. |