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## CAPInv. 1895: hoi sakkophoroi hoi apo tes Kalumnias

### I. LOCATION

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| i. Geographical area | Aegean Islands |
| ii. Region           | Kos            |
| iii. Site            | Kos            |

### II. NAME

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| i. Full name (original language) | οἱ σακκοφόροι οἱ ἀπὸ τῆς Καλυμνίας (IG XII 4.2 544 ll. 7-9) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>hoi sakkophoroi hoi apo tes Kalumnias</i>                |

### III. DATE

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| i. Date(s) | ii AD |
|------------|-------|

### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

|                   |               |                              |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| ii. Name elements | Geographical: | Kalymnos                     |
|                   | Professional: | <i>sakkophoroi</i> : porters |

### V. SOURCES

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| i. Source(s)            | IG XII 4.2 544 (ii AD)  |
| Note                    | EV 199<br>Maillot 2013: no. 61  |
| Online Resources        | <a href="#">EV 199</a>  |
| i.a. Source type(s)     | Epigraphic source(s)  |
| i.c. Physical format(s) | Dedication in Greek by the <i>sakkophori hoi apo tes Kalumnias</i> to Zeus Hypsistos, Hera Ourania, Poseidon Asphaleios, Apollo and the other gods. |

## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

### i. Treasury/Funds

Il. 6, 9-10: εὐχαριστήριον... ἐποίησαν ἐκ τῶν ιδίων, *eucharisterion epoiesan ek ton idion*: the *sakkophoroi* paid out of their own pocket for the thanksoffering, something that may perhaps indicate that they had their own funds.

## X. ACTIVITIES

### iii. Worship

The *sakkophoroi* from Kalymnos made an offering of thanks (Il. 6: εὐχαριστήριον, *eucharisterion*) to Zeus Hypsistos, Hera Ourania, Poseidon Asphaleios, Apollo and the other gods.

#### Deities worshipped

Zeus Hypsistos  
Hera Ourania  
Poseidon Asphaleios  
Apollo  
the other gods

## XI. INTERACTION

### ii. Interaction abroad

The *sakkophoroi* from Kalymnos made an offering of thanks to Zeus Hypsistos and several other gods (see X.iii) on behalf of the city of Kos (Il. 6-7: ὑπὲρ τῆς Κώϊων πόλεως, *hyper tes Koion poleos*). Although a number of dedications were addressed to Zeus Hypsistos and other gods on behalf of the city (IG XII 4.2 541-543), it is the only instance where the city of Kos is explicitly named as such. In this way the *sakkophoroi* of Kalymnos set themselves aside from the political community of Kos, underlying at the same time their place of origin (i.e. Kalymnos).

## XII. NOTES

### iii. Bibliography

Maillot, S. (2013), 'Les associations à Cos', in P. Hamon and P. Fröhlich (eds.), *Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques*. Geneva: 199-226.

## XIII. EVALUATION

### i. Private association

Possible

#### Note

Although the dedication of the porters of Kalymnos was paid out of collective funds (*ek ton idion*), it is still unclear whether the porters acted *ad hoc* as a way to express their gratitude to gods by setting up a dedication or whether they already formed an organized and permanent group.