

CAPInv. 264: **thiasotai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Piraeus

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θιασῶται (IG II ² 1271, ll. 2, 9, 13, 15, 21)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasotai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	299 / 298 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>thiasotai</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1271 (299/8 BC)
Note	Ed. pr. RA 1864 (II), 399. Other publications: Lueders no. 21; Foucart no. 26; Michel no. 977; GRA I 13 Cf. SEG 52: 105, SEG 57: 29
Online Resources	IG II² 1271 and AGRW ID 3643
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Part of a Greek honorific decree for Menis, son of Mnesitheos of Herakleia, because, when a treasurer, he sponsored a major refurbishment of the sanctuary and he has financially supported the association.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele measuring 0,62x0,30m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Piraeus, now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 7846.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	References are being made to a sanctuary (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i> , ll. 3, 19 and 22), to a stone stele (στήλη λιθίνη, <i>stèle lithine</i> , l. 22) and to a painted portrait (εἰκὼν ἐν πίνακι, <i>eikon en pinaki</i> , ll. 17-8).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	Treasurer (ταμίης, <i>tamias</i> , l. 3). Priest (ἱερεὺς, <i>hierēus</i> , ll. 13-4).
Known practice of appointment	The appointment to the office of the treasurer was based on election; the term used is αἵρεθεῖς, <i>hairetheis</i> , l. 3.
vi. Laws and rules	In ll. 16-18 it is mentioned that a painted portrait of the honoured shall be erected according to a law of the association (ἀναθεῖναι δ' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰκόνα τοῦ ἱεροῦ οὗ ἂν εἰ κάλλιστον γράψαντας ἐν πίνακι κατὰ τὸν νόμον, <i>anatheinai d' autou kai eikona tou hierou hou an ei kalliston grapsantas en pinaki kata ton nomon</i>).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The association probably owned the sanctuary (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i> , l. 3, 19, and 22), the pediment (ἀέτωμα, <i>aetoma</i>) and portico (πρόστωιον, <i>prostoion</i>) of which were repaired, ll. 5-6.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Μῆνις Μνησιθέου Ἡρακλεώτης, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (13).
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	The honoured person is a non-Athenian, probably a resident foreigner (metic).

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Since the group was involved in the refurbishment of the sanctuary of Zeus <i>Labraundos</i> , they may have worshipped that divinity.
Deities worshipped	Zeus <i>Labraundos</i> (?)
iv. Honours/Other activities	Menis is praised (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i> , l. 15) and honoured with an olive-leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, <i>thallou stephanos</i> , l. 16) and a painted portrait (γραπτὴ εἰκὼν, <i>grapte eikon</i> , ll. 17-8).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The decree passed in the archonship of Euktemon (the archon name is almost wholly restored).
ii. Poland concordance	Poland A16
iii. Bibliography	<p>Pakkanen, P. (1996), <i>Interpreting early Hellenistic religion. A study based on the mystery cult of Demeter and the cult of Isis</i>. Helsinki. (SEG 46.2363)</p> <p>Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i>. Oxford, 338. (SEG 47.26)</p> <p>Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Los Angeles, 147.</p> <p>Carless Unwin, N. (2014), 'The travels of Zeus Labraundos', in L. Karlsson, S. Karlsson & J. Blid Kullberg (eds.), <i>Labrys. Studies presented to Pontus Hellstrom</i>. Uppsala: 43-56.</p>

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.