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CAPInv. 599: he hiera synodos ton [apo t]e[s oiko]umen[es] peri ton Dionyson kai ton kyrion hemon Autokratora Nervan Traianon Kaisara Sebaston Germanikon Dakik[on techneiton hieroneikon stephaneiton (l. techniton hieronikon stephaniton)] kai ton touton synagoniston

i.	Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii.	Region	Arabia
iii.	Site	Gerasa
	II. NAME Full name (original language)	ή ἱερὰ σύνοδος τῶν [ἀπὸ τ]ῆ[ς οἰκο]υμέν[ης] περὶ τὸν Διόνυσον καὶ τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν Ἀυτοκράτορο Νέρουαν Τραιανὸν Καίσαρα Σεβαστὸν Γερμανικ[ὸν Δακικὸν τεχνειτῶν ἱερονεικῶν στεφανειτῶν (Ι τεχνιτῶν ἱερονικῶν στεφανιτῶν)] καὶ τῶν τούτων συναγωνιστῶν (I.Gerasa 192, Il. 3-5)

i. Date(s)

105 - 114 AD

V. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY



ii. Name elements	Geographical:	oikoumene
	Personal:	peri ton kyrion hemon Autokratora Nervan Traianon Kaisara Sebaston Germanikon Dakikon
	Professional:	technitai, hieronikai, stephanitai, synagonistai
	Status-related:	technitai, hieronikai, stephanitai, synagonistai
	Theophoric:	Dionysos
	Other:	hiera
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, synodos	
Note	synodos: I.Gerasa 192, 11.	3, 12, 16

V. SOURCES

i.	Source(s)	I.Gerasa 192 (AD 105-114)
	Note	See also: SEG 7: 825
	Online Resources	I.Gerasa 192 and AGRW ID 22959
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
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1.0.	Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek honorary decree
ic	Physical format(s)	Round pedestal
ii.	Source(s) provenance	South theatre of Gerasa

VII. ORGANIZATION

viii. Obligations The *synodos* declares that the statue of its benefactor has to be crowned by everyone who performs in the theatre; if he does not, he is to pay to the *synodos* (II. 18-20).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iii. Income	The synodos declares that the statue of its benefactor has to be crowned by everyone who performs in
	the theatre; if he does not, he is to pay to the synodos (ll. 18-20).

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities

The *synodos* honours an *agonothetes*, who has not only done his job well, but also feasted the *synodos* on many occasions (with "royal banquets", l. 16). He receives the "customary inscription" and a statue; furthermore, he is proclaimed as a benefactor in every city where the *synodos* performs.



XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i.	Private association	Certain
	Note	The Dionysiac artists are a special case of association, acting as an independent state in many respects,
		but they remained a private network.

