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CAPInv. 60: U-EGY-003

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Gynaikopolites (L03)
iii. Site	Momemphis

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-EGY-003
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	209 - 204 BC
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Delta p. 1036 no. 2 (209-204 BC)
Note	Other publications: SEG II 867; SB III 6668
Online Resources	I.Delta p. 1036 no. 2 TM 7265
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication of a banqueting hall (ἑστιάτοριον, <i>hestiatorion</i>) to Ptolemy IV Philopator and Arsinoe III.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The association had a banqueting hall (ἑστιάτοριον, <i>hestiatorion</i> , l. 7).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members of the association are called θιασίται, <i>thiasitai</i> (l. 6).
iv. Officials	The present dedication is made by a certain Posidonios who is likely to have undertaken some important office in the association of <i>thiasitai</i> . Perhaps he might even have been the president.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The wording in ll. 5-6 Ποσιδώνιο[ς] καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ θιασίται, <i>Posidonio[s] kai hoi loipoi thiasitai</i> suggests that the members were men.
vi. Proper names and physical features	Ποσιδώνιος

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	Given the existence of a banqueting hall (ἑστιατόριον, <i>hestiatorion</i> , l. 7), it is clear that the association met for banquets, which were perhaps one of its most important activities.
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association dedicated their banqueting hall to the King, the Queen, and the Crown Prince, thus showing their devotion to the Royal House. We do not know whether they performed sacrifices to and thus worshipped the Royal House, although this seems plausible.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology used (<i>thiasitai</i>), the ownership of real estate, and the type of dealings in which the group is involved make it certain that we have here a private association.