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CAPInv. 702: **hoi synklitai ne[oi]**

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Macedonia
ii.	**Region**	Sintike
iii.	**Site**	Sandanski (mod.)

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	οἱ συνκλῖται νέ̣[οι] (IGBulg V 5899)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*hoi synklitai ne[oi]*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	Imp.

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Other:	*synklitai*, 'participants at the same banquet' *neoi*, see VII.iii: Members, below.

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	IGBulg V 5899 (imp.)
	Online Resources	IGBulg V 5899
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Greek dedication
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	Plaque with two crowns, badly damaged during its second use.

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ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at mod. Sandanski, in the Middle Strymon valley.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The dedicants are self-identified as συνκλῖται, *synklitai*, 'participants at the same banquet'. The meaning of νέ[οι], *ne[oi]* is unclear. Mihailov 1981 interprets the term as an indication that the dedication was offered by new members of the association upon their initiation. The awkward syntax and the doubtful reading, however, dictates caution.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The term συνκλίται, *synklitai*, points to cult banquets in honour of the Θεὸς ῞Ηρως *theos Heros*, to whom the dedication is addressed. Worship by the group is therefore supposed.
Deities worshipped	Theos Heros

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Mihailov, G. (1981), 'Deux inscriptions de la province romaine de Macédoine' in H.J. Dell (ed.), *Ancient Macedonian Studies in Honor of Charles F. Edson*, Thessaloniki: 259-63.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The term *synklitai*, common in the religious associations of the Egyptian Gods and of *Theos Hypsistos* of Thessalonike, as well as the possible mention of new initiates make the attribution of IGBulg V 5899 to a religious association for the Thracian deity of Theos Heros certain.

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