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CAPInv. 106: Dios Milichiastai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Nisyros
iii. Site	Nisyros

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Διὸς Μιλυχιασταί (IG XII.3 104, l. 15)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Dios Milichiastai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>milichios</i> : cultic epithet of Zeus
	Theophoric:	<i>Zeus</i>

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.3 104, l. 15 (i AD?)
Note	IGR IV 1110 AGRW 246
Online Resources	IG XII.3 104 AGRW ID 1683
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific inscription in Greek for Gnomagoras son of Dorotheos, Neisyrios, enumerating his services in the sacred, military and political sphere. The text of the inscription breaks off in line 17. The honouring body is not known. The inscription is carved on the statue base that would support Gnomagoras' statue.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Cylindrical statue base moulded above (H. 74 cm).
ii. Source(s) provenance	Reused as the altar support in the church of Katholike in Mandraki.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	<p>The honorand, Gnomagoras, son of Dorotheos, Neisyrios, was a high-profile individual, holding high-ranked offices, performing services in the sacred and civic sphere. He was commander of a triemiolia, assumed the office of damiourgos (eponymous magistrate) and held the office of gymnasiarchy. During his gymnasiarchy, he supplied oil for 13 months to all freeborn citizens and his benevolence extended to those settling in Nisyros and to foreign residents. He was honoured by a number of public and private bodies. He showed his adherence to the imperial power, by serving as priest of the imperial cult (IG XII.3 104). He was crowned with multiple golden crowns by the boule and honoured by a number of private associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Hermaizontes</i>: CAP Inv. 104 - <i>Aphrodiastai Syroi</i>: CAP Inv. 105 - <i>[Dion]ysiastai Ey[rthemid]ioi</i>: CAP Inv. 107 <p>He made himself pleasant to all <i>koineia</i> in Nisyros (CAP Inv. GR-9).</p>
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>Dios Milichiastai</i> honoured Gnomagoras.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p>Two more dedications to Zeus Milichios were found in Mandraki (IG XII.3 95; IG XII.3 96). It is interesting to note that IG XII.3 96 is a thank-offering to Zeus Meilichios set up by foreigners originating from Asia Minor (Pisidia, Cappadocia, Ephesos), Thrace and Kos. The editor of IG XII.3 postulates that this list contained members of the <i>koinon</i> of Zeus Meilichios.</p>
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 243.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The name of group, cultic in nature, suggests that this group is a private association. Due to the nature of evidence (honorific inscription) we know next to nothing about its internal organization.