

CAPInv. 1652: **ho thiasos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lycia
iii. Site	Tlos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ θίασος (<i>TAM II 604</i> , line 8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	ho thiasos

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	300 (?) - 100 (?) BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Other:	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> The precise connotation of <i>thiasos</i> in this case is unknown; it may have been cultic.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>TAM II 640</i> (ca. 300 - 100 BC?)
Online Resources	PHI: TAM II 640 Harland, AGRW no. 9365
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary or honorific inscription. Greek.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Cylindrical block of limestone, possibly a grave-marker.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Tlos.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	θ[ι]α[σ]εῖται, <i>thiaseitai</i> (line 8)
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	The inscription preserves a list of 11 names, who together constitute the <i>thiasos</i> . If Masa, the (deceased?) honorand called <i>thiaseites</i> , is included in their ranks, the total would be 12.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	All members appear to be male.
iv. Status	All members (except Masa the honorand) are listed with their father's name, probably indicating that they are citizens of Tlos.
v. Relations	None of the members appear to be relatives.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	Masa, a fellow <i>thiaseites</i> , is honoured for his affection or kindness (<i>philostorgia</i>).
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Though the context and purpose of the group remain wholly unclear, it appears to be both circumscribed and organised, enacting honours one of its (former?) members. It thus forms a probable candidate for a private association.