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CAPInv. 1895: hoi sakkophoroi hoi apo tes Kalumnias

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ σακκοφόροι οἱ ἀπὸ τῆς Καλυμνίας (IG XII 4.2 544 ll. 7-9)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi sakkophoroi hoi apo tes Kalumnias</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Geographical:	Kalymnos
	Professional:	<i>sakkophoroi</i> : porters

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII 4.2 544 (ii AD)
Note	EV 199 Maillot 2013: no. 61
Online Resources	EV 199
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.c. Physical format(s)	Dedication in Greek by the <i>sakkophori hoi apo tes Kalumnias</i> to Zeus Hypsistos, Hera Ourania, Poseidon Asphaleios, Apollo and the other gods.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds

Il. 6, 9-10: εὐχαριστήριον... ἐποίησαν ἐκ τῶν ιδίων, *eucharisterion epoiesan ek ton idion*: the *sakkophoroi* paid out of their own pocket for the thanksoffering, something that may perhaps indicate that they had their own funds.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship

The *sakkophoroi* from Kalymnos made an offering of thanks (Il. 6: εὐχαριστήριον, *eucharisterion*) to Zeus Hypsistos, Hera Ourania, Poseidon Asphaleios, Apollo and the other gods.

Deities worshipped

Zeus Hypsistos
Hera Ourania
Poseidon Asphaleios
Apollo
the other gods

XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad

The *sakkophoroi* from Kalymnos made an offering of thanks to Zeus Hypsistos and several other gods (see X.iii) on behalf of the city of Kos (Il. 6-7: ὑπὲρ τῆς Κώϊων πόλεως, *hyper tes Koion poleos*). Although a number of dedications were addressed to Zeus Hypsistos and other gods on behalf of the city (IG XII 4.2 541-543), it is the only instance where the city of Kos is explicitly named as such. In this way the *sakkophoroi* of Kalymnos set themselves aside from the political community of Kos, underlying at the same time their place of origin (i.e. Kalymnos).

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

Maillot, S. (2013), 'Les associations à Cos', in P. Hamon and P. Fröhlich (eds.), *Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques*. Geneva: 199-226.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Possible

Note

Although the dedication of the porters of Kalymnos was paid out of collective funds (*ek ton idion*), it is still unclear whether the porters acted *ad hoc* as a way to express their gratitude to gods by setting up a dedication or whether they already formed an organized and permanent group.