

**CAPInv. 1984: to koinon ton en Kyproi tassomenon Thraikon kai ton synpoliteuomenon (l. sympoliteumenon)**

## I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Cyprus  |
| ii. Region           | Cyprus  |
| iii. Site            | Salamis |

## II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | τὸ κοινὸν τῶν ἐν Κύπρῳ τασσομένων Θραικῶν καὶ τῶν συνπολιτευομένων (l. συμπολιτευομένων) (Salamine de Chypre XIII.1 80, ll. 4-6) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>to koinon ton en Kyproi tassomenon Thraikon kai ton synpoliteuomenon</i> (l. <i>sympoliteumenon</i> )                         |

## III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | 116 (?) BC |
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements      | Ethnic:  | <i>Thraikes</i> : Thracian mercenaries   |
|                        | Geographical:                                      | <i>en Kyproi</i>   |
|                        | Professional:                                      | <i>tassomenoi</i> : soldiers stationed on the island   |
|                        | Status-related:                                    | <i>tassomenoi</i> : soldiers stationed on the island<br><i>sympoliteuomenoi</i> : fellow-members |
| iii. Descriptive terms | κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>                              |  |
| Note                   | <i>koinon</i> : Salamine de Chypre XIII.1 80, l. 4 |  |



## V. SOURCES

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| <b>i. Source(s)</b>                                    | Salamine de Chypre XIII.1 80 (ca 116 BC)   |
| <b>Note</b>  | See also: SEG 13: 554  |
| <b>Online Resources</b>                                | <a href="#">Salamine de Chypre XIII.1 80</a>   |
| <b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>                             | Epigraphic source(s)   |
| <b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b> | Greek statue dedication to Ptolemy, styled as governor of Cyprus, son of king Ptolemy V Epiphanes, and future king of Egypt. |
| <b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>                         | Statue base  |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| <b>iii. Members</b> | As one can clearly surmise from the nomenclature of the group, membership of the <i>koinon</i> was formed by two units: 1) the <i>hoi en tei nesoi tassomenon Thraikes</i> (military members from Thrace stationed on Cyprus) and 2) the <i>sympoliteuomenoi</i> (the fellow members attached to the Thracian mercenaries: the non-military members, ie. Thracian civilians, presumably). |
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| <b>ii. Gender</b> | Men  |
| <b>Note</b>       | Given the main military character of the <i>koinon</i> , it is likely that members were men only.  |
| <b>iv. Status</b> | The <i>koinon</i> grouped together military men from Thrace, as well as potentially their Thracian fellow civilians, both settled on the island. |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| <b>iv. Honours/Other activities</b> | The <i>koinon</i> honours Ptolemy son of Ptolemy V Epiphanes, with the title of governor of the island. |
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## XII. NOTES

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| <b>i. Comments</b>       | On <i>koina</i> and <i>sympoliteuomenoi</i> of Cyprus see: Thompson Crawford 1984: 1073-4 and Kruse 2015: 292-6.  |
| <b>iii. Bibliography</b> | Kruse, T. (2015), 'Ethnic <i>koina</i> and <i>politeumata</i> in Ptolemaic Egypt'. in V. Gabrielsen and C. A. Thomsen (eds.), <i>Private Associations and the Public Sphere: Proceedings of a Symposium held at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 9-11 September 2010</i> . Copenhagen: 270-300.<br>Thompson Crawford, D. J. (1984), 'The Idumaeans of Memphis and the Ptolemaic Politeumata', in <i>Atti del XVII Congresso Internazionale di Papirologia</i> . vol. 3. Napoli: 1069-75. |



### XIII. EVALUATION

#### i. Private association

Certain

##### Note

The terminology employed (*koinon*) and the character of the group, together with parallels of other military *koīna* on the island, point to a private association. It is less likely that the *koinon* was the loose community of mercenaries without a more structured and durable associational organisation.