

CAPInv. 55: U-EGY-001

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Elephantine (U01)
iii. Site	Philae

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-EGY-001
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	118 - 116 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	σύνδοχος, <i>synodos</i> ?
Note	<i>Synodos</i> ?: l. 4

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Philae 20 (118-116 BC)
Note	Other editions: SB I 3448.
Online Resources	I.Philae 20 TM 80769
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication to Kalanthes, Pan, and the Saviour God.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Altar.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The block of stone bearing the dedication is now stuck on the northern side of the southern wall of the Western Portico in the front courtyard of the Isis temple on Philae.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| ii. References to buildings/objects | βωμόν, <i>bomon</i> (l. 7) |
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VII. ORGANIZATION

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| iv. Officials | γραμματεὺς τῆς συνόδου, <i>grammateus te[s synodou]</i> (l. 4) |
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| iv. Status | If the restoration of the term <i>synodos</i> is correct, the secretary of the association (<i>grammateus</i>) held the aulic title of <i>syngenes</i> and the offices of <i>epistrategos</i> and <i>strategos</i> of the Thebaid (ll. 2-4), and was connected with the military forces (infantry, cavalry, and navy) stationed in the <i>polis</i> Ptolemais Hermeiou. |
| vi. Proper names and physical features | Δημήτριος ὁ συγγε[νὴς καὶ ἐ]πιστράτηγος καὶ στρατ[ηγὸς τῆς Θ]ηβαίδος καὶ γραμματεὺς τῆς συνόδου |

X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship | If this text indeed records a <i>grammateus</i> of an association, the dedication to Kolanthes, Pan, and the Saviour God shows the devotion of the association (or at least of one of its members) to these deities. |
| Deities worshipped | Kolanthes
Pan
Saviour God |

XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | The secretary of the association (providing that the restoration is valid) was engaged in the military and administrative life of the Thebaid, as <i>epistrategos</i> and <i>strategos</i> (ll. 2-4). |
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XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Possible |
| Note | The possibility of this inscription attesting an association lies in the validity of the restoration γραμματεὺς τῆς συνόδου <i>grammateus tes synodou</i> in l. 4. The man who bore this title, Demetrius (who was also <i>epistrategos</i> and <i>strategos</i> of the Thebaid), dedicated the altar together with the infantry, cavalry, and naval forces stationed in the <i>polis</i> of Ptolemais Hermeiou (ll. 2-7: Δημήτριος ὁ συγγε[νὴς καὶ ἐ]πιστράτηγος καὶ στρατ[ηγὸς τῆς Θ]ηβαίδος καὶ γραμματεὺς τῆς συνόδου καὶ αἱ ἐ]ν Πτολεμαίδι τεταγμέ[ναι δυνάμεις πεζί]καὶ καὶ ἵππικαὶ καὶ ναυτικά[ι] τὸν βωμόν, <i>Demetrios ho syngenes kai epistrategos kai strategos tes Thebaidos kai grammateus tes synodou kai hai en Ptolemaidι tetagmenai dynameis pezikai kai hippikai kai nautikai ton bomon</i>). One can but wonder whether the supposed association was an association of soldiers, cavalrymen, and navy troops. |