

CAPInv. 62: he synodos ton proton philon kai chiliarchon kai peri tous basileas machairophoron 148

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Arsinoites (00)
iii. Site	Ptolemais Euergetis

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[ἡ σύνοδος τῶν (πρώτων) φίλων καὶ χ(ιλι)ἀ(ρχων) καὶ περὶ τοὺς [βασιλέας μαχαιροφ]όρων ρμη (I.Fayoum I 17, II. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he synodos ton proton philon kai chiliarchon kai peri tous basileas machairophoron 148</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii / i BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>chiliarchoi</i> (army) <i>peri tous basileas machairophoroi</i> , the Royal Guard
	Status-related:	<i>protoi philoi</i>
	Other:	number 148
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> ?	
Note	<i>Synodos</i> ?: I.Fayoum I 17, l. 1	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Fayoum I 17 (ii/i BC)
Note	Other editions of the text: SB I 624.
Online Resources	I.Fayoum I 17 TM 42999
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek honorific inscription for an association's benefactor, who happened to be a former <i>kosmetes</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Statue base.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	προστάτης, <i>prostates</i> (l. 2). The name of the <i>prostates</i> is lost in lacuna. Cf. VII.iii 'Officials'.
iv. Officials	[ἱερε]ύς, [<i>hiere</i>]us (l. 3). The man holding this office is called Herakleitos. Given the lacuna in the passage it may not be entirely excluded that the man held both the office of <i>prostates</i> and of <i>hiereus</i> (cf. PP no. 4356). However, the space in lacuna seems to allow the presence of a different proper name for the <i>prostates</i> .

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	The association gathered (at least originally) 148 people (l. 2) and the figure was incorporated into the association's name. It is not certain whether the number of members remained fixed throughout the association's life.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the military nature of the association the members had to be men.
iii. Age	Adults
Note	Since the members were involved in the army (and also with positions of prestige and responsibility) they had to be adults.
iv. Status	The members belonged to the army background and held positions of importance within the military hierarchy and the court. Some of them bore aulic titles of <i>protoi philoi</i> of the King.
vi. Proper names and physical features	Ἡράκλειτος ἱερεύς

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honoured with a statue someone (whose name is lost in lacuna) who had been acting as benefactor towards them and happened to have served as <i>kosmetes</i> (whether at Alexandria or locally in the Arsinoite nome is not known).
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

The fact that the benefactor honoured by the association was a former *kosmetes* may point towards a link of this military association with the gymnasium. This would not be surprising.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Although the term *synodos* is restored in lacuna (l. 1), the presence of a *prostates*, a *hiereus*, the typology of the inscription and the parallel of BGU IV 1190 ([CAPInv. 302](#)) leave no room for doubts about this being a private association.