

CAPInv. 671: *he synodos ton systratiton*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area Egypt

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language) ἡ σύνοδος τῶν συστρατιωτῶν (P.Ryl. IV 580, l. 6)

ii. Full name (transliterated) *he synodos ton systratiton*

III. DATE

i. Date(s) i BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements

Professional:	<i>systratiotai</i> (army)
Status-related:	<i>systratiotai</i> (army)

iii. Descriptive terms

σύνοδος, *synodos*

Note *synodos*: P.Ryl. IV 580, l. 6

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s) P.Ryl. IV 580 (15 Mesore = 22 August 78 BC, or less likely 14 August 49 BC or 9 August 27 BC)

Online Resources [P.Ryl. IV 580](#)
[TM 5299](#)

i.a. Source type(s) Papyrological source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script Greek document of assignment of burial benefits (*symbolon taphikou*) of Herakleides, a member of a soldiers association, to an unnamed recipient.

i.c. Physical format(s) Double document (with *scriptura interior* and *exterior*) on papyrus.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	σύμβολον, <i>symbolon</i> (ll. 1, 9) ταφικόν, <i>taphikon</i> (ll. 1, [5])
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The προστάτης, <i>prostates</i> , was called Epiphanes (ll. 7, 10). He approved the assignment of burial benefits (l. 10).
iv. Officials	The association had a γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> , whose name was Apion. He approved the present document (l. 11).
ix. Privileges	It seems that the members had the right to a burial indemnity (ταφικόν, <i>taphikon</i> , l. 1), which could be assigned or bequeathed to third parties: on the juridical matters pertaining to the practice, cf. Wolff 1956: 735-40. In the present text the amount for the indemnity is 100 drachmae.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	Given the fact that upon the death of a member burial indemnities would be disbursed, the association had at their disposal and administered funds.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the military character of the association, the members were men.
iii. Age	Adults
Note	Since this is a soldiers association, it was made up of adults.
iv. Status	The members of the association were fellow (active?) soldiers.
vi. Proper names and physical features	Ἡρακλεῖδης Ἐπιφανὴς προστάτης Ἀπίων γραμματεὺς

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Wolff, H. J. (1956), 'Neue Quellen zum Zessionsrecht der Papyri', in <i>Studi in onore di Ugo Enrico Paoli</i> , Firenze: 725-740.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology used (*synodos*), the internal organisation, the officials, and the dealings in which the group was involved (burial benefits) make it certain that we have here a private association.