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CAPInv. 1689: The association of the temple of Horus-Behedet

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

i.	Full name (original language)	\square ny.t n p \square \square rpy n \square (#B/Assdat.: pp. 3-38)
ii.	Full name (transliterated)	The association of the temple of Horus-Behedet

i. Date(s)	223 BC

ii.	Name elements	Theophoric:	temple of Horus-Behedet	
		Topographical:	temple of Horus-Behedet	
iii.	Descriptive terms	□ ny.t □ .wy		
	Note	☐ ne.ll. 2, 24, 24. ☐ .wyll. 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14	1, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 29.	

i.	Source(s)	P. Assoc.: pp. $3-38 = P$. Lille dem. 29 (month Mecheir of year 24 of Ptolemy III = 17 March-15 April 223 BC).
	Online Resources	<u>TM 2784</u>

i.a.	Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	This Demotic papyrus contains the rules of an association of the temple of Horus Behedet.
i.c.	Physical format(s)	The papyrus is composed of eight pieces. The whole is 33 x 39 cm.
ii.	Source(s) provenance	The papyrus was found in Ghoran.

ii. References to buildings/objects

ii.	Leadership	The association had only a leader: a general-supervisor of the falcon (1. 13, 14: $p\Box$ $wr b\Box$ $k wr n p\Box$ \Box .wy
iii.	Members	Referred as $n\Box$ $y \neq w$ n $t\Box$ \Box 1. n y $y \neq w$ $p\Box$ \Box ("Tabyose from the association") 1. 4, 7, 8, 12, 24, 29.
iv.	Officials	The association had a representative, the $rw\square$, in charge of the accounts and secretarial duties (l. 16, 17, 19, 21). He is to be chosen by the members of the association (l. 7).
vii.	Judicial system	The association had its own internal judicial system and members had to comply to it, and were not allowed to complain to official courts. If members were not happy with the judgment, they had the right to complain to another association (1. 23-25).
viii.	. Obligations	The members had to give salt, crowns, beer, wine, incense, ointment and thyme to the association (l. 3 $y\bar{s}$, \square $m\square$, \square lm , \square w , \square ng , \square $n\square$. They hap, tg -pay a fee of 1 kite every month (l. 6 $[mtw=n]$ dy . t \square

i.	Assemblies	The association will meet in the temple of the village when they will decide (1. 3-4 \square $w = n$ n n n n n n n n n	
ii.	Meetings and events	The association will bury falcons during events (l. 11-13). The members will accomplish procession (l. 7 $p\Box$ $st\Box$ $n\Box$ r	
iii.	Worship	The association will make burnt offerings to the kings (1.5 $mtw \circ n \square rn \square kll.w n \square wtn.w n pr-\square \square Ptylwmys [\square ws n Ptylwmys] \square ws \square rm Brnyg \square t \square pr-\square \square t \square ws \square rm \square rsyn \square n \square r.w mn \square .[w] n n \square n \square r.w Kmy tr.w nty \square n we will make burnt offerings and offerings to the king Ptolemy son of Ptolemy and to Berenice, the queen, and Arsinoe, and the gods Philadelphoi, the gods Euergetai, the gods of the whole Egypt in the association").$	□ ws n□ n□ r.

Deities worshipped

King Queen Royal House Ruler Cult Royal Cult gods of Egypt

XI INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

The rules show that the association was linked to feasts of the temple.

XII NOTES

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The use of \Box ny(t. 1) to describe this group proves that it was a private association.

