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CAPInv. 1844: thiasos ton syn Nikiai

I. LOCATION

i.	Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii.	Region	Kos
iii.	Site	Kos

II. NAME

i.	Full name (original language)	θιάσου τῶν σὺν Νικίαι (*IG* XII.4 2775, lines 2-3)
ii.	Full name (transliterated)	thiasos ton syn Nikiai

III. DATE

i.	Date(s)	200 (?) - 100 (?) BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	Name elements	Cultic:	*thiasos* (θιάσου, line 2)
		Personal:	*syn Nikiai* (σὺν Νικίαι, line 3)
iii.	Descriptive terms	*thiasos* (θιάσου, line 2) The term both refers specifically to a cultic group *and*, more widely, to a collectivity.	

V. SOURCES

i.	Source(s)	*IG* XII.4 2775.
	Note	Bosnakis, *Epigraphes* 273; SEG 58, 876; Tsouli 2013: no. 615. Cf. also Maillot 2013: no. 27.
	Online Resources	PHI: Epigraphes 273
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Boundary stone of a burial plot. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Boundary stone: rectangular block of white marble.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The point of reference of the boundary stone (ὅρος) is to a series of burial grounds or structures, *thekai* (θηκᾶν, line 1).

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Nikias (line 3). This individual, mentioned in the name of the association, is either its founder or its leader.
Gender	Male

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	See IV.ii.
Deities worshipped	Unclear.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	D. Bosnakis (2008), *Anekdotes epigraphes tes Ko, Epitymvia mnemeia kai horoi*, Athens. S. Maillot (2013), 'Les associations à Cos', in P. Hamon and P. Fröhlich (eds.), *Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques*, Geneva: 199-226. C. Tsouli, *Ταφικὰ και επιτάφια μνημεία της Κω*, diss. Athens 2013.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Little is known about this association, its context, or its possible forms of worship. But simply on the basis of its name and by comparison with other highly similar boundary stones of the burial plots of associations near the city of Kos (more than 40 in number, cf. e.g. CAPI no. 1826), we can be confident that it constituted a private association.