

CAPInv. 48: hoi ten synodon synestamenoι eis ten Setei hieron

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ τὴν σύνοδον συνεσταμένοι εἰς τὴν Σήτει ἱερὸν (I.Louvre 14, ll. 24-25)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi ten synodon synestamenoι eis ten Setei hieron</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	152 - 149 (?) BC
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Louvre 14
Note	Other editions are: OGIS I 111; SB V 8878; I.Th.Sy. 302.
Online Resources	I.Louvre 14 TM 6398
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication to Ptolemy VI Philometor, Cleopatra II, and their children, as well as to Ammon-Chnoub, Hera-Satis, Hestia-Anoukis, and Dionysus-Petempamentis, on behalf of the <i>strategos</i> Boethos, by Herodes (who was one of the <i>diadochoi</i> and held military and civil offices, as well as religious ones in Setis, Elephantine, Abaton, and Philae; he was a member of the association of <i>basilistai</i> centred around the temple on Setis: cf. I.Th.Sy. 303, CAPInv. 51) and the other priests of Chnoum Nebieb and the Royal House.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	For the date see Heinen (1997): 341-344.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B * 473
iii. Bibliography	Heinen H. (1997), 'Der κτίστης Boethos und die Einrichtung einer neuen Stadt. Teil II', <i>AFP</i> 43: 340-63.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Discarded
Note	<p>Given the context and absence of an established internal organisation, it seems that the term <i>synodos</i> indicates the meeting or assembly of the priests of the temple of Setis in which they celebrated the feast to the Royal House and the birthday of the <i>strategos</i> Boethos, rather than a private association attached to the temple: cf. the wording indicating the honorands Ἡρώδης Δημοφώντος Περ[γα]μηνός ... καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι [ἱερε]ῖς πεντ[αφυλίας] τοῦ Χνόμεω Νεβιῆβ [καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν] καὶ θεῶν Εὐεργετῶν [καὶ θεῶν Φίλο]πατόρων καὶ θεῶν Ἐπιφανῶν καὶ θεοῦ Εὐπάτορος καὶ θεῶν Φιλομητόρων, οἱ τῇ[ν] σύνοδον συνεσταμένο[ι] εἰς τὸ ἐν Σήτει ἱερό[ν], ὅπως ἄγωσι[ν] εἰς τιμὴν Πτολεμαίου τε τοῦ βασιλέως κα[ὶ] τῇ[ς] [β]ασιλίσσης[ς] καὶ τῶν τέκνων αὐτῶν ἐ[ν]ιαυσίας ἐ[ο]ρ[α]τὰς κα[ὶ] τὴν γενέθλιον ἡμέραν [τὴν Βοή]θου κατὰ τὸν κείμενον [βασιλικ]ὸν νόμο[ν] (Il. 14 and 20-30) 'Herodes, son of Demophon, Pergamēnos ... and the other priests of the five <i>phylai</i> of the god Chnoum Nebieb and of the gods <i>Adelphoi</i> and of the gods <i>Euergetai</i> and of the gods <i>Philopatores</i> and of the gods <i>Epiphaneis</i> and of the god <i>Eupator</i> and of the gods <i>Philometores</i>, (priests) who have held session/meeting in the temple in Setis, in order to celebrate the annual feast in honour of King Ptolemy and the Queen and their children, and Boethos' birthday, in accordance with the established royal legislation'.</p>