

CAPInv. 839: **thiasos**

## I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Western Asia Minor |
| ii. Region           | Caria              |
| iii. Site            | Knidos             |

## II. NAME

|                                  |                                      |
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| i. Full name (original language) | θίασος ( <i>I.Knidos</i> 23, line 2) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>thiasos</i>                       |

## III. DATE

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| i. Date(s) | 200 (?) - 100 (?) BC |
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements | Cultic: | θίασος, <i>thiasos</i><br>Probable, see below X.iii. |
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## V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)                                | <i>I.Knidos</i> 23 (ca. 200-100 BC?), with further bibliography.  |
| Note  | Cf. also Foucart 1873: 233 no. 57.  |
| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">PHI: I.Knidos I 23</a><br><a href="#">PHI: Knidos 20</a><br><a href="#">Harland, AGRW no. 9729</a>  |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)  |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | A list of contributors and their promised financial contributions to the group in Greek. After a header (lines 1-2), one finds two fragmentary columns of names and amounts (cols. I-II). |

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| i.c. <b>Physical format(s)</b>  | Pedimental stone stele, broken at the bottom. |
| ii. <b>Source(s) provenance</b> | Tekir (Knidos).                               |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| iii. <b>Members</b> | See below IX. |
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## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

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| i. <b>Treasury/Funds</b> | Funding is notably provided by individual contributions: the inscription lists a series of contributors and the sums promised by them for the benefit of the <i>thiasos</i> .   |
| iii. <b>Income</b>       | Several contributions are quite considerable (300 drachmae), others much more modest (as little as 5 dr.). The total amount promised is a substantial sum: 1333 drachmae, not to mention some contributions now missing in the gaps (cf. e.g. col. I, line 13). |

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| i. <b>Number</b>  | 14 members are known from the two fragmentary lists in the columns of the inscription.   |
| ii. <b>Gender</b> | Men  |
| <b>Note</b>       | All contributors are male. One, however, makes a donation on behalf of his wife (col. II, lines 9-10).   |
| iii. <b>Age</b>   | Adults   |
| <b>Note</b>       | All contributors appear to be adults, but two of them make a donation on behalf of their children (col. I, lines 9-10; col. II, lines 1-2).  |
| iv. <b>Status</b> | All of the individuals, except perhaps for the first 2 mentioned in the list (col. I, lines 1-2, both named Nearchos, perhaps Knidians), are foreigners to the city of Knidos and identified by their corresponding ethnics. The ethnics of the contributors reveal highly diverse origins: Libya, Arados, Soloi, Myndos, Phrygia, Selge, Kaunos, Thrace, Seleukeia (which?), Samos. It is difficult to distinguish a pattern in these varied provenances (though they might e.g. suggest a group of mercenaries). |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. <b>Worship</b> | The cult (if any) belonging to this <i>thiasos</i> is unknown, but the foreign membership suggests that the cult was perhaps connected to gods situated outside the traditional cultic sphere of Knidos (for example, the Egyptian gods). |
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## XII. NOTES

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| ii. <b>Poland concordance</b> | B306 |
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### iii. Bibliography

Foucart, P. (1873), *Des associations religieuses chez les Grecs*, Paris.

## XIII. EVALUATION

### i. Private association

Probable

#### Note

Given the foreign membership and the substantial donations involved, it is highly probable that the *thiasos* was a private association which was intended to form a lasting group.