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CAPInv. 1484: **ho thiasos ton presbyteron**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Cyprus
ii. Region	Cyprus
iii. Site	Troulloi, ca. 12km north of Larnaka (ancient Kition).

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ θίασος τῶν πρεσβυτέρων (I.Kition 2002, ll. 3-4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>ho thiasos ton presbyteron</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	s. iii (?) BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Status-related:	<i>presbyteroi</i> probably signify the members of an age-group in the gymnasium (I.Kition 2002), or the veterans of a military body (SEG 54: 1531).
iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>	
Note	<i>thiasos</i> : I.Kition 2002, l. 3	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Kition 2002 (s. iii (?) BC)
Note	See also: Hermanry 2004: 62, no. Tr. 2
Online Resources	I.Kition 2002 and AGRW ID 20664

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	I.Kition 2002 is a dedication inscription in Greek. Themison, son of Pasiphilos, dedicated the mask of Dionysos, on behalf of the association of the elders, or in a shrine of the association (SEG 47: 1870).
i.c. Physical format(s)	A rectangular plaque
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Troulloi, ca. 12km north of Larnaka (ancient Kition), now in the Larnaka District Museum. For Troulloi, see Hermary 2004: 53-4.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The desiccant is a man.
iii. Age	Elders
iv. Status	The members of the association may have been those soldiers stationed around this area or veterans (SEG 54: 1531) who formed an association for athletic activities (I.Kition 2002). For Hellenistic <i>thiasoi</i> in the Mesaoria, see Hermary 2004: 54-5.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	I.Kition 2002 testifies to the dedication of the mask of Dionysos on behalf of the association. Nicolaou 1992: 260-1, no. 13 has proposed that the dedication was set up in a local rustic sanctuary (for a possible shrine of the association (see SEG 47: 1870). For the mask of Dionysos, see SEG 42: 1312.
Deities worshipped	Dionysos (?)

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Hermary, A. (2004), 'Autour de Golgoi: Les cités de la Mesaoria à l'époque hellénistique et sous l'Empire', <i>CCEC</i> 34: 47-68. Nicolaou, I. (1992), 'Inscriptiones Cypriae Alphabeticae XXXI, 1991', <i>RDAC</i> : 257-62.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The descriptive term <i>θίασος</i> (<i>thiasos</i>) attests to a private association.