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CAPInv. 1616: Kouraistai toi en Kyteloi

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	Kamiroi

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Κουραισταὶ τοὶ ἐν Κυτήλῳι
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Kouraistai toi en Kyteloi</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	a. 167 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	From Kore (Doric: Kora), whose cult (together with that of Demeter) is independently attested in the capital city of Rhodes. Kouraistai were mystery cults of Demeter and Kore: D. Morelli, <i>I cult in Rodi</i> . SCO 8 (Pisa, 1959) 58-9, 119-20.
	Topographical:	The element τοὶ ἐν Κυτήλῳι, <i>toi en Kyteloi</i> (those in Kytelos) indicates the place where the association was based. It is paralleled by several other instances (e.g. Σεραπιασταὶ τοὶ ἐν Καμίρῳι, <i>Serapiastai to en Kamiroi</i> , Tit.Cam. 84, l. 14). One of the purposes it served was was to distinguish between associations with the same core element (e.g. <i>Asklapiastai</i>) in their name. Kytelos was a place situated in Kamiroi. Probably, it is to identified with modern Kitala NE of Embona, where a village was to be found in 1474 AD: Chr. I. Papachristodoulou, <i>Istoria tes Rhodou</i> , 2nd edn. Athens 1994, 40, 286.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Tit.Cam. 84, l. 16.
Online Resources	Tit.Cam. 84
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorary-dedicatory
i.c. Physical format(s)	Statue base of Lartian marble placed on another rectangular slab,
ii. Source(s) provenance	Kamiros

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Aristombrotidas Aristombrotida, who is honoured by the association, is known as a very prominent person in the public and religious life of Kamiros (LGPN I, s.v. no. 12). However, his membership of the association, even though possible, cannot be ascertained.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The theophoric element of the association's name indicates that the membership was devoted to the worship of Kore (and Demeter).
Deities worshipped	Kore (and Demeter)
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honoured Aristombrotidas with a gold wreath.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	<p>The association interacted locally in two ways:</p> <p>(1) By awarding honours to Aristombrotidas, a high-standing person in Kamiros: the priest of Athana Polias and Zeus Polieus and the holder of the office of <i>damiourgos</i> (LGPN I s.v. no. 12); probably, Aristombrotidas had also served as 'Superintendent of the Foreigners' (ἐπιμελητὴς τῶν ξένων, <i>epimeletes ton xenon</i>): IG XII 1, 49, l. 51.</p> <p>(2) By honouring Aristombrotidas jointly with (i) members of his family, (ii) the citizens of Kamiros, and (iii) four other private bodies: the Ἀσκληπιασταὶ τοὶ ἐν Καμίρῳ (<i>Asklepiastai to en Kamiroi</i>), the Ἑρμαιοῖς τοὶ ἐν Καμίρῳ (<i>Hermaistai to en Kamiroi</i>), the Σαραπιασταὶ τοὶ ἐν Καμίρῳ (<i>Sarapiastai to en Kamiroi</i>) and the Τρίκτινοι τοὶ ἐν Λέλοι (<i>Triktoinoi to en Leloi</i>).</p>
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The theophoric element in the name of this association makes it certain that it was a private body.