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CAPInv. 2132: **thiasitai toi syn Menippoi**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Kos
iii. Site	Isthmos (deme of Kos)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θιασίται τοὶ σὺν Μενίππῳ (IG XII.4 3265)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasitai toi syn Menippoi</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal: <i>Menippoi</i> (σὺν Μενίππῳ, l. 2)
iii. Descriptive terms	θιασίται
Note	<i>thiasitai</i> , l. 3: The term (implying a <i>thiasos</i>) refers both specifically to a cultic group and, more widely, to a collectivity.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.4 3265 (2nd c. BC)
Note	Pugliese Carratelli 1963-1964: 182 no. 20; Benedum 1978: 68 n. 6 and pl. 11c; Sherwin-White 1978: 549 n. 6 (<i>SEG</i> 28, 695); Tsouli 2013: no. 730.
Online Resources	PHI: ASAA 41/42 (1963/64) 182,25.
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscription. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Cubic marble block, perhaps originally part of a larger monument.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Near Kephalos (Isthmos), at the place called Καμάρι / Γυμναστήριον.

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Menippos (σὺν Μενίππῳ, l. 2) This individual, mentioned in the name of the association, is either its founder or its leader.
Gender	Male
ii. Leadership	See above.
iii. Members	The funerary inscription is dedicated to Kleumachos son of Menippos (Κλευμάχῳ Μενίππου, l. 3). This individual appears to be the father or the son of the Menippos whose name is associated with the <i>thiasitai</i> . It is possible that this honorand, Kleumachos son of Menippos, was a member of the group.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	<p>Benedum, J. (1978), 'Zu alten und neuen Inschriften aus Kephalos', <i>ZPE</i> 28, 67-74.</p> <p>Pugliese Carratelli, G. (1963-1963), 'Il damos coo di Isthmos', <i>ASAA</i> 41-42, 147-202.</p> <p>Sherwin-White, S. (1978), <i>Ancient Kos</i>, Göttingen.</p> <p>Tsouli, C. (2013), <i>Ταφικά και επιτάφια μνημεία της Κω</i>, diss. Athens.</p>
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The <i>thiasitai</i> remain only known through the funerary inscription of one of its possible members, who however appears to be related to the founder/leader of the group. It is possible that this testifies to the burial of a member of the <i>thiasitai</i> in private associational burial grounds. Nothing else is known about the character of the group concerned or its persistence.