

CAPInv. 256: **koinon ton thiasoton**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Piraeus

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	κοινὸν τῶν θιασωτῶν (IG II ² 1261, ll. 14-15, 38-39)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>koinon ton thiasoton</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	302 - 299 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic: <i>thiasotai</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>
Note	<i>koinon</i> : IG II ² 1261, ll. 14, 38

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1261 (302/1-300/299 BC)
Note	The inscription is written partly <i>stoichedon</i> . Ed. pr. <i>Athenaion</i> 8 (1879) 296-7. (<i>APMA</i> 1, 91 no. 344) Other publications: <i>Syll</i> ³ 1098; Michel 975-78, GRA I 9; AGRW 14. Cf. SEG 16.108; 46.2363; 52.105; 55.31.
Online Resources	IG II² 1261 and AGRW ID 3064
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Three successively issued Greek honorific decrees for Stephanos son of Mylothros, breast-plate maker (θωρακοποιός, <i>thorakopoios</i>), l. 3.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele measuring 1,25x0,33m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Piraeus, Alkibiadou str. near the ruins of a sanctuary of Aphrodite, then in possession of Al. Meletopoulos. Now in the Piraeus Museum 2175.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	In the inscription there is a reference to a dedication (ἀνάθημα, <i>anathema</i> , l. 51) and to a sanctuary (ιερόν, <i>hieron</i> , l. 51-52)
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Members are called θιασῶται, <i>thiasotai</i> , ll. 2, 11, 23, 26, 35, 42, 47-48, 55.
iv. Officials	Steward (ἐπιμελητής, <i>epimeletes</i> , ll. 3-4, 27). <i>Hieropoios</i> (ἱεροποιός, <i>hieropoios</i> , ll. 28, 45-46).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The term κοινόν, <i>koinon</i> in l. 50: δοῦναι αὐτοῖ ἀπὸ τοῦ κοινοῦ, <i>dounai autoi apo tou koinou</i> means the treasury.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Σοκλῆς, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (11). Στέφανος Μυλωθροῦ, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (102).
iii. Age	Adults

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The association organized a procession (πομπή, <i>pompe</i> , l. 9) during the festival of Adonia, performed a sacrifice (θυσία, <i>thysia</i> , ll. 31-32, 46-47) to Aphrodite.
Deities worshipped	In the inscription there are references to Ἀφροδίτη, <i>Aphrodite</i> (l. 22, 41, 47) and Ἄδωνις, <i>Adonis</i> (l. 9).
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honoured Stephanos with a praise (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i> , ll. 11-12, 35-36, 48) and awarded an olive-leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, <i>thallou stephanos</i> , ll. 15-16, 39-40, 49) to the honorand in each decree. It also granted an amount of money to erect a dedication (ἀνάθημα, <i>anathema</i> , ll. 16, 40). The text of the dedication is preserved in ll. 17-21: στεφανωθείς ὑπὸ τοῦ κοινοῦ ἀνέθηκε τὴν Δήμητρα Ὁμόνοϊαν τοῦ κοινοῦ (l. κοινοῦ) (<i>stephanotheis hypo tou koinou anetheke ten Demetra Homonoian tou koinou</i>).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The decrees in the inscription are dated in the archonships of Nikokles, Klearchos, Hegemachos respectively. Mikalson 1998: 143 associates this group with the Kitian traders of IG II² 337 (CAPInv. 295), probably on the basis of Aphrodite worshipped and the provenance of both inscriptions, and with IG II³ (4) (3) 1815 = IG II² 4985 (CAPInv. 574).
ii. Poland concordance	Poland A13a-b
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Athens. Baslez, M.-F. (2001), 'Entre traditions nationales et intégration: les associations sémitiques du monde grec' in S. Ribichini, M. Rocchi and P. Xella, (eds.), <i>La questione delle influenze vicino-orientali sulla religione greca. Stato degli studi e prospettive della ricerca</i> (Atti del Colloquio Internazionale Roma, 20-22 maggio 1999). Roma: 235-47. Baslez, M.-F. (2006), 'Entraide et mutualisme dans les associations des cités grecques à l'époque hellénistique' in Molin, M. (ed.), <i>Les régulations sociales dans l'antiquité</i> (Actes du colloque d'Angers 23 et 24 mai 2003). Rennes: 157-70. Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Los Angeles: 143-7. Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i>. Oxford: 160-1

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.