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CAPInv. 623: [to] symposion [ton] ou(a)nnon (ie. vannon)

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Syria
iii. Site	Palmyra

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[τὸ] συμπόσιον [τῶν] ου(α)ννων (IGLS XVII.1 55, ll. 4-5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[to] symposion [ton] ou(a)nnon (ie. vannon)

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	257 / 258 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	It is unclear what <i>vannoi</i> means, but the analogy to other <i>symposia</i> suggests that it designates a profession.
iii. Descriptive terms	συμπόσιον, <i>symposion</i>	
Note	<i>symposion</i> : IGLS XVII.1 55, l. 4	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGLS XVII.1 55 (AD 257/8)
Online Resources	AGRW ID 10298
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedicatory inscription

i.c. Physical format(s)	Base of hard limestone
ii. Source(s) provenance	Great colonnade at Palmyra

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honours Odainath, the Palmyrene dynast (and Roman consul).
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p>Much speculation about the term <i>vannoi</i> has not led to an acceptable result. For suggestions made, see Yon 2012: 66 and Kaizer 2002: 153-4.</p> <p>The term <i>symposion</i> is frequent at Palmyra. It designates associations (the Aramaic equivalent being <i>mrz</i>), but also banqueting halls.</p>
iii. Bibliography	<p>Kaizer, T. (2002), 'The Symposium of the Konetoi in an Inscription set up in Honour of Odaenathus at Palmyra', <i>Studi epigrafici e linguistici sul vicino oriente antico</i> 19: 149-56.</p> <p>Yon, J.-B. (2012), <i>Inscriptions grecques et latines de la Syrie XVII.1: Palmyre</i>. Beyrouth.</p>

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century AD were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations.