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CAPInv. 826: U-EGY-024

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Pathyrites (U04a)
iii. Site	Pathyris

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-EGY-024
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	103 BC
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	C.Jud.Syr.Eg. 1 verso (15 Pauni = 29 June 103 BC)
Note	Other editions: SB XX 14728; P. Amh. II 39; P. Grenf. I 30
Online Resources	C.Jud.Syr.Eg. 1 ; TM 164
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Private letter in Greek sent to Pates and Pachrates and their fellow soldiers, all of them (?) <i>philobasilistai</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Papyrus.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members are called φιλοβασιλισταί, <i>philobasilistai</i> (verso, l. 2).
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	It is difficult to reconstruct the number of members of the <i>philobasilistai</i> : only two of them (Pates and Pachrates) are named. However, the Demotic letter C.Jud.Syr.Eg. 3 (cf. CAPInv. 825) was written to Pates and Pachrates and 21 other named men: despite the absence of any relevant reference in the text, they may well have been the other <i>philobasilistai</i> (certainly they were Pates and Pachrates' companions of arms).
ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the military character of the association, the members were men.
iii. Age	Adults
Note	Given the military character of the association, the members were probably adults.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The <i>philobasilistai</i> included the named addressees of the letter (Pates and Pachrates) and their fellow soldiers, as indicated in the address on the verso of the letter (see relevant commentary in C.Jud.Syr.Eg. 1). They belonged to the camp of Pathyris (cf. C.Jud.Syr.Eg. 8) but moved according to the needs of war. The membership of the <i>philobasilistai</i> overlapped with or at any rate had some interest in the association in honour of the god Nechtpharaus (and of the crocodile god Souchos), as a certain Porteis, <i>hegemon</i> of the men in selection, and the <i>neaniskoi</i> of the company informed the <i>philobasilistai</i> that they had chosen the <i>prostates</i> of the association of Nechtpharaus (cf. CAPInv. 825).
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology used (<i>philobasilistai</i>) makes it certain that we have here a private association.