

CAPInv. 1411: *synodos Sebaste Kaisaros Autokratoros theou hyiou Dios Eleuteriou*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Alexandria (L00)
iii. Site	Alexandria

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σύνοδος Σεβαστῆ Καίσαρος Αὐτοκράτος θεοῦ υἱοῦ Διὸς Ἐλευ[θ]ερίου (SB XXII 15460, ll. 4-6)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>synodos Sebaste Kaisaros Autokratoros theou hyiou Dios Eleuteriou</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	6 / 5 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	BGU IV 1137, ll. 2-3: σύνοδος Σεβαστῆ τοῦ θεοῦ Αὐτοκράτος Καίσαρος <i>synodos Sebaste tou theou Autokratoros Kaisaros</i>
ii. Name elements	Cultic: <i>Sebaste</i> Personal: <i>Kaisar Autokrator theos</i> Theophoric: <i>Kaisar Autokrator theos hyios Dios Eleuteriou</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος <i>synodos</i>
Note	<i>synodos</i> : SB XXII 15460, ll. 4; BGU IV 1137, ll. 2, 8, 15, 16.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SB XXII 15460 (21 Aug. 5 BC) BGU IV 1137 (16 Nov. 6 BC)
Note	Other editions of BGU IV 1137: Wilcken Chr. 112; AGRW 281
Online Resources	SB XXII 15460 = TM 79042 BGU IV 1137 = TM 18581 = AGRW ID 648
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	SB XXII 15460: decision/decree of the association; BGU IV 1137: decision of an association; protocol; settlement of debt; loan payment of the association. Both texts are in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	papyrus

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	SB XXII 15460: οἶκος συνόδου <i>oikos synodou</i> (l.4 'The house of the <i>synodos</i> '); στέφανος <i>stephanos</i> (l. 16-17) BGU IV 1137: A Paratomos (l.2: ἐν τῷ Παρατόμῳ <i>en to Paratomo</i>) in Alexandria (?). But cf. P.Cair.Zen. I 59048 = SB III 6722 for the use of the term as 'rugs'.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	SB XXII 15460: Lucundus, προστάτης <i>prostates</i> (l. 6; president). BGU IV 1137: Primus, προστάτης <i>prostates</i> (l. 4)
iii. Members	SB XXII 15460: οἱ ἀρχακολούθοι <i>hoi archakolouthoi</i> (l. 2) BGU IV 1137: οἱ πλείστοι <i>hoi pleistoi</i> (l. 6); Syntrophos is referred to as συνοδίτης <i>synodites</i> (l. 9).
iv. Officials	SB XXII 15460: Primus, συναγωγός <i>synagogos</i> (l. 4, 'convener'); BGU IV 1137: here, Primus was not only <i>prostates</i> but also συναγωγός <i>synagogos</i> (l. 3: 'convener'); Lucundus, ἱερεὺς <i>hiereus</i> (l. 4: 'priest'); Alexandros, γυμνασίαρχος <i>gymnasiarchos</i> (l.5: gymnasiarch).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	BGU IV 1137: Funds (κεφάλαια τῆς συνόδου <i>kephalaia tes synodou</i>) are attested, and a loan is made from it (l. 7-8 and l. 16). The loan was for 120 silver Ptolemaic drachmas (l.11, 14).
ii. Realty	SB XXII 15460: οἶκος συνόδου <i>oikos synodou</i> (l. 4 'The house of the <i>synodos</i> ')

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	SB XXII 15460: At least three, plus "principal followers" (<i>hoi archakolouthoi</i> , l. 2); BGU IV 1137: At least five plus 'a majority' of members.
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ii. Gender	Men
Note	The recorded names are male names.
iv. Status	SB XXII 15460: Unmentioned here, but the officials appear to be those in BGU IV 1137; BGU IV 1137 : Primus, Κάισαρος <i>Kaisaros</i> (l. 4), 'slave of Caesar'; Iucundus, Κάισαρος <i>Kaisaros</i> (l. 5), 'slave of Caesar'; ...υισω (...uiso), Κάισαρος <i>Kaisaros</i> (l. 8), 'slave of Caesar'.
vi. Proper names and physical features	SB XXII 15460: Primus; Iucundus; BGU IV 1137 = WChr 112 (6 BC): Primus; Iucundus; Alexandros; ...υισο; Syntrophos

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	SB XXII 15460: συναγωγή <i>synagoge</i> (l. 3-4). In BGU IV 1137: συναγωγή <i>synagoge</i> (l.2). The meeting took place at the Paratomos (l. 2) in Alexandria (?).
iv. Honours/Other activities	SB XXII 15460: An unnamed person is granted the title πάμφιλος <i>pamphilos</i> , "loved by all" (l.15-16), and a "crown", στέφανος <i>stephanos</i> (l.16-17)

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	This is an association apparently concerned with the imperial cult, which appears to have been quite different in Egypt (see Pfeiffer 2012). The cult appears to have been provincial in nature, but whether this was a private cult or not is difficult to say.
iii. Bibliography	Capponi, L. (2011) "Priests in Augustan Egypt," in F. Santangelo and J. Richardson (eds.), <i>Priests and State in the Roman World, Religions in the Graeco-Roman World</i> , Stuttgart: Steiner Verlag, 505-26 (esp. 513-14) Eitrem, S.(1935) (1935) "Varia, 75.," <i>Symbolae Osloenses</i> 14: 134-37 Harland, P (2003), <i>Associations, Synagogues and Congregations: Claiming a Place in Ancient Mediterranean Society</i> . Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 304 (n. 4) Herklotz, F. (2004) <i>Prinzeps und Pharao: der Kult des Augustus in Ägypten</i> . Berlin: Verlag-Antike, 303-4. Pfeiffer, S. (2012) "The Imperial Cult in Egypt," in C. Riggs (ed.) <i>The Oxford Handbook of Roman Egypt</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press, 83-100.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	This is a 'possible' private association. It is not entirely clear whether the imperial cult in Egypt was private or a public affair. Here, the group may be private, although it seems best to err on the side of caution.