

CAPInv. 302: synodos 143 ton proton philon kai chiliarchon kai peri tous basileis machairophoron

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Herakleopolites (U20)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σύνοδος ρμγ τῶν πρώτων φίλων καὶ χ(ιλιάρχων) καὶ περὶ τοὺς βασιλεῖς μαχαιροφόρων (BGU IV 1190, ll. 3-4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>synodos 143 ton proton philon kai chiliarchon kai peri tous basileis machairophoron</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>chiliarchoi</i> (army) <i>peri tous basileis machairophoroi</i> , the Royal Guard
	Status-related:	<i>protoi philoi</i>
	Other:	number 143
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	
Note	<i>synodos</i> : BGU IV 1190, l. 3	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	BGU IV 1190 (after 80 BC)
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Online Resources	BGU IV 1190 TM 4525
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek petition to the <i>grammateus ton dynameon</i> , the secretary of the troops or quartermaster general of the whole army (cf. Mooren 1975: no. 0231).
i.c. Physical format(s)	Papyrus.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	Προστάτης, <i>prostates</i> (l. 2): the man is called Dorion.
iv. Officials	Γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> (l. 2): the man is called Dionysios.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iii. Income	The association had some method of income from the fees of its members or from the letting of money. The papyrus is fragmentary but it appears that some money was due to the association by a soldier, Isidoros son of Isidoros, in service at Alexandria but registered for payment in the Heracleopolite nome (ll. 4-9; it is uncertain whether the man was member of the association, although it seems likely). The money had not been returned to the association and a petition was sent to the general secretary of the army in order to request that what was due to the association was withheld from Isidoros' pay until the debt was paid off (ll. 12-17).
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The association is a military association, therefore formed by men only.
iii. Age	Adults
Note	The members of the association were soldiers in active duty, that is to say adults.
iv. Status	The association gathered men of army in service as Royal Guards (<i>peri tous basileis machairophoroi</i>) and with the honorific title of 'first friends' (<i>protoi philoi</i>). A third element of the name is lost in lacuna: it probably referred to some other title or military function of the members.
vi. Proper names and physical features	Δωρίων προστάτης Διονύσιος γραμματεὺς Ἰσιδωρος Ἰσιδώρου (member?)

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	It is uncertain what the number 143 indicates in the name of the association. The absence of the article before it makes it less clear whether it refers to the (original) number of members of the group. The reading of the number is correct. One can only speculate the relations of this association with CAPIInv. 62 .
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iii. Bibliography

Mooren, L. (1975), *The Aulic titlature in Ptolemaic Egypt: introduction and prosopography*. Brussel.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology used (*synodos*) and the internal organisation with officials make it certain that we have here a private association.