

# Honours for Sosandros Sypalettios

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## IG 2[2] 1023

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## Description

Date	<p>end of the II cent. BCE</p> <p><b>Period:</b> 2nd century BCE --&gt; late</p> <p><b>Reasons:</b> cutter's hand</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>The decree has been generally attributed to the end of the II century BCE. Tracy confirmed this chronology assigning this text to the "Cutter of IG 2[2] 1028", who worked in Athens and at the Athenian Treasury in Delphi from around 131/0 until around 98/7 BCE. He dated it more precisely between 110 and 96 BCE.</p> <p>See Tracy 1975 13 and 75 no. 16.</p>
Text category	<p>honorific decree (praise - crown)</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>The fragment bears the second part of a decree of the Boule bestowing a public praise and a golden crown on Sosandros from Sypalettos, who should have been a gymnasiarch. He was rewarded for his private efforts in the restoration and embellishment of the gymnasia and the temples of the city. The main target of his mecenatism may have been the Parthenon itself; see Dow in AJA 38, 1934, 102 fn. 4.</p>

Nothing significant for the interpretation of the text emerges from reading the letters preserved on Frg. c

## Monument description

**Monument type:** stele

**Material:** white marble

✓ crown

**Letters Height Mt:** 0.011-0.013

**Same stonecutter as:**

IG 2[2] 1028+ etc.

On the "Cutter of IG 2[2] 1028" see Tracy 1975 passim and Tracy 1990 181-186.

### Notes:

The inscription appears as a lavish work of art; every element of the stone has been finely executed.

After the text of the decree and a vacant olive wreath cut in relief adorned the stone. Within the wreath were inscribed the name, the patronymic and the demotic of the honourand.

## Physical features

### Frg. a

**Measurements:** h: 0.42 \* w: 0.53 \* t: 0.13

**State of conservation:** It preserves both sides (claw-chiseled) and the back (rough picked).

**Legibility:** Very good. The surface is slightly damaged on top and a few letters in the first lines are lost. The lettering is large and the blank spaces for punctuation are large and frequent.

### Notes:

The fragment does not join Frg. b.  
For a photo see Tracy 1975 pl. 34a.

### Frg. b

**Measurements:** h: 0.44 \* w: 0.22 \* t: 0.115

**State of conservation:** Broken on all sides

**Legibility:** Very good. It preserves the olive wreath, cut in relief, at the end of the decree (ll. 27-30).

**Notes:**

The fragment does not join Frg. a, but it was recognized as part of the same inscription by Wilhelm, JÖAI 1, 1898, Beibl. 45 when Frg. a was still unpublished.

For a photo of Frg. b see Tracy 1975 pl. 34c .

**Frg. c**

**Measurements:** h: 0.049 \* w: 0.076 \* t: 0.074

**State of conservation:** It preserves the right side of the stone.

**Legibility:** Good. The fragment preserves a very few letters from four lines of text (right portion).

**Reuse:** Reused.

**Notes:**

The fragment does not join the other two pieces of the text. It was associated to them by Tracy based on the height of the letters, their elaboration and the interlinear spacing; see also Tracy 1990 266 no. 18. For a photo of the fragment see Tracy 1975 pl. 34b

## Findspot

**Frg. a**

Acropolis

**Date of discovery:**

## Original location

Acropolis --> Erechtheion (area of/by the) --> Temple of Athena Polias

**Details:**

From the publication clause we may infer only that the present decree was set up "on the Acropolis", in the heart of the city. The findspot of Frg. b and the words in the text seem to point to a place in the area occupied by the main sanctuaries of the Rock, the Erechtheion and the

Parthenon. This last building is explicitly mentioned at I. 20 in the provision on the expense attribution for the erection of the decree. The precise spot of display of the present stone is perhaps to be sought by the Erechtheion, especially on its eastern side somewhere near the altar of Athena Polias.

✓ uncertain

### Internal references to Athenian places and monuments:

Temple of Athena (Parthenon), I. 20.

### Notes:

For a location "behind/beside the temple of Athena Polias" for Athenian state decrees in the period 229-86 BCE see Liddel, ZPE 143, 2003, 87-88 (Table 3).

## Publication provisions and other related clauses

Publication clause	(Decree, II. 17-21): ἀναγράψαι δὲ τότε τὸ ψήφισμα   καὶ τὸν στέφανον εἰς στήλην λιθίνην τοὺς κεχειροτονημένους ἄνδρας ἐπὶ τὴν κατασκευὴν   τοῦ ναοῦ τῆς Ἀθηνᾶς νν καὶ στήσαι ἐν ἀκροπόλει
Location	ἐν ἀκροπόλει
Hortatory Intention	(Decree, II. 23-26): εἶναι δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ εἰς τὸν λοιπὸν χρόνον ἀποδεικνυμένῳ τὴν πρὸς πάντας Ἀθηναίους εὖνοιαν εὐρέσθαι καὶ ἄλλο ἀγαθὸν παρὰ τῆς   βουλῆς καὶ τοῦ δήμου ὅτου ἂν δοκῇ ἄξιος εἶναι
Responsible Officials	Officials responsible for the preparation/decoration of the naos in the Parthenon

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