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## The "Lykiarkhes" Question


#### Abstract

In this posthumous contribution the author discusses the nature of Lykiarkheia, which has long been subject to discussion by several scholars. The position of author in this respect is that the period of the Lykiarkheia begins with the office of Grammateia, continued with the office of Arkhierosyne and that it was held for life only as an honorary title, as has been previously indicated by the author (Şahin 2006; Şahin 2012). The author argues the office of the Grammateus has been repeatedly ignored in recent studies, and presents here a much more detailed investigation concerning this issue, countering the common opinion on this matter, most recently reiterated by D . Reitzenstein (2011).


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Emperor Claudius occupied Lykia, citing local unrest and the loss of some Roman citizens' lives as the reason for this action, and, in consequence, the last clientel federative city state that originated in Hellenistic Period in Asia Minor came to an end. Senator Quintus Veranius, who was sent to the country in order to repress the uprising, organized Lykia as a Roman Province, including a wider area of land ${ }^{1}$ compared to the area of Hellenistic Lykia. A legatus Augusti was installed at the top of the provincial government organized in a military character, but the local administration was entrusted to the local
 and the preferences of the provincial governor. While a Lykiarkhes who was elected for one year was singularly responsible for the government of the federative state during the Hellenistic Period, together with the provincial governance, this traditional magistracy was practised under different names being
 upon the imperial cult and a $\Gamma \rho \alpha \mu \mu \alpha \tau \varepsilon \dot{\iota} \varsigma ~ \tau o v ̃ ~ \kappa o i ́ v o v ~ \tau \tilde{\omega} v ~ \Lambda \nu \kappa i ́ \omega v ~ a g a i n ~ f o r ~ a ~ p e r i o d ~ o f ~ o n e ~ y e a r ~ t o ~ c o n-~$ duct the executive mechanism and to shoulder the responsibility to the Roman governor. Namely, the term "Lykiarkhes" was no longer employed as a definition describing an official administration. However, the re-appearance of the term "Lykiarkhes," together with Arkhiereus and Grammateus beginning from the $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ century A.D. has resulted in considerable scholarly debate concerning the

[^0]identity of this high official. Over 130 Arkhiereis are attested in the period extending from the reign of Claudius (41-54 A.D.) until 280 A.D. ${ }^{3}$, none the less around a 100 Arkhiereis, as well as Grammateis of the same number seem to be lacking. In the documents the Lykiarkhes appears to have been an administrator who was involved more in state affairs than the Arkhiereus and Grammateus, but whose duration of service and legal nature are unclear. Another featured peculiarity of the surviving documents is that in correspondence with the provincial governor the documents were dated with the year of service of the related Arkhiereus, yet the addressee of the correspondence, apart from a few exceptions, appears as either the Grammateus ${ }^{4}$ or the Lykiarkhes ${ }^{5}$, but neither of these two were addressed by the governor concurrently nor did they both address to him together. This is therefore indicative of two high officials, who held active roles in the same assigned position, either entirely independent from each other or identical with each other. In the customs inscription from Andriake ${ }^{6}$, which is the first official document recording Arkhiereus and Grammateus, dating from the reign of Nero, only the Arkhiereus and Grammateus and his assistant Hypogrammateus appear to have been assigned to an important duty, such



 is not to be found anywhere in the law. This is the first indication that the $\Lambda u \kappa$ кá $\rho \chi n \varsigma$ did not participate as a separate magistracy in the administration of the Lycian Confederacy. Further, no denotation defining a person directly as "Lykiarkhes" can be found recorded in the inscriptions dating from the $1^{\text {st }}$ century A.D. The earliest date when this indirectly appeared, from personal choice, was in the last years of Traianus, as Opramoas represented his family-past as $\pi \rho \circ \gamma o ́ v \omega v$ $\qquad$ $\lambda \cup \kappa \dot{\alpha} \rho \chi \omega v$ for the first time ${ }^{7}$. Corresponding with this, the antecedents of those who are indirectly shown with the title Lykiarkhes in inscriptions dating from the middle of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ century A.D., have their origins around the date of the customs inscription mentioned above. For example, an anonymous woman who lived in the above mentioned period at Arykanda describes her father Embromos (हैкүovoऽ), her grandfather Pantainetos
 Lykiarkhes. Now, even though the number of inscriptions relating to Lykiarkheia is quite high (see above), that the word "Lykiarkhes" does not occur as an honorary or an official title in any document

[^1]dating from the $1^{\text {st }}$ century or the beginning of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ century ${ }^{9}$, strengthens the opinion that an official under the name "Lykiarkhes" was not included within the re-organization of the administrative structure of the Lycian Confederacy during the reign of Claudius. Taking this situation into consideration, it can be taken as indicative that the definition of Lykiarkhes began to be employed at a much later date than that of Arkhiereus and Grammateus, through re-employing and updating an old (Hellenistic) tradition preserved in the memory of the people. The surviving documents show that the first person using this definition for the ancestors was Opramoas, as mentioned above. Another document that confirms what has been said, is an honorary inscription from Olympos, which should belong to $3^{\text {rd }}$ century A.D. ${ }^{10}$ and which records for the first time, Arkhiereus, Grammateus and Lykiarkhes together ${ }^{11}$ :
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 indicates that Arkhepolis was an Arkhiereus, Grammateus, Lykiarkhes on the job. That the particle of каí was not written between $\Gamma \rho \alpha \mu \mu \alpha \tau \varepsilon ́ \alpha$ and $\Lambda \nu \kappa ı \alpha ́ \rho \chi \eta v$ is especially remarkable. This would suggest that it was a definition of Arkhiereus and Grammateus in one word, namely a joint synonym of these titles. This forms the main point of the article below.
Even though the abundance of existing documents seems to be sufficient to present the structure relating to the officials of both Arkhiereus and Grammateus, and Lykiarkhes, the lack of detailed information in these inscriptions concerning these officials has resulted in many opinions being proposed in modern research in order to explain the relationship between these three administrative titles and consequently the situation presently resembles a knot tied into an inextricable ambiguity. This confusion becomes evident essentially in responses to the question as to who the Lykiarkhes was. Two theories have been proposed from Th. Mommsen to the present:
a) Lykiarkhes, being one and the same person with the Arkhiereus, is a title assumed to be held for life, as an active member of the high administration of Lycia ${ }^{12}$.
b) Lykiarkhes is an official, distinct from and independent of both Arkbiereus and Grammateus ${ }^{13}$.

In addition to these main theories, there are supplementary views, largely concerned with the idea of "a)" above, but largely changing the nature of the term, which have been proposed:
c) Lykiarkhes is an honorary title that a retired Arkhiereus held for life ${ }^{14}$.
d) Lykiarkhes is a higher office only honouring those who had undertaken the two highest magistracies of the administration, namely the Arkhierosyne and Grammateia, simultaneously ${ }^{15}$.
e) Both the Arkhiereus and the Grammateus could hold the title Lykiarkhes independently from each other; in other words, Lykiarkheia is a popular definition held passively, starting with the appointment

[^2]to the office of Grammateia, continuing with the transition to Arkhierosyne and obtained after the completion of these two offices.
As a matter of fact, all of these opinions are the raddled variations of the first theory (a) and each has inconsistences in itself. Below the inconsistent aspects of the views in question are presented and investigated to determine which presents the least, and maybe no inconsistencies.
a) Arkhiereus and Lykiarkhes are the same official; these titles could be held by taking an active role in the administration after retirement. The documents put forward to support this hypothesis are:
TAM II, 3905 doc. 24 VII = Kokkinia 2000, p. 34 doc. 25 VII A 1. 2-3 = Reitzenstein 2011, 192, no.
 $\sigma \tau \tilde{v}$ каì $\gamma[\rho \alpha \mu \mu \alpha \tau \varepsilon ̃]] \Lambda v к i ́ \omega v$.
Since the governor usually addressed the Lykiarkhes as the addressee of his correspondences (see above fn. 5), but since the addressee in this inscription is also Arkhiereus, this has been interpreted as showing the common identity of the Arkhiereus/Lykiarkhes in active charge by the defenders of this hypothesis (see above fn. 12).
Inconsistency: In this inscription, there is no indication or implication showing that the Arkhiereus Attalos was Lykiarkhes at the same time. On the other hand, it is clearly stated that Attalos was Arkhiereus and Grammateus. Namely he held both offices simultaneously. But then, the question needs to be answered as to who the Grammateus was, in the case of accepting Attalos as being Arkhiereus and Lykiarkhes. This question is continuously ignored ${ }^{17}$ and Lykiarkhes is sought in an answer focused on the Arkhiereus, as if Grammateus was non-existent. This problem is discussed in "e)" below.
TAM II, 3 no. 905 doc. 15 IV F, 1. 5-7 = Kokkinia 2000, p. 27 doc. 16 IV F, 1. 5-7: каì т $\rho \varepsilon \sigma \beta \varepsilon v \sigma \alpha-$

TAM II, 3 no. 905 doc. 17 V C, 1.10 ff . = Kokkinia 2000, p. 27 ff., doc. 18 V C, 1.10 ff.: кaì $\pi \rho \varepsilon-$

 боvкат $\hat{\theta}$ ยєто] ${ }^{18}$.
The plural form of the legates, who were sent to the governor for approval of the yearly honours for Opramoas after it was decided in the Lycian assembly, has been interpreted in modern works that the Arkhiereis continued their active service as members of the $\beta$ ou $\lambda$ ๆ́ and $L y k i a r k b a i^{19}$.
Inconsistency: In these inscriptions, there is no indication relating that the Arkhiereis, who in charge of legation came to the governor, were retired (for instance $\gamma \varepsilon v o \mu \varepsilon ́ v \omega v$ ). Consequently, the hypothesis that the plural form comprises many archpriests of the confederacy certainly requires a compelling recognition. Yet $\pi \rho \varepsilon \sigma \beta \varepsilon \cup \sigma \alpha ́ \mu \varepsilon v o t ~ a ̉ \rho \chi เ \varepsilon \rho \varepsilon i ̃ s ~ m i g h t ~ v e r y ~ w e l l ~ c o r r e s p o n d ~ t o ~ t h e ~ m a r r i e d ~ c o u p l e ~ w h o ~ c o n-~$ ducted the imperial archpriesthood together. Because, many inscriptions attest that women undertook this office together with their spouses ${ }^{20}$. Likewise, women could hold the title Lykiarkhissa besides their

[^3]Lykiarkhai husbands ${ }^{21}$. On the other hand, the Grammateus on the job was the candidate for the Arkhiereus of next year and had the right of holding the title Lykiarkhes (see below option "e"). From this point of view, it is highly possible that one of the legates, who are mentioned in plural form in the aforementioned Opramoas inscription, was the Arkhiereus in charge, and the other was the Grammateus in charge, who was the candidate for becoming the next Arkhiereus.
 cerning the Myreans (II A) in the inscription that records the list of decrees in honour of Iason from
 decision of the Patarans (II B), which Larsen takes to be contemporary with the former. Larsen (see fn. 12) associates this fact with the identicalness of Arkhiereus and Lykiarkhes. What is ignored both in this and also in the context of the Lykiarkheia mentioned in the inscription from Sidyma (see in detail below option " $c$ ") is the relation between Grammateus and Lykiarkhes, so it provides a deficient and inconsistent explanation (see below option "e").
b) Lykiarkhes is a separate official, independent of the Arkbiereus and these offices were undertaken within successive two years ${ }^{22}$ : The strongest fulcrum of the defenders of this hypothesis (see fn.13) is that the office of Lykiarkhes was characterised in many inscriptions with the participles of $\gamma \varepsilon \gamma \circ v \dot{\omega}$ c or $\gamma^{\varepsilon v o} \mu \varepsilon v o{ }^{23}$ indicating an office that is limited in time ${ }^{24}$. The same applies to the Arkhiereus ${ }^{25}$. Behrwald attributes this situation, and that no one who had the offices of Arkhierosyne and Lykiarkheia together simultaneously is attested to date, to say these two magistracies were two different offices independent of each other ${ }^{26}$. One of the important documents concerning the matter of if the Lykiarkhes was an official independent of the Arkhiereus is the decision of the People and the Council of Sidyma taken for the establishment of Gerousia in the city (TAM II, 1 no. 175). While the inscription is dated in the
 रov in the last section of the same inscription was accepted as the second dating by some scholars, and it is interpreted that Arkhiereus Diogenes III was meant by the expression "same Lykiarkhes" here (see the literature above in fn. 12), thus this inscription is used to support the identicalness of the retired Arkhiereus and the Lykiarkhes ${ }^{27}$. On the other hand, it is accepted by many researchers that this expres-
 sequently, the Lykiarkhes and the Arkhiereus were separate officials (see the literature above in fn. 13). Furthermore, that the addressee in the correspondence of governor in the existing documents is not Arkhiereus but constantly Lykiarkhes (see above fn. 5) also seems to support this hypothesis. However, it should be observed that the word Lykiarkhes in these inscriptions actually stands in the place of the word Grammateus and consequently an examination in this context is required (see below option "e").

[^4]Inconsistencies: Here again the unanswered question is who the Grammateus is, in the presence of the Arkhiereus and the Lykiarkhes. Although Behrwald assumed that Grammateus is substituted for
 $\Gamma \rho \alpha \mu \mu \alpha \varepsilon \dot{\varepsilon} \alpha \Lambda \nu \kappa i \omega v$ employed for Opramoas in the inscription from Ksanthos, wishes to make a constrained statement, as "Die Austauschbarkeit beider Begriffe dürfte sich so aus dem Umstand ergeben haben" (see fn. 26), he does not make a substantial judgement; because for instance in case he affirms that Grammateus = Lykiarkhes, that the Lykiarkhes is not a separate official will result. In a new inscription from Olympos, Marcus Aurelius Arkhepolis also known as Hoplon is honoured as A Apұıєрє́a $\tau \tilde{\omega} v$
 ther that Arkhepolis undertook three offices at the same time and thus the hypothesis regarding to the separateness of Lykiarkhes will be confirmed, or that the word Lykiarkhes contained both offices. That there is not каí between $\Gamma \rho \alpha \mu \mu \alpha \tau \varepsilon ́ \alpha$ and $\Lambda \nu \kappa ı \alpha ́ \rho \chi \eta \nu$ doubtless strengthens the second hypothesis (see below option "e").
c) Lykiarkhes is the honorary title which a retired Arkhiereus, not an Arkhiereus in charge, held for life: this proposition relies on the principle of the identicalness of the Lykiarkhes and the Arkhiereus mentioned in option a. But; that the office of the Lykiarkhes and the Arkhiereus are given with the participles of $\gamma \varepsilon \gamma o v \omega ́ \varsigma$ or $\gamma \varepsilon v o ́ \mu \varepsilon v o \varsigma$ (see fns. 24 and 26) in many inscriptions certainly indicates that these titles remained in the past, namely it did not continue for life. An inscription from Sidyma ${ }^{28}$ contains a decree of the People and Council about the conveyance of the decision taken for the foundation of a Gerousia institution in the city to the governor in charge, Pomponius Bassus and dated énì 'Apxıع $\tau \tilde{\omega} \nu \Sigma \varepsilon \beta a \sigma \tau \tilde{\omega} \nu \Delta$ ıoү $\varepsilon$ vous $\gamma^{\prime} \tau o \tilde{~ M \eta \tau \rho o \delta \dot{\rho} \rho o v ~(C o m m o d u s, ~ b e t w e e n ~} 185$ and 192). The decision was delivered to the governor by Tib. Cl. Telemakhos, a citizen of Ksanthos and Sidyma: tò $\psi \eta ́ \varphi \iota \sigma \mu \alpha$, ô каì

 letter in response (there 1.10 ff .) addressed to the city administrators. This letter of approval was sent to Sidymeans $\grave{\varepsilon} \kappa о \mu i ́ \sigma \theta \eta$ ह̀ $\pi \grave{~} \tau o \tilde{v}$ av̉тoṽ $\Lambda v \kappa ı \alpha ́ \rho \chi o v$. This expression was accepted as a second dating in modern research ${ }^{29}$ and it is understood as meaning, "while the same person is Lykiarkhes", namely "while Arkhiereus Diogenes III is Lykiarkhes" as eponymous (for literature see the reference in fn. 31; see also fn. 23). Conversely, Behrwald (fn. 29) agrees on the identicalness and that a second dating was applied, but accepts the Lykiarkhes as an independent official, stating that this was a gesture of respect for Lykiarkhes (eine ehrende Geste) and saying "sinnvoll wird es wohl nur gewesen sein, wenn die Lykiarchie ein jahresamt darstellte". H. Engelman points out another meaning for the preposition of $\dot{\varepsilon} \pi i ́ l u s e d$ for the Lykiarkhes in the inscription and proposed that it should be understood as "in the presence of" instead of "in the time of" or "while" ${ }^{30}$, as I believe, this is the right explanation ${ }^{31}$. In this case, understanding the last sentence not as "(response) while the same was Lykiarkhes" but "(letter of response) was sent in the presence of the same Lykiarkhes" seems to be the more likely solution. However, both Engelmann and modern research (lastly see Reitzenstein 2011, 214) accept that the person referred to by ėnì toṽ aủtoṽ is Telemakhos, but they take him as a person, who became a legate for a duty towards his homeland with the honorary title of Lykiarkhes after he undertook the archpriesthood

[^5]at an earlier time. This cannot be the right view, because the inscription does not provide the least indication to suggest that Telemakhos was a retired Lykiarkhes ${ }^{32}$ nor that he accompanied a legation. Therefore we should accept that the Lykiarkhes mentioned in the inscription was either, an independent active official besides Arkhiereus (option b) ${ }^{33}$, or as a title used instead of Grammateus in charge. That the first case mentioned has less possibility was pointed out above (p. 1 ff .). In the hypothesis of option "e" will be given that the second case is stronger, even only in terms of probability.
d) Lykiarkhes is a higher concept that only honoured those who undertook the two highest magistracies of the administration, namely Arkhierosyne and Grammateia simultaneously, could hold.
Brought forward firstly by H. Engelman ${ }^{34}$, the origin of this hypothesis is in the reading of an honorary inscription, newly found in Patara and inscribed for Dionysios $\mathrm{II}^{35}$ and the Lycian Confederacy praises
 $\lambda u \kappa ı \rho \chi$ íav. With reference to this sentence, Engelmann stated that Lykiarkheia comprised both the offices of the Arkhiereus and the Grammateus together, claimed that this highest office was in principle undertaken by the same person synchronically and that only those persons in such a case could hold the title of Lykiarkhes. Although this opinion seems to be the most consistent one among the other hypotheses addressed so far, it does not seem possible to accept that it was a rule for both offices to be undertaken by the same person concurrently and this being a precondition for Lykiarkheia, because it is clearly shown from inscriptions that Arkhiereus and Grammateus are based on the rule of separate offices and that they had equivalent rights and powers with these qualifications. Consequently Lykiarkheia should be interpreted in this general frame (see below option "e").
In the examples of explanations given above concerning the identity of the Lykiarkhes, he was combined with the Arkhiereus, was seen as a title of a retired but active for life Arkhiereus (a), it was accepted as a honorary title held for life by a retired Arkhiereus (c), was considered as a separate highest official independent from the Arkhiereus (b) and finally it is claimed that the offices of Arkhierosyne and Grammateia should be undertaken simultaneously and only such persons could hold the title of Lykiarkhes (d). Despite this entire debate, neither the identity of the Grammateus, who is the second important official of the highest administration of the Lycian Confederacy, nor his relation to the Lykiarkhes investigated.
The constant omission of the Grammateus and, as can be understood from the examples of solution given above, being unable to find an exact solution that everybody could agree upon for the identity of the Lykiarkhes forced D. Reitzenstein ${ }^{36}$, who investigated this subject in detail in a monograph, to arrive at a nonsensical position, whereby reducing the Grammateus of the Lycian Confederacy to the role of an urban Grammateus (Tätigkeitsbereich städtischer Sekretäre) ${ }^{37}$. Hence the relation between the Grammateus and the Lykiarkhes is addressed in the section below.
e) The hypothesis proposed by Engelmann in option "d" above, proposes that the offices of Arkhierosyne and Grammateia could be undertaken simultaneously. In response, S. Şahin refutes this presenting these as being two separate offices and, most probably, it being impossible to be candidate directly to the Arkhierosyne, they could be undertaken either in the order of Grammateia - Arkhierosyne consecutively, or simultaneously, based upon the customs inscription from Andriake and the examples provided by the Opramoas inscription ${ }^{38}$.

[^6]e) Şahin, after analysing the inscriptions and views related to the matter, pointed out that there is no document or indication concerning a right for the Lykiarkheia that is peculiar to only the Arkhiereus, retired or in charge, and to the exclusion of the Grammateia; on the contrary, existing documents can better support the identicalness of the Grammateus and the Lykiarkhes, compared to Arkhiereus and Lykiarkhes (fn. 38). So Şahin claimed the Lykiarkheia started with the assignment to the Grammateia, most probably including the candidateship for the Arkhierosyne in the following year, so that both Arkhiereus and Grammateus had the right to denote themselves Lykiarkhes (see fn. 38). Reitzenstein, who wrote her monograph based only upon communis opinio, evaded by stating "Şahin 2006, 31 f . bezieht den Geltungsbereich der Ehrenbezeichnung auch auf die Grammateis, ohne schlüssige Belege zu liefern" ${ }^{39}$ in an entirely trivializing superficial manner in a footnote, apparently not to impair the integrity of her work and to camouflage helplessness in respect to criticism. A sharp criticism came from a scholar, who reviewed Reitzenstein's book in the electronic media, before me ${ }^{40}$ and considered the situation, stating "die Zielrichtung der Autorin bleibt hier vage, ihre eigene Darstellung des state of the art ist bei weitem nicht so luzide wie jene in dem in Fußnote der Besprechung erwähnten Aufsatz -- Sencer Şahins rezenter jedenfalls sehr klar konturierter Lösungsvorschlag - - wird nicht mit der gebotenen Ausführlichkeit vorgestellt"31.
If we accept that Lykiarkheia is a term also including Grammateus, all of the ambiguities relating to the identification of Lykiarkhes created to date in the scholarly environment disappear. Before proving this with some examples, it is useful to mention some general inconsistencies in the common opinion concerning the matter of the Lykiarkhes, as a retired Arkhiereus, undertaking an active role in the highest decisions of the state administration. Above all, the communis opinio defends an understanding making a retired Arkhiereus, with the title Lykiarkhes, work under the control of an Arkhiereus, who undertook the office after him and places the Grammateus in state of official nullity, a void official. This cannot belong to any normal state tradition. Many inscriptions show a retired Arkhiereus' role in urban activities, mainly in his homeland, for instance as Agonothetes, with the title of Lykiarkhes ${ }^{42}$. On the other hand, since both Grammateus and Arkhiereus are yearly officials, it is certain that a contradiction of authority would arise, because every year a retired Arkhiereus would be added to the administrative staff of kovòv $\Lambda v \kappa i ́ \omega v$ in addition to the active Arkhiereus and the active Grammateus. If it is required to objectify the situation, it is enough to have a look at the view put forward by Reitzenstein. This author firstly identifies the Arkhiereus of 156 A.D., named Arkhepolis son of Teimarkhos, with Arkhepolis son of Teimarkhos, who was honoured because he bequeathed his possessions to the Lycian People through Dionysios II serving as Lykiarkhes between 198 and 209 A.D., and who did not have any title ${ }^{43}$. Moreover she identifies the Lykiarkhes Dionysios II with M. Aur. Dionysios honouring in accordance with the decision of Confederacy Tib. Pollenius Peregrinus, who was consul ordinarius in A.D. 244 following his governorship of Lycia and Pamphylia; consequently she refuses ${ }^{44}$ a third Dionysios ${ }^{45}$ suggested by Şahin for M. Aur. Dionysios.
The first noteworthy point in this matter is the excessive time difference, one of over 40 years between the deeds of each Lykiarkhai, whom Reitzenstein states as being identical. Other than that, one appears as Lykiarkhes, while the other is a plain citizen. Therefore, these two Arkhepolis are relatives, but their

[^7]identicalness is almost impossible. It cannot be an accepted view that Dionysios II, whose Arkhierosyne dates between 198 and 209 A.D., was still active on behalf of the Lycian Confederacy with the title of Lykiarkhes despite the passage of 40 years. Even though we accept this view for a moment, it is not difficult to foresee how chaotic a system of administration would result. Seeing that every year an Arkhiereus was retired and considering the 40 years before and 40 years after Dionysios II, 80 Lykiarkhai would be wandering around. Even if one thinks all of them could not have had the same longevity as Dionysios II, if $1 / 4=20$ Lykiarkhai, the most probable number, interfere individually in state affairs, even once within the span of 10 years before and 10 years after Dionysios II, this would be enough to reduce the administration into chaos. Despite there being approx. 40 Arkhiereis known by name between ca. 160 and 244 A.D. ${ }^{46}$, there is no document showing, as far I could determine, any of them actively in charge under the title of Lykiarkhes after their retirement. The identification of the Lykiarkhes Dionysios of the Severan Period with Lykiarkhes Dionysios of 244 A.D. remains as an incoherent hypothesis, not only in terms of the timespan involved, but also in relation to the existing finds. This, doubtlessly, is not a situation to be explained due to the lack of finds. Therefore, that Reitzenstein and communis opinio take the Lykiarkhes to be an administrator of the Confederacy, being a retired Arkhiereus in life-long active service, is a conclusion reached from helplessness rather than providing a solution. Whereas the problem is completely solved in respect to the all the theories and opinions expressed about this matter to date given above and the solution conforms with all the known epigraphic documents:


So, the one, who holds the titles of Grammateus or Arkhiereus, was traditionally called Lykiarkhes amongst the people. Namely not only the Arkhiereus, but also the Grammateus had the right to hold the title "Lykiarkhes". The Lycian elite aimed to hold both of these two highest offices simultaneously or consecutively in the order Grammateia $\rightarrow$ Arkhierosyne. For example, it is clear that Licinnius Longus from Oinoanda, who was famed and honoured because he had organized competitions and games
 activities to obtain Grammateia $\rightarrow$ Arkhierosyne ${ }^{47}$. Even though Licinnius appears to be an eponym Arkhiereus in the documents dated to 132 A.D. (TAM II, 1 no. 250; TAM II, 3 no. 905 VI C; IGR III no. 706), he must have undertaken both offices either in the order of Grammateia $\rightarrow$ Arkhierosyne consequently or simultaneously. Likewise, Dionysios II was honoured кaì $\varepsilon \pi i ̀ ̀ ~ \tau n ̃ ~ \pi \rho o ̀ \varsigma ~ \tau \eta ̀ v ~ \lambda v \kappa ı \alpha \rho \chi i ́ a v ~ \varphi i \lambda o-~$ $\tau \mu i ́ a ̣$ by the Lycian Confederacy in Neisa, upon his active services ending in success as Grammateus and Arkhiereus ${ }^{48}$. In short, Lykiarkheia is a popular description that was held only as an honorific from starting with Grammateia, continuing with Arkhierosyne after the ending these services, but that did not have any operational context. In such a system, being a candidate directly for Arkhierosyne was most probably impossible, since the one who was elected for Grammateia, was the candidate for being the Arkhierosyne of the following year. One of the most important examples of this, in addition to the customs inscription from Andriake (see above p. 2 and 7 with fn. 38), is observed in the inscriptions of

[^8]Opramoas: Apollonios, the father of Opramoas, undertook the archpriesthood of the Confederacy (as Arkhiereus) on behalf of one of his two sons and the secretary of the Confederacy (as Grammateus):

 viov. The message of this phrase is clear: 1. Grammateia and Arkhierosyne could be held by the same person at same time (the father, Apollonios); 2. They can be shared by two separate individuals (two brothers, Apollonios and Opramoas); 3. Both offices are equivalent in terms of rights and authorities, because the father Apollonios discriminates between his two sons (Apollonios and Opramoas; Reitzenstein 2011, 181-182, no. 27 and 192-195, no. 43) against one another, namely that he preferred the Arkhierosyne, the highest office, for one, and Grammateia, which has a little value according to modern research (see above p. 7, with fn. 37), for another one is a very slim possibility. The offices he financed and undertook on behalf of his sons were equivalent. Probably he should have undertaken the Grammateia for his younger son (Opramoas), Arkhierosyne for the other (Apollonios). A portion of offices based on the principle of equivalence between two brothers is possible only if we accept that Grammateia is prerequisite for Arkhierosyne and the first step for Lykiarkheia. Thus, we can say that the post of Grammateia is a sine qua non for the honorary title of Lykiarkhes.
In regard to what was said in option "e", explicating the documents employed as excuses for the options of "a", "b", "c" and "d" is much easier according to the formula Lykiarkhes = Grammateus, Lykiarkhes $=$ Arkhiereus. For example, in the document recording: દ̇ $\pi \grave{~}$ [ $\alpha \rho \chi ı \rho \rho \varepsilon ́ o \varsigma ~ K] \lambda \alpha v \delta[i ́ o v ~ ’ A \tau \tau \alpha ́ \lambda o v] ~ . . . . ~$
 the option "a", Cl. Attalos undertakes the offices of Grammateia and Arkhierosyne simultaneously. That the governor Domitius Seneca addressed Attalos as Arkhiereus, but not as Grammateus, is only by force of protocol. Actually the one he addressed is Attalos with the identity of Grammateus, who is responsible for the executive functions of the state. Consequently, that Attalos was addressed with the identity of Grammateus in the document does not constitute any impediment to the title of Lykiarkhes.
 ing the Myreans (II A) in the inscription that records the list of decrees in honour of Iason from Kyaneai (IGR III 704), but he was famed in the same inscription as $\delta \mathfrak{l}^{\prime} \eta \tilde{\varsigma} \varepsilon \dot{\varepsilon} \tau \varepsilon ́ \lambda \varepsilon \sigma \varepsilon \nu \lambda \nu \kappa ı \alpha \rho \chi \varepsilon i ́ a \varsigma$ in the decision of the Patarans (II B), which Larsen takes to be contemporary with the former. Even though Larsen (see fn. 12) associates this fact with the identicalness of Arkhiereus and Lykiarkhes, what is ignored both in this and in the context of Lykiarkheia mentioned in the inscription from Sidyma (see in detail above option "c") is the relation of Grammateus and Lykiarkhes, because the Patarans referred to Iason not only as Arkhiereus but also as Grammateus, with the word $\lambda \cup \kappa ı \alpha \rho \chi \varepsilon i \alpha$ in the section of II B of the mentioned inscription.
Reitzenstein, as an example serving this same hypothesis, in no. 54 cites this inscription: $[\hat{\varepsilon}] \pi i ̀ \alpha \rho \chi \iota(\varepsilon-$
 905 XII B). As is seen, here Mettius Androbios is employed in dating as eponym Arkhireus, but the governor Rupilius Severus addresses the same person as Lykiarkhes. It is clear that the word Lykiarkhes here stands for Grammateus. Reitzenstein, in order to defend the hypothesis of Lykiarkhes = (retired) Arkhiereus, as it were, pushes this situation beyond the limits of the meaning of the text: according to Reitzenstein, Lykiarkheia starts with Arkhierosyne at least at that time (150 A.D.). She explains the appearance of Arkhiereus Androbios as Lykiarkhes in the same letter, as follows: Androbios retired as Arkhireus, but shortly after this, returning to active service, he acted on behalf of state affairs as Lykiarkhes and the addressee of the provincial governor (wenig später, d.h. kurz nach seiner Bundespriesterschaft, ist Androbios dann noch einmal Ansprechpartner des Statthalters Rupilius Severus). So the governor, in the same letter, on one hand presents him as Arkhiereus in charge, on the other hand ad-
dresses the same person as a retired Arkhiereus but a Lykiarkhes in charge ${ }^{49}$. However, there is no need to push the matter into ambiguity. The situation is clear and simple: Androbios held, likewise, two high offices together. The governor dates his letter to the year, month and day of the Arkhiereus as is custom, but addresses him with the title of Lykiarkhes instead of Grammateus in the operational seat.
 context and, is shorter and easy on the ear for the people instead of 'Avסроßí $\varphi \boldsymbol{\gamma} \alpha \mu \mu \alpha \tau \varepsilon \tilde{\imath} \Lambda \nu к i ́ \omega v$ тоṽ кotvoṽ, the form of administrative address. This situation is similar to addressing an active or retired general with the word "paşa" in modern Turkish. The most controversial inscription concerning the identity of the Lykiarkhes in modern literature is that providing the identification of Telemakhos mentioned as Lykiarkhes in the Sidymans' decision on the foundation of a Gerousia in their city. TAM II, 1



 Xov--.
Each of the defenders of options "a", "b" and "c" tried to answer the question as to who the Lykiarkhes is in the last line in order to defend their own hypotheses (for details see the explanation in the option " $c$ "). Whereas here if not the temporal meaning of the preposition $\dot{\varepsilon} \pi i ́($ (while, when, during etc.), but the locative meaning (in the presence of, in the hearing of, in the company of etc.) is to be considered, thus the last sentence should be understood as "(response letter) was sent in the presence of the same Lykiarkhes". In this case, aủtòs $\Lambda u k ı a ́ p x \eta ̧ ~ s h o u l d ~ n e i t h e r ~ b e ~ i d e n t i f i e d ~ w i t h ~ D i o g e n e s ~ I I I ~ w h o ~ i s ~ m e n-~$ tioned at the beginning of the inscription, nor be taken as a separate official, nor be accepted as the honorary title of a retired Arkbiereus functioning as an envoy to the governor for a special need concerning his homeland. aúvò $\Lambda u \kappa$ iápxŋ̧ here is the very person mentioned in the previous sentence,
 stands for Grammateus in charge. Thus, it is concluded that Telemakhos undertook at first only the office of Grammateia, but not the office of Arkhierosyne at a time prior to that of Diogenes III ("Marc Aurel/Commodus") as Reitzenstein claims ${ }^{50}$, on the contrary he undertook it right after Diogenes III ("186/187"). As I stated formerly ${ }^{51}$, the identification of the Lykiarkhes, not only with the Arkhiereus, but also with the Grammateus will require a reinvestigation of the service years of those who undertook these two highest official positions.
As a conclusion; evidence concerning the supposed life-long interference of Lykiarkhes, namely a retired Arkhiereus/Grammateus, in state affairs, is entirely presumptive and conjectural (see above for the examples of Arkhepolis and Dionysios II with fns. 43-45). There is no evidence showing the Grammateus did not have the title of Lykiarkhes, amongst the documents known to date. Conversely, all the documents conform with the understanding that the Lykiarkheia begun with the office of Grammateia, continued with the Arkhierosyne and was held for life, only as an honorary title.

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## Özet <br> "Lykiarkhes" Sorunu

Bu yazı, yazarın ölümünden kısa bir süre önce yayına hazırladığı bir makaledir. Yazıda, pek çok bilim insanı tarafından uzun zamandır tartışılan Lykiarkheia makamının içeriğinden bahsedilmektedir. Bu bağlamda yazarın görüşü Lykiarkheia sürecinin Grammateia makamı ile başladığı, Arkhierosyne ile devam ettiği ve sadece onursal bir unvan olarak yaşam boyu korunduğu yönündedir. Yazar bu görüşünü daha önceki yazılarında da (Şahin 2006; Şahin 2012) belirtmiş ve modern çalışmalarda Grammateus'un sürekli göz ardı edildiğine vurgu yapmıştır. Bu yazısını ise çok daha detaylı ve geniş içerikli tutup, yakın zamanlarda D. Reitzenstein (2011) tarafından destek bulan communis opinio karşıtı uzun bir incelemeye yer vermiştir.
Çevirenin Notu: Bu makale, hocamız merhum Prof. Dr. Sencer Şahin'in hazırlamakta olduğu pek çok çalışma arasında olup, üzerine birçok not alınmış şekilde evindeki çalışma masasının üzerinde bulunmaktaydı. Eşi Prof. Dr. N. Eda Akyürek Şahin'in izni doğrultusunda İngilizceye çevirmeye karar verdim. Belki de Sencer hocamız bu makaleye daha ekleme yapacaktı bunu bilemiyoruz, fakat makale bitmiş ve neredeyse yayın için hazır görünüyordu. Hocamızın yarım kalan diğer çalışmaları da tarafımızdan yayımlanacaktır.
Anahtar sözcükler: Lykia; Lykia Birliği; Lykiarkhes; Arkhiereus; Grammateus.


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    I decided to translate this article because it was his last contribution which was lying on his table in his home, full of notes written on it, with the permission of his wife, Prof. Dr. N. Eda Akyürek Şahin. Maybe he would have added more information to it, but this cannot now be known, and the Turkish manuscript seemed to be completed and almost ready for publication. The Turkish version will be published in: N. E. Akyürek Şahin - M. E. Yıldız - H. Uzunoğlu (edd.), Eskiçağ Yazıları 8 [AKRON 10], İstanbul 2015. I thank Hüseyin Uzunoğlu, who read the Turkish manuscript and made the bibliography from the references, and T. Michael P. Duggan for polishing the translation. Due to his sudden death, Prof. Şahin left many unfinished works behind. We wish to complete and publish them as the occasion arises.
    ${ }^{1}$ For the boundaries of Lykia by the reign of Claudius see Şahin 2014, 106-108; Şahin 2013a, 32-37.
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[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ Zimmermann 2007, 115; for the documents see Reitzenstein 2011, 166-242.
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    ${ }^{5}$ For example TAM II 3, 905 V E (doc. 18 = Kokkinia 2000, V E, no. $19=$ Reitzenstein 2011, 238, no. 118; how-
    
    
    
    
    
     àv $\tau \tau ү \rho \alpha \varphi \grave{\eta}$ ’A $\pi \rho о$.
    ${ }^{6}$ Takmer 2007, 177. "Lex Portorii Provinciae Lyciae" submitted as a doctoral dissertation by B. Takmer is under preparation for publication.
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[^2]:    ${ }^{9}$ Reitzenstein 2011, 51.
    ${ }^{10}$ Reitzenstein (2011, 210-211, no. 65) states "ab 2. Hälfte 2. Jh." for the dating. However, the high amount such
     indicate a $3^{\text {rd }}$ c. A.D. date.
    ${ }^{11}$ Adak - Tüner 2004, 60-61.
    ${ }^{12}$ Mommsen 1900, 5-6; Larsen 1945 85-86 (with fn. 101 and 104); Deininger 1965, 74-75 (for more literature and information see Behrwald 2000, 209-216); finally Reitzenstein 2011, 51-57; cf. further Kokkinia 2000, 134: according to the author Lykiarkhes and Arkhiereus are essentially synonyms. However, Arkhiereus is the title of archpriest of the Confederacy, while Lykiarkhes is the honorary title of a retired archpriest of the Confederacy (see fn. 14).
    ${ }^{13}$ Benndorf - Niemann 1884, 72; Magie 1950, 1389; Jameson 1980, 843-847; Behrwald 2000, 209-216 and Tietz 2003, 147. According to these, Lykiarkheia and Arkhierosyne are the offices undertaken in successive two years. For a rich literature see also Balland 1981, 8 fn. 74.
    ${ }^{14}$ Balland 1981, 8; Kokkinia 2000, 214-215 (cf. above fn. 12); According to Reitzenstein 2011, 56 "Die Bezeichnung Lykiarch wurde ab der Bundespriesterschaft also dauerhaft als Titel geführt".
    ${ }^{15}$ Engelmann 2006, 183-186.

[^3]:    
    ${ }^{17}$ Cf. Behrwald 2000, 210.
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    ${ }^{19}$ Larsen was the first scholar to assert that the membership of these archpriests of the Confederacy in the Boule also continued after the official duties had ended. Lastly, Kokkinia and Reitzenstein support his view (see fn. 12).
    ${ }^{20}$ Concerning the views of the roles undertaken by women as Arkhiereia see Reitzenstein 2011, 89 with fn. 1, for their list see ibid. fn. 3. There are interesting examples in the inscriptions of Arykanda on this matter: IArykanda 42 l.
    
     $\alpha \dot{\alpha} \nu \delta \rho o ̀ \varsigma ~ \dot{\varepsilon}] \alpha v \tau \eta ̃ \varsigma ~ \Sigma \alpha \rho \pi \eta ́ \delta o v o \varsigma ~ \tau[o v ̃ ~ \Pi a v \tau \alpha เ v \varepsilon ́ \tau o v ~ \delta i ́ \varsigma ~ \kappa \tau \lambda . ~$

[^4]:     ápxov is mentioned (Reitzenstein 2011, 58). Likewise, in an inscription from Sidyma (TAM II, 2188 and 189) M. Aurelia Nemeso also known as Khrysion represents herself as $\Lambda \nu \kappa ı \alpha ́ \rho \chi ı \sigma \sigma \alpha$ (On the marital relations of this woman see Zimmermann 2007, 119).
    ${ }^{22}$ For the debate on the matter see Reitzenstein 2011, 12-13 with fn. 6.
    
    
    ${ }^{24}$ Behrwald 2000, 214.
    
    
     griffe dürfte sich so aus dem Umstand ergeben haben, daß die Bekleidung der beiden Ämter automatisch aufeinander folgte"; IGR III 693: $\gamma \varepsilon \gamma 0 v v i ̃ a ~ A \rho \chi 1 \varepsilon ́ \rho \varepsilon ı \alpha ~ \varepsilon ̉ v ~ \tau \tilde{̣}$ है $\theta v \varepsilon$.
    ${ }^{26}$ Behrwald 2000, 211.
    ${ }^{27}$ The last defender of this hypothesis is Reitzenstein (2011, 57).

[^5]:    ${ }^{28}$ TAM II, 175.
    ${ }^{29}$ Behrwald $(2000,214)$ presented an inscription from Ksanthos as an example for double dating (TAM II, 2 497). In the inscription, $\Lambda \cup \kappa i ́ \omega v$ tò kowvóv states that it took a decision concerning an honorary inscription $\lambda \cup \kappa ⿺ 辶 \rho \chi$ रũvtos
     third office, but rather an individual who undertook both offices simultaneously; namely it does not contain only Arkhiereus. On that the Grammateus held the title of Lykiarkhes like Arkhiereus see below option "e".
    ${ }^{30}$ Engelmann 2005, 181-182.
    ${ }^{31}$ Reitzenstein (2011, 12, fn. 6) argues against this opinion only by stating "überzeugt nicht".

[^6]:    ${ }^{32}$ Cf. Şahin 2006, 30, fn. 2.
    ${ }^{33}$ See the reference in fn. 24.
    ${ }^{34}$ Engelmann 2006, 183-186.
    ${ }^{35}$ Şahin 2006, 37, no. 5 = Reitzenstein 2011, 187, no. 85.
    ${ }^{36}$ Reitzenstein 2011, 81.
    ${ }^{37}$ For detailed information see Şahin 2012, 121.
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    ${ }^{40}$ See Şahin 2012, 120.
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    ${ }^{45}$ Şahin 2006, 39-40, nos. 7 and 8.

[^8]:    ${ }^{46}$ See Reitzenstein 2011, 209-230, nos. 62-98.
    ${ }^{47}$ IGR III 500 III l. 25-36 and 492 1. 10-12.
    ${ }^{48}$ Şahin 2006, 37, no. 5; Reitzenstein, who states "es handelt sich entgegen Şahin nicht um eine Ehrung am Ende seiner Lykiarchie, sondern am Ende seiner Bundespriesterschaft und Grammatie" (2011, 222, no. 85), both runs into a contradiction with her own hypothesis (see above option "a" and fn. 12), and cursorily evaluates what I have written on this matter (see above option "e" with fn. 39). However, what I meant by saying "der Anlass der Ehrung war wohl die Vollendung der Lykiarchie" about the mentioned inscription (Şahin 2006, 38) that active Lykiarkheia, namely Arkhierosyne and Grammateia, ends.

[^9]:    ${ }^{49}$ About this matter cf. Şahin 2012, 121.
    ${ }^{50}$ Reitzenstein 2011, 214, no. 73 (Telemakhos) and 216-217, no. 76 (Diogenes III).
    ${ }^{51}$ Şahin 2012, 122-123.

