

Theofilos Marinos, was born and raised in Kalymnos, in the Dodecanese Prefecture. He studied Political Sciences in Athens, where he graduated with honors. After the fall of the Junta, of which he was an outspoken critic as a student, and long before Greece entered the then **European Economic Community** (EEC), he went to Great Britain in 1975, first to Oxford and then at the University of London. He completed his Master's thesis and obtained his Master's degree in European subjects (Institutions, Economy and Politics) with honors.

He worked in London for 4 years.

During his stay in London he had the opportunity to visit Belgium, France, Spain and other countries many times. It was at that time when he learned about and loved quality wine with a passion.

He returned to Greece and, after having directed an industrial processing company for two years, he decided to abandon his career in political science, having already accepted a position in Brussels, at the seat of the European Communities, and instead take up, along with his brothers George and Giannis, the co-direction of his father's, Michael Marinos', business. This business, est. 1935, had started operating in importing, supplying and trading in high-quality **foods, spirits and wines**. It was based on Kalymnos, and when circumstances allowed it, expanded in **Kos** and **Rhodes**.

A milestone in his commercial career had been, since 1968, his excellent relations, both friendly and business ("**exclusive**") with **ALLIED DOMEQC PLC**, the second ranked multinational company of Wines and Spirits in the World.

These relations and cooperation were abruptly severed after its worldwide takeover in 2005, but the mutual respect was still held.

ALLIED DOMEQC, recognizing his deep knowledge of quality Spirits and Wines (both from Greek and foreign vineyards), his morality, but mainly his ceaseless efforts both by him and MARINOS S.A in propagating their national wealth, the scotch Malt and Blended Whiskey, rewarded him in **1998** at an initiation ceremony in both Edinburgh and Glasgow, by naming him a **Lifetime Member of "THE KEEPERS OF THE QUAICH"**, a financial organization that numbers a select few members worldwide.