

# 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Delta District 16 Convention and AHEPA Centennial District Celebration June 3 to 5, 2022 - Tulsa, Oklahoma

Headquarters Hotel - Osage Casino and Hotel, Tulsa



Room rate (Thurs to Sat): **\$109**/night (king or double queen beds)

Call **877-246-8777** (ask for the Ahepa group rate) or go to [www.osagecasino.com](http://www.osagecasino.com), select the Tulsa location, click on Group Sign In, and use booking ID AHEPA22 to get the group rate.

**Registration: \$125.<sup>00</sup>**

[includes admission to all events (except golf outing), convention program book, registration gifts]

## Schedule of events

**FRIDAY— Tour of Tulsa** (downtown art deco architecture, Philbrook Museum) or **golf**; Convention opening, Dinner and cocktails – Holy Trinity Community Center  
AHEPA Centennial celebration event - AHEPA Fez night  
After Dinner Events - Choice of 1) First Friday art crawl and Market District night spots or 2) Night at the Osage Casino

### **Saturday, June 4**

8 am Breakfast meeting--Past District 16 Governors  
9 am Joint session--AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons and Maids  
10 am Business session Meetings--AHEPA, Daughters, Sons and Maids  
Hospitality suite (refreshments)

#### **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

6 pm Cocktails (banquet room)  
7 pm Banquet - Native American dance exhibition – Officer Installations  
Dancing (American and Greek music)

### **Sunday, June 5**

10 am Divine Liturgy--Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
noon Coffee hour/continental breakfast



For more information call Demetrius Bereolos (918) 381-8337  
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## **A brief look at Tulsa, Oklahoma**

With a population of more than 400,000, Tulsa (Oklahoma's second-largest city and America's 45th-most populous city) is on the Arkansas River between the Osage Hills and the Ozark Mountains--a region of the state known as "Green Country".

Tulsa is highly ranked (i.e. Top 50 cities in the U.S.) in innovation and quality of life by magazines like *Forbes*, *FDi Magazine*, and *Business Week*. The Gathering Place (a new 66-acre, \$468 million urban park along the Arkansas River) and the BOK Center (Downtown arena designed by famous architect Cesar Pelli) are nationally recognized.

Considered Oklahoma's cultural and arts center, Tulsa has two large art museums, small galleries and museums throughout the city, professional opera and ballet companies, and one of America's largest concentrations of art deco architecture. Tulsa's music legacy includes Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys (who first performed at Cain's Ballroom--largely credited for creating Western Swing music) and Leon Russell. An early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Tulsa building boom coincided with the rise of art deco architecture in the United States.



In 1925, Tulsa businessman Cyrus Avery campaigned to create a national highway linking Chicago to Los Angeles--making Tulsa the "Birthplace of Route 66". Route 66 has been important for Tulsa's development-- a popular rest stop for travelers and showcasing cultural treasures like the Meadow Gold Sign.

Known as the "Oil Capital of the World" for most of the 20th Century--Tulsa's economy has been traditionally fueled by oil, natural gas, and energy sectors. However, today Tulsa has diversified to include finance, aviation, telecommunications and technology.

## **A brief look at convention host AHEPA Tulsa Chapter #13**

Hosting the 2022 District Convention will be the 8<sup>th</sup> time in the 99-year history of Tulsa Chapter #13 and the first time in 25 years (1997) that Tulsa has hosted a convention.

As in many small or medium sized Greek Orthodox parishes, Tulsa Ahepans are active supporters and leaders at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Tulsa--serving on the parish council, providing Psaltis for the liturgies and teaching Sunday School, leading the annual Tulsa Greek Festival (Tulsa's oldest and largest ethnic festival).

In its 36 years, our small chapter scholarship fund has helped 46 college students with 66 scholarships totaling nearly \$50,000.

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Tulsa chapter was in Oil Center District 15 (Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri)--where the chapter produced many district governors and district lodge officers, often edited the district newsletter, and produced many great AHEPA memories during the strongest part of Ahepa's history. Five years ago, Oil Center District 15 was reorganized and Tulsa Chapter #13 moved to Delta District 16.