



Visiting as a Freemason in the South Pacific

The islands of the South Pacific are a frequent holiday destination for many New Zealanders. There are a few Lodges sprinkled throughout the different localities. Remember to check out if your visit coincides with a meeting and if so pack your regalia. Here are some possible options:

There are two NZ constitution lodges:

- **Lodge Calliope No.252** in **Samoa** meets nearest the Full Moon January to November except August when biennial Installation is last Friday.
- **Lodge Benjamin Kneubuhl No.441** in **American Samoa** which meets the 1st Tuesday of the month.

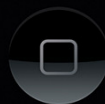
Details for these Lodges can be found in the Members Section of the GLNZ website.

In **Fiji** there are three lodges:

- **Lodge Fiji No.1931 EC** in Suva meets on the 3rd Monday
 - **Lodge of Polynesia No.562 SC** in Suva meets the 3rd Sat.
(Both meet at 35 Gladstone Rd in the centre of Suva – see photo)
 - **Lodge Lautoka No.3354 EC** in Nadi meets on the 2nd Tuesday presently in temporary premises at the Tokatoka Hotel, close to the entrance of Nadi Airport.
- Visit 'Freemasonry Fiji' website at <http://www.freemasonry.org.fj/> for further details.



If you're visiting Suva and environs then a boat trip out to the island of Ovalau will find Levuka, the original capital of Fiji and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lonely Planet notes that *'alongside the former town hall you'll find the [concrete] shell of*



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South Pacific's first Masonic Lodge. Lodge Polynesia (1875) [built 1920] was once Levuka's only Romanesque building but it was burnt to a 'husk' in the 2000 coup by villagers egged on by their church leaders.'

In **Vanuatu** you'll find **Lodge of Discovery No.8737 EC**. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month April to February. Details can be found on their website at <http://www.lod8737.org/>

There are several lodges in **Papua New Guinea**:

- **Rabaul Lodge No.4468 EC** Rabaul, New Britain
and several under the United Grand Lodge of Queensland:
- **New Guinea Lodge No.292 UGLQ** meets 4th Thursday except Dec & Jan
- **Port Moresby Lodge No.445 UGLQ** meets 1st Saturday except Jan
(Both meet Masonic Centre, Brampton Street, Port Moresby PNG)
- **Madang Lodge No.380 UGLQ** meets 3rd Thursday except Nov, Dec, Jan
(Meets Masonic Centre, Binnen Point, Madang PNG)
- **Mount Hagen Lodge No.508 UGLQ** meets 3rd Saturday except Jan & Dec
(Meets Masonic Centre, Mount Hagen PNG)

A visit to the UGLQ website will enable you to email the UGLQ for contact details of these lodges. <http://www.uglq.org.au/contact/contact-us/>

Lodges in **New Caledonia** are under the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise and are French speaking with one exception. They are:-

- **Laperouse No.498**
- **La Rose de Corail No.499**
- **Pacific No.510**
- **La Lumière Australe No.887**
- **L'Île de Lumire No.1280**
- **Recherche, Espérance, Vérité No.1462**
- **Pacific Fraternity No.1888** (practices in English although not all the members speak English)

Finally ensure you read the Tool on 'Visiting Lodges Overseas'.

