

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH  
82-10 Queens Boulevard, Elmhurst, NY, 11373



Elks Lodge 828, 1928

In March 2014, Two4Design Architecture, PLLC commissioned Cypress Building Conservation to conduct paint analysis services in order to determine the original finish of the wood windows of the New Life Fellowship Church. Samples were extracted by the client and mailed for paint analysis. Samples were cast in a polyester resin, sectioned, polished and viewed under a compound microscope. Photomicrographs were captured for analysis.

The New Life Fellowship Church, located at 82-10 Queens Boulevard, was built in 1923-24 in the neoclassical style by the Ballinger Company architectural firm. The building originally served as the headquarters for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge Number 878. It was one of the earliest and most prominent buildings on Queens Boulevard, and noted nationally as an excellent example of early 20th century fraternal building design.

Paint analysis reveals a short paint history, exhibiting only two paint schemes: an original gray color and currently visible burgundy color. Evidence of the gray paint scheme confirms that the original wood casement windows exhibited the same finish color as the limestone surrounds. A 1928 photograph reinforces this conclusion, as both the limestone and wood elements exhibit the same finish tone. Painting the wood elements to match the limestone would have been consistent with the classical detailing of the building at the time of its construction.

While evidence of the original gray is visible in the photomicrographs, too little of it remains on the provided samples to yield proper color matching from the laboratory. Color matching in-situ, using either the surrounding stone or larger sections of remaining gray paint, is recommended for best results.







