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## **NATIONAL FOP: NC LODGE CAN'T ENDORSE**

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, repudiated media reports that the North Carolina State Lodge endorsed the candidacy of Donald J. Trump for President.

“It was not an endorsement,” Canterbury said. “When it comes to endorsing a candidate for President of the United States, only the National FOP, by vote of its National Board of Trustees, speaks for our members. Our members in North Carolina will have the opportunity to voice their opinion at the National Board of Trustees meeting in September.”

Mr. Trump appeared at a local FOP lodge in North Carolina to speak to our members and video clips from the event suggest that he won the endorsement of the State Lodge. However, this was a local lodge event, not a State Lodge event and under the endorsement process established by the members of the FOP, individual State Lodges cannot make endorsements for the office of President of the United States.

“We have been in touch with the Trump campaign and the State Lodge leadership in North Carolina to clarify this matter,” Canterbury said. “The FOP’s endorsement will be considered, voted on and announced at our Fall Board Meeting on 16 September. Any statements or suggestions that a local or State FOP endorses any candidate for President before that time are inaccurate.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the nation’s largest organization of law enforcement professionals, with over 330,000 members.