Virginia KKK Grand Wizard Endorses Donald Trump

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The controversial presidential front-runner has received support and endorsements from many hate groups and racist figures.

The Imperial Wizard of the Rebel Brigade Knights of the Ku Klux Klan told a local news station in Virginia that the KKK is no longer a hate group, and said that Donald Trump is the "best" candidate to lead the nation.

“I think Donald Trump would be best for the job. The reason a lot of Klan members like Donald Trump is because a lot of what he believes in, we believe in. We want our country to be safe," the KKK leader said, who refused to give his name.

He went on to say that he supports Trump’s calls to temporarily ban Muslims from entering the United States.

"If Donald Trump dropped out tomorrow I would support Kasich before I would Ted Cruz because he is not an American citizen,” said the Imperial Wizard. “Even if I agree with some of the things that Ted Cruz says, I would not support him because he was born in Canada. He is not an American citizen."

Fomer KKK leader David Duke also endorsed Trump in March, while Klan members showed up during the Nevada caucuses
The Imperial Wizard also defended his organization, saying "No, we are not a hate group. We hate no one," to African-American journalist and NBC 12 anchor Chris Thomas.

The KKK is known for many violent acts, including lynchings and cross burnings. It now says it's no longer a white supremacist group, but a white separatist group, keeping in line with modern racist ideology. In their view, each racial group should have its own area, and keep to itself.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, a legal advocacy organization specializing in civil rights and public interest litigation, has labelled the Rebel Brigade Knights of the KKK a hate group.

Marty Jewell, the education chairman with the Richmond NAACP said that to this day, "They have not disavowed themselves as being domestic terrorists.

"Liar. Liar. Pants on fire. “I don't buy it,” Jewell concluded.