



## LEVEL 3: UNIT RESOURCES

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Continuing your journey as a Freemason and joining a Chapter is seen by many as a logical progression on your journey of learning and discovery.

Unfortunately, errors by well-meaning Royal Arch Representatives confusing encouragement with pressuring may have blinkered some individuals' perception of the Royal Arch.

This can be further compounded by the reality that owing to absence of mentoring as a new Companion they fail to understand the significance of symbolism they have experienced within the ceremony.

These are not traits unique to the Royal Arch, some Lodges have experienced issues with the production line of initiates who leave quickly owing to lack of support; on rare occasions some members respond well to the sink or swim approach and develop their own route to access support and guidance but this is rare!

**Successful Lodges provide Brethren with an engaging programme of events supported by mentoring, which means that those looking to join a Royal Arch Chapter invariably will expect similar engagement and support once they become Companions.**

Just as Lodges are encouraged to *screen* prospective candidates, Royal Arch Chapters are encouraged to ensure that:

- 1) Is the Prospective Companion right for their Chapter?
- 2) Is the Chapter right for the Prospective Companion?

If either is in doubt, other Chapters may prove suitable