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For a Prospective Companion joining the Royal Arch is hopefully an experience that they are looking forward to the experience, some candidates however can be surprised at the associated upfront costs:

1. The joining fee – should not be a surprise and something which they experienced when joining their Lodge.
2. The upfront costs of purchasing regalia may be a surprise – especially with how different the regalia and jewel is to what is worn in Lodge.

The candidate's sponsor, Chapter Membership Officer, Lodge Royal Arch Rep and / or the Brothers Lodge / Personal Mentor can all play a role in setting expectations about regalia

- Ensuring the candidate understands that this will be what they wear until they go into the “equivalent of the WM’s Chair” as such they will get good few years wear.
- Signposting options for where they can buy the regalia, ensuring they buy the right items. (This signposting may also include the option of *Pre-Loved Regalia* if the Province runs such a scheme, and the member would be interested in that option.
- They should also remind the Prospective Companion that when they come to the meeting where they join, in addition to bringing their new Royal Arch Regalia, they should bring a Master Mason's Apron and ensure they wear socks that don't have any holes in them!