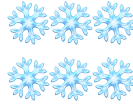


EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS



Each of the numbered messages below has been encoded from some original text by replacing one letter consistently by another throughout the message. Thus, for example, GLOOMY TIME could turn into CHEERS WORK, with G becoming C, L becoming H, etc. Different messages have different encodings. Your job is to discover the original messages. Sometimes a word in the encoded message gives a hint about the true message. Long messages are often easier to decode than short ones, because there are likely to be common words in them, such as “the,” “and,” “that,” etc. The messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. The first few messages have a Christmas theme; they get more secular later. Good luck, and have fun. Answers are available from wright@uoregon.edu. These pages themselves, as well as puzzles from previous years, can be found at <http://pages.uoregon.edu/wright/cryptos>.

1. NLY APYYRLMG FUROR DNA DEFU FUR NLSRM
N BPMFEFPYR HV FUR URNXRLMG UHAF CONEAELS
SHY, NLY ANGELS, "SMHOG FH SHY EL FUR
UESURAF, NLY HL RNOFU CRNWR, SHHY DEMM
FHDNOY BRL." – RNOMG VNL WMPK

2. AT IKL CLERGY YL BET PHAMR E OTGYCET.
YL'MM DXLILTR IKEI KL AO DEXOGT
PXGYT. - OHVVLOIANL BGTOIXHBIAGT

3. HEAD ALOFT BULK DLNRDV UFV PEGAVDAV
BUDS PLHD, LKT UD MUFVBRDT, LKT VUEGBDT,
LKT PLRR'T BUDH IS KLHD. – DRFBD DFNUB

4. BRO UTIL'Y ROIH IY M ASHOLYBISH
MY BRO LILOYB HMYR MS IDD BRO DISH,
PROS BRAY UOHOKZOH PMBR I WIN WILDISH,
DOB AY YOLEMLO KISBMKT. — GIKILTSMK
EOLYOY

5. ES, IST G USHY Y'YU MESSBACK OUSB
PYCFYU HPYB IGPI HWURCK! SO XYHHY'H
EACYGKY ZSBACK, GH BYC SO SEF IGLY
HRCK. — KYCYGESKAZGE ISUPAZREPRUY

6. SPINETUTER—ELNE KENEI GLIB THINK KIID
EM MPANBTICI ELIDKIXUIK TBEM N KGTWE,
ETALEXR GMUIB WXMG, GTEL N WIIXTBA MW
AMPAIMOK SXNPTER NBH DINBTBA IDIPATBA—
KIIDK EM DI YLRKTMXMATSNXXR HTKETBSETUI.
— MXTUIP KNSFK

7. ICK ESTUARY-PTUR TO ICK ICTDYCI
MHTZKEE AR TSP BYK AE SAWK B HANKH UCKR
AI'E YKIIARY ZSTEKH IT ICK TZKBR. —
OBICKH STDAE HTPBWTUEWA

8. OLD FART, WAS NASTY PRW, HP OA THUD
TAKF DKASFL OA OLHKM: H'UD THUDY TAKF
DKASFL. — REOLSE MEWPORT

9. GO ADC BGVR OUR RYE FM AGYORI, AGOU
GOC CHEERY OUDAC DYE COIDYZR
MBHWOHDOGFYC—OUR ONXR FM ARDOURI AURIR D
EDN FM CHYCUGYR MRRBC BGVR D COIDYZRI
TRGYZ VGYE OF NFH AURY NFH WIN. — SGD
OFBRYOGYF

10. ED'I ASR DWEST CAN OR DA CMLIW U
DAEMRD GEDWALD BSAGEST WAG ED AFRNUDRI,
USY USADWRN CAN OR DA CUZAN (AN AFFAIR)
US EOOETNUDEAS PUS GEDWALD BSAGEST GWUD
E'O DUMBEST UPALD. — RMEKUPRDW BAMPRND

11. UT SOROTE NOISY YUMOTRO CIY HOOT
COSIMAOA IY IT UTRSOIYUTPMN GSORUDLY
RDFFDAUEN, ECO FDYE YDLPCE-IWEOS MLBLSN
IWEOS I PDDA TUPCE'Y YMOOG. — YEOZOT
XLSLEK

12. O HIS'N LUCK IS CRAP. O LUCK IS
TAOUSAU JUAERTU O'DU SUDUL JUUS CRAPK OS
VK COZU. NYU ISCK NYOSW O WIN BET IRN IZ
E ALEAPUL XEAP JIG, JRN NYUS UDULKJIHK
WUNT TIVUNYOSW IRN IZ NYEN JIG. — HEDOH
AYULSOAPK

13. VEKRA RAN EVERY, CERPOW RAN WIZOW,
ZINDEA RL RHEOWRA RZDEOWRA RAN BEOZRY RL
RZDEOWRA, CUD KYVDL RED RL OAAISRCOSD OA
LCEVWCVED RL CUDG RED OA ZIIN—CUDG
EDLVEEDWC IYN HDDYOAPL DSDA RL CUDG
NDLWEOKD CUDZ OA ADT TRGL. — MDSOA GIVAP

14. NO WAY SEEM ED UNDY, WAY LOPHYFP LFY
OEW NO WAY SLIM. — IALFUNY SFEHO