

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS



(FIRST YEAR DIDN'T COUNT)

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. I F F I T U F O G V I K A W , N R L B L A S U F O B I K A W ,
I ' O N F L E E R A W W R E O , U O E E L A S U F O L N U R E O .
S R L E G U F O G N L A S , T F L E O V O I V E O B L A S , B I A S B
I X S I I W Y F O O N . Y F N L B U D R B L B F O N O . D O N N G ,
D O N N G , D O N N G , D O N N G Y F N L B U D R B . D O N N G ,
D O N N G , D O N N G , D O N N G Y F N L B U D R B . —
K Z N R L A L R A B F Y F O W N G Z

2. A I H R N T W O K R E S I C R O O N E L M M E R
V A O L K M C I K . C I P R M A R N W E R - M L Y R B I N . S O T C
U T F T U , T W O M O T W G E R K F L E E G R C L E R K I F I N .
— O I E D A G E I U R

3. B M C M Y R R H I C O P E O I O P Z O E I L B B C P O E
O A H J O R R , O A F G O P H I Y P C E V C C B S C E N E
U M P L E B X Y P B Y P C F C C G N E O R R . —
B P O F L B L Y A O R

4. UGLOYKNZY KONA OY GALA, FD CREED.
 SOYZXXLRHZE TRIES FA BREED. SAUP KGA
 GZEEY TOKG GIMPY RB GREED. BOEE KGA UIX
 ZMS SRM'K YZD TGAM. — KRN EAGLAL
 5. ZIP WEB NPSY AWL SLSN HT GEPB, ZIP APL
 NPSY HZ HT PAZPYPB; ZIPA EPZ RT SEE WRY
 THAT BWLA ZYPSB, SAB UWNGREEN SEE SOOPSY.
 — MSYWE GWY APL NPSY'T BSN
 6. UYW OY WRATUOI O SZYP CG SRUW. "NSRIR
 OA YB TRUER BY RUINS," O AUOW. "MBI SUNR
 OA ANIBYP UYW CBEFA NSR ABYP BM TRUER BY
 RUINS PBBW LOKK NB CRY." — KBYPMRKKBL
 7. CWUL TH IBD DKUDAATGD DTMBITDA, TI PWA
 AWTY IBWI XESSTHA WHY CWMDOA BWY MZRPH
 ZTYTUEOREAOF CTM QZDUTADOF WA W
 AECAITIEID SRZ ZDWO XWIDZTWO MRRYA: FRE
 UREOYH'I CEF W BREAD, AR FRE CREMBI W CTM
 XESSTH. HRP FRE UWH'I CEF W BREAD RZ WH
 WQWZIXDHI WHY FREZ THIDZHABTQ YRDAH'I
 WUIEWOOF, FRE LHRP, QWF. AR FRE MDI W
 UZRTAAWHI IBWI'A SZTDY WHY AEMWZDY WHY
 STOODY WHY MOWNDY. — WYWX MRQHTL

8. KFUN EA HAR MUVV U SLYBELLS KYNF LUS
TROOP? UBHNFYBW HAR KUBN — FL MUB'N FLUS
HAR! — FUS, FUS.

9. BAUTILR LR UTSL-IPTRGFYALRS UTO UTSL-
FUSYALUZLRS. SEUS LR HGLSY US POOR CLSE
UT UFYALIUT YSEPR SEUS SGATR SEY FUZZ
LTSP U AYZLWLPGR REALTY UTO REPXXLTW LTSP
U RUIAUFYTS. — Y.N. OLPTTY

10. EARNR BVDN, “EAR NEVER SO TRUPVIRIE
URXRTELGLED” AVN KRXSPR EAR KLUEAULWAE SO
VIDSIR CLEA V NPVUETASIR. — RGWRID
PSUSMSG

11. NLUICFANEK HEFORHEFNELC DREJR
UNCZEAEFR FOAREUC TM CGNRLGR MATH HELP
UNMMRARLF MNRKUC FT ZATUIGR NLLTJEFNJR
HTURKC DONGO EAR FPZNGEKKP IFNKNWRU
TIFCNUR FOR UNCGNZKNLR, RLANGONLY
ILURACFELUNLY. — G. CREL STOIL

12. NAOYM RSO UAO MURSM EY UOWOCXMED
MAEBM, RDP UAO BXPOMZSORP XDYRUHRUXED
BXUA WENRWWT ZSEPHNOP XDKSOPXODUM ARM
FOOD COST KEEP YES ZOEZWO BAE KSEB VRWO.
— PRCXP EBOD

13. TLLS MISTAKEN, NORN FLAKY PVLA
KBHKVUKEFK. KBHKVUKEFK, DKXX ELD, NORN
FLAKY PVLA GRS MISTAKEN. — MLOE GRYFLA

14. ISKOWOED ON I FEEL TRUANT CEL DEW
YIHODM TDEAMY NTDNT WE KT PIBG. — TXMIL
KTLMTD

15. KICH ERGREHR WLPTUR-KOCHK MCGRH
BELLS KINK OICUR C BERRY ALP HILPUW TR
MERRY OCKI RYGA NYW HOLLY. — F-XNH TRUUH,
RKJ.