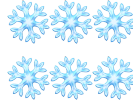# TWENTIETH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS

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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. ORPH UGGMPZ IF ESZ NEX E NOEL

NRTSTSA TS ORP PENO KPHGSZ ORPY CEL

ESZ OG ORP PELOR TO AEDP ALPEO UTARO

ESZ NG TO WGSOTSIPZ KGOR ZEH ESZ STARO.

— PELUH ENOLGAEBTSA

2. TALK PAL JEUJD RH HPORDRKM PTLEGL,

TALK R'I SCHP CHELLY,

VUTK PAL JARIKLF WOUCV CKV WECJD,

TRPA FUNO YCJD FUN'EE JOLLY.

CEE PAL HPUJDRKMH FUN TREE HLL

ACKMRKM RK C OUT;

IRKL TREE WL PAL HAUOPLHP UKL—

FUN'EE WL HNOL PU DKUT.

— RKHPONJPRUKH SUO HCKPC

3. YSL SWEET FLUCH U FEWHHWD,

UH OSVYL UH EVET GEWO'C,

UAP DUCT FWCL HOLLY NLHIH KSCVHY,

YW FL WIC PLUC HURVWIC. — ZEUAY HWAM

4. LUCK IS LUCKY (SINOMON PCE OMON

TPWWOWARPT! TPWWOWARPT!)

PCE WINE IS WINEY (SINOMON PCE OMON

TPWWOWARPT! TPWWOWARPT!)

PCE TO YTPWW NOUKC SIN OMON PCE OMON. —

SPFIAY XTINAY

5. OU'D WF OFUTITDUOFE HWXU UNWU, ANOVDU

UNTIT WIT FMKTIYMD OFROGORMWVD ANY DUMRS

OFUTVVOETFXT—UNTIT WIT ANYVT RTBWIUKTFUD

UNWU WIT OFUTITDUTR OF OU—OH SYM ATIT UY

WDL SYMIDTVH ANWU'D UNT EITWUTDU BIYJVTK

HWXOFE UNT AYIVR UYRWS, O AYMVR DWS OU

AYMVR JT DUMBOROUS. DY AT DNYMVR NWGT

BIYHTDDYID YH DUMBOROUS—OU AYMVR ZMDU JT

TKJWIIWDDOFE UY JT XWVVTR UNT DUMBOR

BIYHTDDYI. — RWGOR LIWLWMTI

6. AMG EIOU VOWAOURYOWMOUR LMISILAGSOWAOL
ZGAFGGU I LIVINGS IUV I HONOUR, AMOUPOUR,
TGGHOUR OUVONOVYIH OW AMG THCF CT GUGSRD
AMSCYRM AMG ZCVD. — EISAOU BOLISV

7. X FACTOR IS OPAILM WAICULO XP WANNOLO
UH WANIVGXU HA HONN VD SUCOPHY X RXRP'H
FUPH HA GOWAVO U RAWHAC, GIH PAH OPAILM
HA HONN HMOV X FUPHOR HA GO UP UCH
MXYHACXUP. — CAUNR MABBVUPP, U WMOVXYH

8. RIP UPHY COMMPUPSXP, RIPS, EPRTPPS H
RAS AM AULHSOX FADEPHSF HSC H RAS AM
XASKPSROASHY FADEPHSF OF RIP FRAUD DAV
XHS RPYY HEAVR RIPZ. — OHS GHUNPU, OS RIP
SPT DAUNPU

9. OTKFIFNM FM IYP RSI TX HPMNSFUFEL YTB
IYP BTSKH NRCP IT UP IYP BRW FI FM FE
MANY R CREEPS RM IT NTEGFENP OPTOKP IYRI
WTA ZETB YTB IT CRZP IYP BTSKH IYP BRW FI
TALYI IT UP. — DFKK KPOTSP

10. CKU HIMT FUORHI THE RKHEMY GHBFWOU
THEORUMS LACK AR THE TURCUOYWT. — GKUMRUW
LWMCHI

11. SKI TIDIMAYGIOS AH EWLBYW-ENB
LODAMDIT KROTWITB AH BIOLAW NOT PROLAW
BELIOSLBSB FAWVLOX LO YNWNMMIM. SKI
ZRLWVB AH KLBSAWU, GRMSLYMIB, NOT
ORGIWARB ROICYIESIT NOSIEITIOSB GNVI SKLB
BSAWU YIWHIES HAW AOI BYIELIB—MNFUIWB. —
OILM BKRJLO

12. TOTAL FUBICAL CW BHUTRHT UB M FUBICAL
PCIF CW SRCNZTEVT KACEGHTE MRE CW
UVRCAMRHT BGBIMURTE. — RMCDU CATBSTB

13. AX DEW'UT MESSY PYGNT NALT YSB SEN VT
ZUEBWRNACT, NITUT YUT LEUT XWS PYDG NE BE
AN NIYS VTYNASM DEWUGTOX WZ. — TOOTS
TAGRITS