

LOCAL HISTORY

18 Years Ago: In November 1998, Kathleen Haberle Symes made a generous donation to the Onondaga Historical Association, allowing for the restoration of the 11-foot-tall statue of Gambrinus, the mythical patron of beer. Symes is a descendant of the Haberle family that brewed beer in Syracuse for 107 years. The statue of Gambrinus sat in an alcove outside the Haberle Brewery on Butter-nut Street for decades until the brewery closed in 1962. Up until then, the Gambrinus left the Haberle brewery on only one occasion — an anti-prohibition parade in 1932. The restored statue is currently on display on the second floor of the Onon-daga Historical Museum in downtown Syracuse.

— *Dan Connors for the Onondaga Historical Association*



An 11-foot statue of Gambrinus, the mythical king of beer, parades down Salina Street on the back of a rail car in 1932. One year later, the nation voted to repeal prohibition. *Onondaga Historical Association photo*