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means for receiving fluid under pressure from said second housing; whereby when said rotary valve is connected to a selected one of said plurality of outlet openings a fluid flow path is established from said means for receiving to said discharge opening, causing flow in the reverse direction through the one of said second housings connected to said selected outlet opening, said reverse direction flow operating to flush contaminates from said filter.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said means for receiving fluid includes a third hollow housing having an outlet opening and a plurality of inlet openings each connected to

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normally receive fluid from one of said second housings; and a second rotary valve in said third housing having a valve element selectively connectible to any one of said inlet openings.

3. Apparatus according to claim 2 wherein said second rotary valve includes a flushing fluid inlet opening through which a separate flushing fluid can be introduced.

4. An apparatus according to claim 3 wherein second first and second rotary valves are mechanically coupled together for synchronized rotation.

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